

Worship Commission Minutes

March 11, 2025 10:30 am

Egg Harbor, WI

Members present: *Deacon Tony Abts, Connie Brandt, Lynn Collom, Mike Collom, Sharon Fitzgerald, Mary Gomoll, Marilyn Holland, Diane Kahlscheuer, Larry Leporte, Shirley Raasch, Kathy Wolff*

Opening prayer:

Kathy

Approval of minutes from 2.11.2025: *Connie moved to accept the February minutes; Shirley seconded the motion. Minutes approved.*

- **Note follow-up to January discussion re Christmas mass schedule.** *Since Father Tom was unable to attend, this follow-up will be added to the April agenda.*

Parish Leadership Planning Conference:

- **Follow up from PLC 2024: Discussion on Worship's recommendation to inform parishioners about deaths and funerals of fellow parishioners** – *If there is enough notice, Larry can put information about an upcoming parishioner funeral or memorial service in the announcements at the end of Mass. Again, if there is enough lead time, Lorie sometimes includes funeral info in the bulletin. If the parishioner passes away late in the week after the Worship Notes have gone out, then either the priest or the deacon could mention it as an added intention during the Universal Prayer. We asked if info could be posted on the parish website or on MSP? Larry said that funeral information could possibly be added to the parish calendar. He will connect with Angela regarding funerals and how to get information out.*
- **Feedback about the draft agenda for PLC 2025** – *Kathy led us through the proposed agenda, taking comments and questions as we went.*
 - *Larry felt that the strategic piece that will be discussed is Item #5. Parish Mission Plan Overview. We will be hearing from parish leaders but focusing on the parish mission. Considering that thought, Larry suggested that the name of the*

conference be changed to the Stella Maris Parish Mission Planning Conference. Most of our members agreed.

- *Item #7 is a new thing as the parish's 4 Commission chairs will briefly introduce their members and state how their group fits into the mission of the parish.*
- *We all thought that we'd need to have more self-evaluation time as a group than is allotted during the dinnertime discussion. We felt that we'd need to decide how we are "Bringing People to Christ" beforehand, rather than just brainstorming during dinner.*
- *There was a lively discussion as we looked at the six organizing questions that each Commission chair needs to address during their 15-minute overview talk.*
 1. *Several people were not thrilled that this was laid out like a business conference. Mike was okay with the questions we're asked to cover. Someone asked, "What are the questions we want to address?"*
 2. *Some of us thought that the 4th question ("How is your commission evolving as a single-parish entity?") is not necessary. Larry is impressed by all that Worship does within the parish and how connected our liturgies are from one site to the next. Deacon Tony thinks it's a worthwhile question to ask. He feels that Worship is exemplary in working together, but that not all the Commissions are as connected. Some committees and groups are site-focused rather than having their focus on the entire parish. Some groups seldom or never meet.*
 3. *We briefly looked at the status of our 2024 suggestions: Info on praying the rosary before Mass has been shared. Larry has revived the printed Worship Notes for all weekend Masses.*

Summer mass schedule:

Deacon Tony

Deacon Tony stated that there are quite a few Baptisms coming up during the summer season and families may choose to either have their child baptized during a Mass or after a Mass. Deacon wanted to confirm the summer Mass schedule so he can inform the families in a timely manner.

Summer Mass Schedule: *Begins May 24/25 and ends Oct. 18/19.*

Saturday: 4pm Fish Creek, 6pm Egg Harbor

Sunday: 8am Baileys Harbor, 10am Jacksonport, 10am Sister Bay, 1pm or 2pm Washington Island

Holy Week 2025:

- **Palm Sunday** – We looked at the Palm Sunday 2025 information sheet that came out of discussions held on Ash Wednesday. There were a few changes made at the Worship meeting, which will be amended on the attached document.
- **Notes for ministers** – Job lists and directions will be sent out to those signed up for the various Triduum ministries. Information will be provided to sacristans, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, those bringing up the Holy Oils, those having their feet washed in the week before Triduum.
- **Precious Blood** – It was mentioned that those receiving Holy Communion at Holy Thursday Mass and at the Easter Vigil Mass will have the opportunity to receive the Precious Blood from the cup.
- **Easter Vigil** – Diane reminded us that there will be parishioners from the Island coming down for the Vigil Mass to celebrate with a family from the Island who will be coming into the church. She stated that there would be people who would be willing to help with some of the ministries that night.
- **Washington Island Easter Mass** – Diane said that the Easter Mass on Washington Island will be held at 2:00pm.

Once again, a plea was made for help in finding more sacristans, ushers, and altar servers, especially at Egg Harbor and Baileys Harbor. Shirley asked if the Stewardship people might be able to help us? Larry suggested using the Stewardship Commission upcoming ministry talks to publicize that there are notes and directions for all ministries plus guidance from existing ministers. Deacon Tony expressed the opinion that, at Egg Harbor, the leadership of that site has "aged out". It's difficult for people to step forward and help as they used to.

Future topics:

- **Anniversary celebration** – *Plans are proceeding for this celebration to be held on Sunday, September 28th at Sister Bay at the 10:00 am Mass.*
- **What topic would you suggest?** *Further discussion on how to find more sacristans, ushers, altar servers, and cantors, especially at Egg Harbor and Baileys Harbor. We will discuss this topic at our April 8th meeting. The annual Stewardship Commission presentations will be made at all masses on June 14 and 15.*
- **Order new or additional Stations of the Cross booklets** – *Angela has received advertising for Stations of the Cross booklets that are on sale now and suggested we look into evaluating what we have and either replacing ours or adding to our supply.*

Next Worship meeting: April 8, 2025 at 10:30am in Egg Harbor

Leader for the opening prayer on April 8: Sharon Fitzgerald