

**MINUTES**  
**SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE**  
February 7, 2023

**Present:** Fr. Joe, Debby Wondra, Evie Mather, Marilyn Steger, Mary Wondra, Margie Cramer

**Excused:** Diane Vollmer

**Old Business:**

**Training New Servers.** Enough Servers now to schedule 2 at each Mass at St. Mary.

**List of activities for Lent completed;** However times for Palm Sunday are now changed to 8:00 AM at St. Andrew; 9:45 at St. Theresa; 11:15 at St. Mary.

**Ash Wednesday;** Margie will pick up Ashes from St. Andrew and they will be returned after the 8:00 AM Mass. Marilyn will get Ashes from St. Andrew for St. Theresa. Fr. would like Holy Water aspergillum at the Lectern to bless ashes.

**Lenten decorating will be dealt with separately by each church team.**

**Palms have been ordered from Stempers and will be delivered the week prior to Palm Sunday, along with decorative palms for St. Andrew. Evie will ask Julie to notify us when they have arrived so they can be picked up.**

**Evie will get the Schedule for Ministers for Holy Week done in the next week and email it to Mary and Marilyn to get to their Ministers.**

**Lenten Booklets will be put out this weekend before Ash Wednesday**

**We have not set up a date to meet with Dave Van Krey regarding Confirmation yet but must do that soon.**

**Special projects for Lent:** Tom Schuessler is presenting a “dynamic program on Eucharist” four Mondays of Lent at 6:00 PM. Pre Registration is requested.

**Discussion continued with Fr. Joe about Holy Week (following is additional information added to 1/20 notes):**

**Palm Sunday:**

**Confirmed that Solemn Procession is for Saturday 4:30 Mass only**

**Time for Sunday Masses has changed as follows:**

**8:00 St. Andrew; 9:45 St. Theresa; 11:15 St. Mary**

**Evie will provide readings for Fr. and two additional readers for the Passion to be inserted into binders. Gospel of John. Evie will have Fr. Joe confirm that**

readings are correct before sending them to St. Andrew & St. Theresa. Two readers plus Fr. Joe. Probably a separate reader for First Reading and Epistle.

#### **Holy Thursday:**

It has not yet been determined who will get the Holy Oils from the Archdiocese. This will be dealt with when we get closer to Holy Week, along with disposal of oils from previous years.

We will ask Dave Van Krey to volunteer two Confirmation candidates for washing of feet; Jessie Jensen for two from her First Communion class and Randy Clark for two Parish Council members. (note: I sent them emails but follow up would be good by anyone else).

#### **Good Friday:**

Evie will check with Betty and Jackie Van Krey about music.

Passion will be read in the same manner as Palm Sunday. Gospel of Matthew

Fr. Joe would like someone available to carry in the cross and red fabric laid on the floor for prostration and to lay the cross. (?)

#### **Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil**

##### **Structure:**

1. **Blessing of Fire**  
Procession in w/Easter Candle (Fr. Joe would like someone to carry the candle (individual candles lit)  
Exultet sung by Craig  
Candles extinguished after)
2. **Word -Three Readings with Psalms and prayers (fewest lights possible)**  
Gloria  
Collect, Epistle, Psalm & Gospel
3. **Blessing of Water**  
(relight candles here for Renewal of Baptismal Promises)  
Individual containers with water will also be blessed at this time to be distributed to St. Andrew & St. Theresa on Easter Sunday. These will be taken by Leroy Jaster and Ron Rose to respective parishes. St. Mary will have 3 baskets set up by the Baptismal Font, one for each parish, for the blessing. (Evie will look for containers for this purpose - 300) We'll ask Mary Yauk if the school children could fill the bottles for us.  
Sprinkling (Evie will look at whisks for this purpose rather than borrowing from St. Andrew)
4. **Prayer of the Faithful**  
Liturgy of Eucharist
5. **Final Blessing**  
Sending out representatives from St. Andrew & St. Theresa with their Easter candles (Ron & Roy) - making sure they take Holy Water vials with them for Easter Sunday Masses.

### **Easter Sunday Masses**

**Mass times remain 8:00 AM - St. Andrew; 9:30 AM - St. Theresa; 11:00 AM - St. Mary**

**Candles will be lit at all three parishes for renewal of Baptismal promises. Sprinkling Rite will be held and the vials of Holy Water will be available for parishoners to take home after Mass.**

**Evie will order candles and holders for St. Andrew & St. Theresa - 250 for St. Andrew & 150 for St. Theresa**

**After these discussions, the Sacristans and SL&W members felt we had enough information to begin planning for services at our individual churches. We will keep in contact regarding anything else that might require coordination.**

**Due to the time, no other matters were discussed.**

**Next Committee Meeting: A date for our next meeting has not been set, although Committee members felt we should set a date in March.**