

St. Edith Worship Commission  
Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023

In Attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Heather Shina, Donna DeFavero, Zelma Isele, Gary Kudron, Mike Magoulick, Joe Rashid, Al Rivard, Tom Rist, and Linda Bodnar. The absences of Cindy Coleman and Jane DeRoo were excused.

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 p.m.

**Adoration:** Tom Rist reported that things are going well. Deacon Bob wanted to honor Grace Weible by presiding at last night's Benediction.

**EME's:** Al Rivard noted that an EME from another parish has now joined St. Edith. He asked for confirmation that a pyx is the only appropriate container for taking the Eucharist to someone unable to come to church. Fr. Jim confirmed that and added that we have pyx available for use. Joe Rashid commented that we currently have only a few pyx available, but he will order more.

**Parish Council:** Donna DeFavero reported that she attended her first Parish Council meeting. They are working on Goals and reviewing commission reports. She complimented Fr. Jim on facilitating what the different groups are doing.

**Art & Environment:** Linda Bodnar shared Jane DeRoo's report: They had the perfect amount of help for Lent decorating. Easter flowers have been ordered.

**Lectors:** Linda Bodnar reported that the next schedule should be sent out next week.

While the 11 a.m. Mass on April 2 (Palm Sunday) will be a Family Mass, regular lectors will be scheduled. A response from the school concerning the April 1 5 p.m. Mass has not yet been obtained. The Gospel will be read in parts this weekend, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent and on Palm Sunday. Perhaps on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent the Gospel will be read in parts as well.

**Ushers:** Mike Magoulick asked if ushers would be needed for the Lenten Service on Wednesday March 22. Fr. Jim responded that they would be helpful in providing a welcoming environment. That will be the third night of the Family of Parishes Mission (Monday at Our Lady of Victory and Tuesday at St. Kenneth). We

will begin with the Soup Supper at 6:30, then have the Retreat/Prayer Service at 7 p.m. There will not be a Communion Service.

Joe Rashid noted that he and Mike would set up for the Reconciliation Service on March 25. Mike has a sign-up for ushers; Fr. Jim has one at Clergy Village for priests. There will be a short Liturgy of the Word as part of the service.

There was discussion concerning collection of old palms. A note will be in the bulletin advising parishioners to bring them in on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and on Palm Sunday. Joe will dispose of the old palms, as we already have a generous supply of ashes.

**Sacristans:** Joe Rashid reported that the sacristans are doing okay.

**Altar Servers:** Zelma Isele had planned to train 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders last Friday. The snowstorm prevented that; hopefully it can be done this week. After Easter the robes will be laundered. Fr. Jim advised her to have someone help with that task.

In June there will be a pizza party for those servers who have participated. Mike noted that the Ushers would pay for the party. It was confirmed that servers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Zelma commented that the new servers are excited. Tom Rist said it is nice seeing the servers and they (and Zelma) are doing a good job.

First Communion will be May 6 at 9 a.m. and noon. Confirmation will take place May 23.

**Music Ministry:** Heather Shina commented that there is a lot going on.

A name plate and a cover for the Chime Tree, a memorial to Mike Pucher, have been made.

The Children's Choir has two new members, and the Children's Choir will sing with the Adult Choir on Palm Sunday. For God's Glory will sing at 12:30 on Easter; one member of the group resigned. The Music Ensemble will play at 5 p.m. on Palm Sunday, on Good Friday, and at 11:00 on Easter. In Praise will sing at the Saturday evening Mass for Palm Sunday. Heather has found a nice piece for the Handbells, and they will play at 8:30 Masses on March 19 and Easter. Philip Buckley is playing for the Stations of the Cross.

The choir will begin rehearsals for Easter this week. A nice memorial donation was received by the Music Department. They are working on the video of the Organ Dedication Recital.

**Bereavement:** Gary Kudron said that all the members of the Vigil Ministry are happy to participate in it. This includes Deacon Don, Dan Vincent, Dale Orsucci, John and Denise Brady, Linda Bodnar, and himself.

There was discussion concerning the reading of names at Masses, prompted by a parishioner's comment concerning a child reader. Fr. Jim suggested using Google Pronounce to help. Also, the children need to be trained/prepped in church, so they are familiar with the microphone.

**Fr. Jim's Comments:** Fr. Jim announced that the long Gospel readings these next few weeks will be read in parts. Discussion followed concerning which microphones to use and their placement.

The Penance Service at 1 p.m. on March 25 will require a lector to be Narrator. Fr. Jim asked if we have a fire pit for Holy Saturday. Joe will investigate it; one with a screen top is preferred.

The Triduum is pretty well set, with no real changes from the past.

Next meeting will be April 12.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:52 p.m. with an *Our Father*.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bodnar*