

**Worship Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 10, 2024**  
**Egg Harbor Office 10:30 am**

*Attended by: Kathy Wolff, Connie Brandt, Mary Gomoll, Larry Laporte, Marilyn Holland, Diane Kahlscheuer, Shirley Raasch, Sharon Fitzgerald, Angela Packard, Mickie Mostardi, Mike Collom, and Father Tom*

Opening prayer - Mary

Review of minutes from November 12, 2024

*Mary moved to accept minutes as corrected and Marilyn 2nd.*

- Review of Mass schedule for holy days and Christmas:
  - Celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Conception: December 9, 2024
    - 8 am Fish Creek - 50
    - 12 Noon Egg Harbor - 40-50
    - 6 pm Sister Bay - 60-70
    - 6PM at Washington Island - Liturgy of the word - 10 (more might come for a Mass).
    - Question for next year: Do we need 3 masses on a Monday which is Father's day off?  
*Yes, to cover the different times of day.*
  - Celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12:
    - 8 am: Sister Bay
    - 10 am: Scandia
    - 6pm Mass in Fish Creek Dec. 12 since it's on the MSP schedule.
    - There will be a parish celebration after mass in Sister Bay on December 15
  - Christmas Eve December 24:
    - 11 am Washington Island - *Diane said it would be better at 10:30am, because of the boat schedule, but can't change this year as it is published in bulletin.*
    - 4 pm Sister Bay
    - 4 pm Egg Harbor
    - 6 pm Fish Creek
    - 10 pm Baileys Harbor - New this year
  - Christmas Day December 25
    - 8 am Baileys Harbor
    - 10 am Jacksonport
  - Holy Mary Mother of God: December 31: 6 pm FC
  - Holy Mary Mother of God: January 1: 8 am Egg Harbor

*We will discuss Lent and Easter Mass schedule at January meeting.*

**Worship Committee duties after staff change: 1. implement liturgical norms; 2. oversee calendar; 3. implement recruiting, training, and scheduling of new volunteers**

1. Help ensure all liturgical norms are implemented: will we receive Holy Communion under both species on Christmas? *Only at the 10:00pm Mass at Baileys Harbor*
  - a. Extra ministers: EM's and ushers? - *Currently there are only a few accepted positions. Shirley was most concerned about Baileys Harbor because of 2 Masses scheduled. The sacristan usually has to ask for help for most Christmas Masses.*
  - b. Sufficient chalices at all sites? *Yes*

2. Communicate the dates, times, and places for Reconciliation during Advent

*An announcement was made this past weekend, and will be announced again this weekend that Father will be available from 5:00-6:00pm everyday next week at each site on the day of their weekly Mass. The schedule will also be part of the worship notes.*

*Diane will talk with Father Tom to discuss when he might do Reconciliation on Washington Island.*

3. Is there still a need for assistance with environment at Egg Harbor ? *Yes*

*No one has come forward yet to help with environment. Shirley Fitzgerald will water the Christmas plants. Kathy will call and talk with Jenny Ruehlmann to see if she's interested and have her call Mary to obtain more details on what is needed.*

4. How do we thank people who contribute to the cost of Christmas flowers?

*Mary will write up an article to be put in the bulletin thanking parishioners for donating money towards Christmas flowers. In the past we listed names but inadvertently someone was always missed and then sometimes complaints were made to the office wondering why their name was overlooked.*

5. Oversee worship calendar ---Where does the calendar get published?

*In the past, beginning in late summer, the priest, Deacon (if there was one), and Worship director would get together to set up a framework for the Mass schedule for the year, choosing times for holy day Masses, Christmas, and Easter. Larry felt this was a good idea and said the staff could meet to determine and schedule important Mass times. This would help to recognize when extra priests were needed on certain dates.*

*A discussion of the Mass schedule on where it's located (Bulletin, website, and poster at each site) and what is printed in the Pulse (currently only a QR code to website). Several suggested it would be a good idea to list Mass times especially for Holiday Masses since they are usually different from the regular weekend Mass schedule.*

Update on music from Lynn and Mike Collom: *Kathy thanked Mike and Lynn for their music and asked how they felt things were going. Mike stated that they have been well received, many compliments of music choices (even the new songs), good feedback from other musicians, and some new members were added to the choir. The makeup of the choir is parish wide. They are open to new members. The choir will sing at the Fish Creek 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. In 2025, the choir will begin to rotate to Masses at different sites throughout the year.*

*A project in the new year will be getting the cantors together, gathering the choir music that is spread between several different sites, and organizing the music before purchasing any new material.*

## Report from Pastoral Council discussion December 4, 2024, concerning our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

The chair of Pastoral Council, *Tom Polacek*, will spearhead the formation of a committee comprised of members of Pastoral Council, Worship Committee, and a staff liaison.

*Shirley asked if the parish would consider holding a parish wide picnic, not necessarily on the Feast Day weekend.*

*Angela stated the last 2 years in September the Faith Formation has been having a family picnic which helps the families get to know each other. This picnic could include an invite to the whole parish.*

*Mike discussed with Tom Polacek that attendance at Masses were still not as high as before COVID. They talked about using a fall picnic to promote our Catholic Church to the communities which might help bring parishioners back to church and allow all parishioners to gather for some fun. In addition, Mike suggested that we open our parish anniversary celebration to invite everyone in Door County. The picnic might include food, music, and kids game. Having more than just one event was also mentioned.*

*Diane mentioned that the parish she grew up in had a Mass and pig roast on the feast day of their small historical church.*

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### **Questions/additional items discussed:**

1. Access to churches for substitute sacristans: *Mickie wondered about whether she should give her key to someone who is working in her place when she is unable to help with the environment at Sister Bay, or whether that person should be given his or her own key. Larry stated the person needs to come to him at the office to get his or her own key because the parish keeps a record of who has keys for the church sites.*
2. Purchase of a poster for Right to Life: *Shirley showed us a poster with a picture of fetus on it and asked if Right to Life could purchase a new poster. Father suggested that the poster should have a baby on it rather than a fetus which might scare some children.*
3. Procession into church during the Christmas Eve Masses:  
*The sacristan should place the Baby Jesus in the creche before mass rather than having the priest carry Him into church. Father asked for the lights to be dimmed, and for the congregation to sing "Silent Night" during the procession into church and during the blessing of and prayer at the Nativity scene. The gathering song will be sung after Father is done praying at the creche. As we begin the gathering song, "O Come, All Ye Faithful", Father would like all lights turned on full.*

**Next meeting date:** January 14, 2025, at 10:30, Egg Harbor Office

Leader of prayer for January meeting: Mary

Minute were written and corrected by Connie Brandt, Kathy Wolff, and Mary Gomoll