

St. Edith Worship Commission  
Meeting Minutes February 8, 2023

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

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

Dayna Malcolm has resigned from the Commission.

Fr. Jim introduced Donna DeFavero as a new member of the commission. She shared that she knew Fr. Jim when St. Agatha was closing and is glad to be back with him.

**Altar Servers:** Tom Rist commented that he likes seeing the servers wearing robes again. Zelma Isele shared that she did have the servers try on the robes during the training session. Zelma said that Linda Kramer has been gracious, permitting training to take place during RE class times. There are a few new servers from RE. Zelma has spoken with the school principal; apparently there is some parent resistance to using class time for server training. Having observed a school Mass, Zelma feels that more training is advisable. She noted that there is excitement to serve among the new servers. Another training session will be held in May, though she is willing to provide individual training if desired. A pizza party for those who have actually served is planned for June. Discussion followed concerning the process of getting families back to Mass post COVID.

**Bereavement:** Gary Kudron introduced himself to Donna, noting his involvement in the Bereavement Ministry, and as an EME and lector. He stated that there are now five Vigil leaders: himself, Linda Bodnar, John (& Denise) Brady, Dale Orsucci, and Dan Vincent. This is more workable than just the two we had. Gary met with Patti Kelly about the Grief Support/Share program. It runs 13 weeks, but people can join at any time. It is personal and confidential. There is an ongoing notice in the bulletin and a sign in the Gathering Area. Gary commented that David Wagner was very entertaining and informative at the Organ Recital. The music choices were very good.

**Adoration:** Tom Rist reported that they have lost a lot of people, though, admittedly, some do not sign in. Deacon Don has been filling in at Benediction, which Tom wished more people would attend.

Everyone liked the Organ Recital. Heather Shina asked if the Children's Choir rehearsals were posing a conflict. The children rehearse on Tuesdays from 6 to 7, through Palm Sunday, and need to use the church, rather the Music Room, when they will be singing on the weekend. Wanting to keep the children encouraged, those in Adoration and at Benediction will accept the slight intrusion.

Fr. Jim noted that Adoration should only be "advertised" as being on Tuesdays, since that is when there is Exposition. He will have the office change the signage which suggests otherwise.

**EME's:** Al Rivard asked if people who are not parishioners can serve as EME's. Fr. Jim responded that everyone belongs. It is always fine.

Al complimented Zelma on her work with the servers. She noted that it helps to pair a veteran server with a new one.

**Art & Environment:** Linda Bodnar shared Jane DeRoo's report:

Jane thanks Susan Wiska for handling Art & Environment while Jane and Cindy Coleman are away. Jane will be in Michigan for a week and decorating for Lent will be on February 20.

**Lectors:** Linda Bodnar introduced herself to Donna, citing involvement with the lectors, bereavement ministry and A&E. The need for lectors for Ash Wednesday evening Mass and afternoon Scripture Service was confirmed.

Fr. Jim asked if introductions to the weekend readings should continue.

Discussion followed. It was determined that they are useful, hence, someone will have to be found to write them since the current source will no longer be available.

Gary Kudron asked about St. Anne's on Five Mile. Fr. Jim said he has never been there, but understands that it is not under the Pope, and probably follows Lefebvre.

Linda suggested asking the school to tidy up the songbooks while at their weekly Mass. The suggestion was not well received.

**Ushers:** Mike Magoulick reported that there will be a Pancake Breakfast on February 19.

Fr. Jim advised that St. Edith will host a Penance Service on March 25 at 1 p.m., for which ushers will be needed.

**General Comments:** Donna DeFavero shared that she is a convert, unfamiliar with pre-Vatican II. She has been to St. Anne's and felt it was "so wrong." She has shared on Facebook how welcoming Fr. Jim is and has had over 800 positive responses.

Gary Kudron commented on how great the last Coffee and Conversation was. He found that session especially meaningful and believed people could have gone on and on about the Happiness Advantage. Fr. Jim noted that he tries to keep the sessions to an hour, respecting people's time.

**Music Ministry:** By telephone, Heather Shina reported that they have been very busy since Christmas.

The Wedding Preview went well, with a video display.

The Organ Dedication went well. A great job was done by everyone working together. Father's blessing was so beautiful. It was a very complete program.

Larry is working on a video for the website.

For the school Masses they are working on a new band – violin, saxophone, 2 singers, one taking up the guitar, one on drums. They will sing on the weekend. The Lenten theme song is "Oh How Good It Is."

Handbell rehearsal was held tonight. They are glad to be back and will play at 8:30 Mass on Easter as well as at the First Eucharist Masses on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 and noon.

The Children's Choir will sing at the Family Mass, 11:00 this Sunday. Heather is trying to use some of the same music that is used at school Masses.

The Music Calendar is on the website.

New members are joining For God's Glory and the Resurrection Choir. The Music Ensemble will play at the Monday Family Mass. They are encouraging high school students to sing with them.

The Adult Choir has a couple of new members.

Some new music has been ordered. A Chime Tree, in memory of Mike Pucher, has been purchased. A cover is being made for it.

Philip Buckley will play at Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

**Fr. Jim's Comments:** Fr. Jim shared that the theme for Lent would be "Connect with us." As we move out of the pandemic it is important that we connect with each other and remember that everyone belongs.

**Other business:** There was discussion about having the student servers and the adults not stepping in to assist.

Gary Kudron shared that Deacon Don is seeking volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross. Typically, 30-50 people attend.

Heather Shina asked if the ushers would be attending the NARCAN training. Mike Magoullick responded that most of them had been trained, and we will be getting new NARCAN since ours is expired. Patti Kelly will follow up on the NARCAN and be sure it is in an accessible spot. The training session is March 27. Mike said the usher have a meeting coming up and should be able to get at least 10 people interested. Zelma Isele commented that wearing gloves when dealing with a possible overdose patient is advisable.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:54 p.m. with an *Our Father*.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bodnar*