

**MINUTES**  
**SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**March 12, 2024**  
**St. Andrew's (after mass)**

**Present:** Fr. Ed, Diane Vollmer, Marilyn Steger, Evie Mather, Marge Cramer, Debby Wondra, Aaron Hartwig

**Excused:** John Schuller

**Guests:** Dave Van Krey, Mary Wondra—Discussed with Fr. Ed and sacristans Confirmation for the Wed., May 15<sup>th</sup> celebration at 7:00 p.m. This will be held at St. Andrew's Church. Our 3 parishes as well as Horicon, Waupun and Fox Lake? will have candidates. Number of candidates is not known at this time but Nicole G. would probably have that information. Bishop Haines will be the celebrant. Fr. Ed approved the readings. Debby will ask Wendy Clark to do the readings as Wendy has a candidate being confirmed. Betty K. will be in charge of the music. Get all parishes involved with servers, taking up gifts, etc. Might need a backup distributor from St. Andrew's if the 2 priests from the outlying parishes are not able to step up. Practice for Confirmation will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup>, Sun. evening, at 6:00 p.m. Nicole will be there to handle the practice. With no other Confirmation business to discuss, Dave and Mary were dismissed.

The Approval of Feb. Minutes, with a correction to show there are no RCIA candidates for Holy Saturday.

**Old Business:**

Ash Wednesday was well attended.

Lenten decorating is simple.

Tom Schuessler—Lenten Sessions were well attended, with 1 more session next Tues.

Decorators in place for all services during Holy Week, Easter Sunday.

Palms will be delivered to St. Mary's Church. Evie will send out an email when they can be picked up there.

Minister schedules for Holy Week are done.

In addition to the 2 servers, an additional person will be needed to carry the cross in procession on Palm Sunday at St. Andrew's and St. Mary's. Incense will be used.

Fr. Al VanBeek will celebrate the 9:15 a.m. mass at St. Theresa's on Palm Sunday.

Debby will find 3 people to carry the oils in procession to the altar on Holy Thurs. There will be 10-12 people getting their feet washed that evening.

Good Friday—2 servers needed. 2 extra intercessions needed for Israel and Ukraine. Fr. Ed. Will decide on which cross to use for adoration.

On Holy Saturday there will not be any candidates for Confirmation. Instead, the 3 young people will be confirmed on Sun., Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Mary's.

There will be an outdoor fire lighting and 2 of the parishioners have volunteered to handle that (Mark Fox and Carl Fanello) Craig Waas sings the Exultet. Ron Rose and Roy Jaster will process out with their respective parish Easter Candles after mass.

For Easter Sunday Fr. Ed has asked Fr. Neil Zinthefer to celebrate the 7:45 a.m. mass at St. Andrew's. Fr. Ed will take the 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. masses that day. There will be a sprinkling rite Easter and on Pentecost. Incense will be used only at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. masses on Easter Sun.

#### New Business:

Aaron would like to see more offerings in the evenings when working people can attend. Possibly, evening stations next year, times for Adoration? He also asked about a server training session.

Evie will look into getting more servers trained later this year.

Pastor's Report: Holy Week—Fr. Ed would prefer detailed notes for all persons involved in the services for the week instead of having a practice with everyone. Fr. Ed will attend the Chrism mass in Milwaukee on Tues. Mar. 26th and bring the oils back for the 3 parishes.

Parish Council Report: none—check the website for minutes of Council meeting

#### Other Business:

Next Committee Meeting: **Friday, April 12, 2024 after morning mass as St. Mary's**

#### Goals:

1. Encourage Prayer & Worship members to attend workshops offered by Archdiocese, LARCSWORC and others that will help us to understand liturgy and effectively plan for the seasons.
2. Environment – continue to work on this to make worship space welcoming and enhance worship experience.
3. Music – continue to develop this ministry
4. Youth – look for ways to include youth in liturgy
5. Commissioning of Ministers
6. Be on top of what's happening in our world and be aware of the service aspect of reaching out to others, whether in prayer opportunities in church, collections of food, clothing, money, etc.
7. Outreach