

Date: 02/13/24

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: AMR

Present Members: Amelia Reesor, Tonja Logsdon, Jerry Passafiume, Karen O'Rourke, Laura Ridge, Nathan Hadsall, Maranda Sandefer, and Ally Sandefer

Present Staff: Father Robert, Robert Garbarz, and Flynn Mudd

Absent: Erin Hartman and Jake Kerger

### Opening Prayer

- Review/Approve December Minutes
- A&E Storage Issue Resolved?
  - It's been determined the filing cabinets in the cry room/storage room can be removed but this won't free up sufficient space to completely give up the A&E closet.
  - There is a concern over floral arrangements because they are fragile and have already been repaired multiple times. A&E is afraid that if the school is storing items in the same space, the increased traffic in the space will also increase the risk of more damage happening to the arrangements.
  - Father Robert is still investigating possible alternative storage options. Once he has completed his review, he will follow up with Maranda to discuss. Father Robert says there is no pressure coming from the school to have access to the space.
- Reflect on Christmas Masses
  - Attendance: The 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass maxed out the available space. It does not appear that the 7 PM Christmas Eve Mass pulled anyone from the 4 PM Mass as it was hoped.
  - Mass Times: We put a pin in any discussion of Christmas Mass times and will return to this conversation at our August or September meeting.
  - Decorating and undecorating went smoothly.
- January Children's Mass Review & Plan for Next One
  - The January Children's Mass went very well and had great attendance. It was nice to be able to meld the children in with the adult choir at the 10:30 Mass.
  - Ministry roles were open to all grade levels, which seemed to be successful in garnering fuller participation. 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students can get service hours for participating as ministers at Mass, but 8<sup>th</sup> graders do not.
  - The next Children's Mass will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30. The possible activity to pair with it will be an egg hunt.
- Discussion Items from Flynn & Robert (See attached handout on p. 5 for complete list of items)
  - Stations of the Cross

- On the timing of Stations of the Cross: Laura informed the committee that Kids Time after-school care is moving to a new classroom so that the Fish Fry can begin at 4:30 inside, so there won't be a conflict with the Fish Fry and Stations beginning at the same time. It was proposed that Stations could be pushed back to 7, but it sounds like any concerns are resolved by the 4:30 start time for the Fish Fry.
- Robert will discuss with Father Robert to determine which date will be the Stations with music.
- Deacon John has expressed that he would prefer not to lead every Friday of Stations this year, so we will need volunteers to help Deacon John through the season.
- Holy Week/Easter
  - Most everything will stay the same as what we did last year.
  - Robert will need to reach out to ministers soon to encourage sign-ups, since MSP does not automatically schedule the extra roles needed.
- EMMC
  - As we recruit new EMMCs on a personal basis, we can direct them to the mandate training sessions taking place throughout the region. Amelia will follow up with Robert and Father Robert more on this.
- Lectors
  - We are potentially still short-handed on lectors at the 8:30 Mass.
- Cantors
  - Robert is going to do a refresher on chanting for Lent and other items so that the cantors are more uniform from one to another. He is also going to be hiring some additional singers to help bolster the choir on Easter Sunday.
- Flynn will incorporate updates to the minister guides and send the current guides to Katie to be uploaded online.
- Sound System
  - The choir mics have mostly been off, but that has been fixed now.
  - Father Robert wasn't being heard at all in the back. That has been fixed, but now he sounds muffled. We think the fix is that we need another speak to be installed about 3/4s of the way to the back to the church on the ceiling.
- Sacristans
  - Father Robert instructed Flynn to go ahead with finalizing the new Sacristan ministry guide and just make sure any additional updates are publicized.
  - Jake is making a sign with instructions on how to lock and unlock the handicap door, which will help the Sacristan in delegating Hospitality ministers in helping with this task during Mass.

- Arts & Environment
  - Robert and Maranda have discussed everything she needs to know for changing over between Confirmation, Palm Sunday, Easter, Laetare, etc.
- Arts & Environment – Ordering Baptismal Candle, hydrangeas, palms
  - Everything has been ordered.
  - Set up for Palm Sunday will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
  - Set up for Easter will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- General Topics
  - Lector Workbooks
    - We did not originally have enough lector workbooks, but more were ordered. It seems like the need has been met now.
  - 2024 calendars
    - Karen noted that the calendars this year are missing the seasonal colors and before/after months on the calendar pages. Father Robert stated this may be because the Archdiocese encouraged the parishes to use a different company this year, but he will check with Donna.
  - Transition from Baptism to Preparation of Gifts
    - The transition from the end of a baptism back into Mass seems a bit awkward. We used to applaud the new member of the Church at this moment, but have been waiting until the end of the Mass to applaud more recently. Father Robert is going to check the missal to see if there is any direction on this moment.
- Other Topics of Discussion
  - The WiFi issues in the Church/Gathering Space are ongoing. The technology company that services the school has not previously covered the Church, but they will be doing so now. However, there have been some delays getting them out to service the Church. Patrick is working on it.
  - There will be a practice for the Easter Vigil at 11 a.m. and then everyone will report an hour early (7:30 p.m.) to review.
- Ministry Roundtable
  - Nathan will discuss adoration matters with Karen following the meeting.
  - Amelia brought up that several parishioners have brought concerns to her over the amount of smoke produced by incense since our last discussion.
    - Flynn explained that he is planning to train servers on how to use incense, partially so that there are more tasks that servers can do, since sometimes there are so many of them that there aren't enough jobs to go around. He hopes that with the servers taking on this task, they may not be as enthusiastic as him and that may cut back on some of the excess smoke.
    - It was also discussed that we should try to keeping the fans "on" and not just on "auto" when using the incense to help dissipate the smoke and not allow it to just sit, especially since it was noted that it does seem to collect more heavily on the left side of the sanctuary for some reason.

Closing Blessing

Next Meeting: 03/12/24 6:30 PM

## Worship Committee Items 2/6

### **LENT**

Ash Wednesday:

- Mass at 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM, Service at Noon

Lenten Sunday Masses

- No recessional hymns
- Sanctuary as bare as possible
- Purple veil on Tabernacle
- Incense only at 10:30 Masses, announce none at others?

Stations of the Cross

- Each Friday at 5:30. Consider 5?
- Advertise as an activity to attend before fish fry, also 5:30
- Stations with music date?

Additional Confession opportunity on Fridays at noon during lent

### **HOLY WEEK/EASTER**

Can discuss more at next meeting.

Robert will prepare scripts for Passion Narratives.

Recruitment for ministers, particularly servers, for Holy Week.

### **MINISTRIES**

EMHC

- Trainings next weekend.
- Fr. Robert can explain the need for these brief refreshers.
- Recruit on a personal basis to increase numbers.

Lectors?

Music

- Cantor meeting soon.
- New members, recruiting larger choir for Easter.
- Sound system has been serviced and some hardware upgraded.
- New speaker?
- Tony is working on a new hymnal board

#### Sacristans

- New Sacristan guide has been placed in Sacristy.
- Some tweaks still being made
- Emphasize opening handicap door before Mass lets out

#### Hospitality?

#### Arts and Environment

- Schedule times to decorate for Confirmation, Palm Sunday, Easter, and Laetare?