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CATHOLIC PARISH

PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Mike Gorichanaz, Maryrose Wolf, Katie Mancuso, Arleen Mantel, Carol Roltgen, Emily Gartzke, Ben Verhage, and Dan Swiatkowski were present. Joe Hauer was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Maryrose led us in an opening prayer.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: All present agreed that the February minutes be accepted. Minutes were accepted.

Usher Report by Ben V. and Dan S.: Maryrose noticed that not all ushers are comfortable seating people for Mass, and this should be considered during scheduling.

Pastoral Council Report by Arleen Mantel: There was no April meeting. Prayer and Worship is hosting donut Sunday on May 17th. Maryrose will be asking for volunteers.

Environment report by Emily Gartzke: Emily will contact Katie Borgen about ordering more flowers to replace ones that are dying. We don't order Easter lilies due to Fr. Tim's allergies.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ash Wednesday: Carol asked if babies receive ashes and Maryrose confirmed that they do.

Stations of the Cross: Maryrose reported Fr. Tim was happy with AM and PM offerings; he was concerned Thoughtful Thursdays reduced attendance. However, Maryrose confirmed Thursdays were still the best option for stations; Fridays aren't ideal because of funerals.

Holy Week: Triduum practice went well. Dan suggested that watching the previous year's ceremony would be helpful. In the future, Maryrose will send the livestream link from the previous year to participants.

Chrism Mass: The Berghammers and Mrs. Rausch are familiar with the procedures in case Mike is no longer able to pick up the oils in the future.

Holy Thursday Mass: Went well; electrical storm caused some excitement during Mass.



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Good Friday: Went well; there were some complaints about veneration taking so long. Maryrose suggested we may need to educate people about the process; Fr. Tim could possibly offer an explanation prior to veneration. The music was enjoyed.

Holy Saturday/Fire: All went well.

Easter Sunday: Both Masses were full.

Divine Mercy Sunday: There was some confusion with the bulletin announcements, but all went well.

Lenten Reconciliation Service: People thought it was better organized than last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

May 17th Ascension of the Lord: Fellowship Sunday will also be held on this day.

May Crowning: Maryrose will check with Diane for details.

Maryrose led us in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNED at 7:27 PM.

Next meeting – Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Mancuso, Secretary

Copies to: Mike Gorichanaz, Maryrose Wolf, Emily Gartzke, Carol Roltgen, Katie Mancuso, Joe Hauer, Arleen Mantel, Ben Verhage, Dan Swiatkowski, Carol Weyker, Nikki Packee, Joan Weiss, and Fr. Tim Bickel