

Worship Commission Minutes

10:30 am June 9, 2026.

Egg Harbor church basement

Attendance: *Kathy Wolff, Mary Gomoll, Connie Brandt, Shirley Raasch, Sharon Fitzgerald, Mickie Mostardi*

Opening prayer: *A prayer for Guidance*

Mary

Review of minutes April 21, 2026 - *Connie moved to approve the minutes; Shirley seconded the motion.*

Unfinished business from April 21

1. USCCB has published a new guide for visits to the sick and worship with them. The title is Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care. We should purchase these books for all who serve in the ministry to the sick.

We agreed that these new books should be purchased for the various sacristies. But there was also a discussion about a book that Shirley had used which is a guide for parish ministry entitled "At the Bedside of the Sick and Dying". Shirley felt it was extremely helpful to her when she visited or sat with those who were dying.

2. We should also hold a training for ministers who would like to receive the faculty of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

*Deacon Tony is working on this. **In addition**, we talked about what to do about bringing communion up to the choir lofts for the overflow crowd in summer. When there is a choir, we have started to come down to receive communion right away. We all felt that the congestion in the choir loft makes it difficult for the Eucharistic minister to distribute upstairs and we recommend that the choir loft people be brought downstairs to receive. Mickie stated the sacristan at SB usually determines at each mass if there are enough Eucharistic ministers to distribute to the handicap and to those in the loft.*

3. At what point do the ushers need a refresher in safety training?

*Shirley, who was part of the Safety Committee, pointed out that although there are Medical Emergency Action Plan Steps, the ushers need an initial safety training ASAP. There has **not** been a parish-wide training. **It will be important to assign a lead usher at each church who can direct other ushers through the steps listed on the Action Plan.** It was discussed that there are ushers at several of our churches who ignore safety directions from sacristans and think they know best. It is important for staff or clergy to help the ushers be more respectful and follow the safety and seating guidelines.*

4. Music - Summer Choir schedule

June 28 SB (Fr. Tom's last weekend)

July 4 FC (Fr. Jerry's first weekend)

August 9 SB

September 6 SB (Labor Day Weekend)

October 11 SB (Pumpkin Patch weekend)

Rehearsals Wednesday before each scheduled Mass Cantor development

Recordings continue for each Psalm and Gospel Acclamation

Weekly Wednesday rehearsals continue, with newer songs for four weeks prior to singing and all other songs two weeks prior. Created shared folder for rehearsal recordings

MSP - New schedule released in May

Welcome to two new cantors who have rotated in (Mike Eith and Tiffany Niemer)

*Sound systems - BH Sound System proposal expected this week
Accessories in process of ordering / delivery (stands, lights, etc).*

New business: Welcoming Fr. Pastors

- I. What would be useful and helpful to him? *Nothing was determined.*
- II. Determine which worship related task/s this committee could initiate and complete before Fr. Jerry arrives.

Nothing was determined

1. Learn when Fr. Pastors arrives at Stella Maris. *Father Jerry arrives on July 1st*
2. Determine the day of the week for Worship Committee meetings

We'll check with the Commission members and especially Father Jerry to determine day and time of our meetings. We will skip the meeting in July.

3. Care of vestments

- a. Do vestments stay with a parish or do priests bring their own? *Not sure*
- b. Do we clean all the vestments prior to Fr. Jerry's arrival?

Each sacristan will make that determination. He may want to go through what we have and weed out old vestments which we can donate to mission churches. Desjardin's in Sturgeon Bay will do a fast turnaround for cleaning vestments, if needed.

4. Using the binders on the counter in the vesting sacristies, copy the job description/duties for each liturgical ministry for Fr. Pastors' reference.

These are available in the sacristies at all parish churches. Father Jerry can always look through the binder in Baileys Harbor.

5. Stewardship speakers will speak at all our masses soon. Could Worship members reinforce their message and encourage people to consider becoming involved in a ministry?

Kathy stated the best way to get new volunteers is to ask them directly if they might be interested in a particular ministry.

6. Other ideas/questions brought up:

- *Why aren't the bells/carillon working at Sister Bay?*
- *CCW will pay \$200 towards new Stations of the Cross booklets that have been discussed at previous meetings. Deacon Tony has been looking into it and will order whichever set he thinks will best serve our parish.*
- *Sharon Brabson asked our opinion if there could be a particular date to have a special adoration/benediction time to pray for peace and our country. Since there were no clergy to ask about this, we suggested that one of the already scheduled Wednesday morning or Thursday evening adoration times be designated and publicized to invite all parishioners to come and pray for peace and for our country.*
- *Shirley shared that the pancake breakfast was very poorly attended possibly because there were no announcements made at Mass. Mary suggested that commission heads remind committees to send their announcements to her for the Worship Notes.*

Next meeting: TBD but planning to skip July.