

**Prayer & Worship Minutes**  
**April 27, 2015**

**Attendance:** Fr. Ralph Gross, Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Kathy Plaisance, Rita Borowski, Karen Warnes, Sandy Dorff, Cheryl Snyder, Debbie Hendrick, Sue Siepmann

Opening Prayer & Mission Statement  
Minutes of Feb. 23, 2015 approved

## **Old Business**

### **Holy Week Feedback:**

- **Palm Sunday** – music & children’s concert went well
- **Holy Thursday** – The Jones family read the Passover story.
  - *Foot washing* went well with first group getting their feet washed, continued reading of the Gospel, and then the second group getting their feet washed. Fr. Chuck shared the *Foot washing* process that was used and went over well at St. Paul’s parish. They had four stations with two chairs each where initially two people had their feet washed. After that, anyone from the congregation who wished to participate came up and repeated the process. About 100 people (half of those present) had their feet washed.
  - *Eucharistic Ministers* received a *blessing* and participated in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass along with the First Communicants. Fr. Chuck stated that in the future the Blessing of the Eucharistic Ministers should be done as a part of the quarterly blessings at all weekend Masses.
- **Good Friday** - Service went well. Deacon Tom walked along for the intonations; the young people carried the cross.
- **Holy Saturday** - Blessing of Food went really well. People from St. Paul’s, St. Jerome’s & as far away as West Allis came. A couple of rows of the steps across the front were filled with baskets.
- **Easter Vigil** – The McComis family was in charge of bonfire. Ushers kept the aisle open & the outdoor patio step lit. Sound faded in and out as usual. Music was exceptional. Elizabeth Senglaub handled of the lights.
- We do not have the actual numbers, but all of the Holy Week services were well attended – per Cheryl.
- **Easter Masses** - were the usual Masses

### **Liturgical Lay Ministries**

- We now have heads for all of our lay ministries:
  - Ushers – Rita Mezydlo
  - EM – Joe Kershek
  - Readers – Carol Pinter
  - Greeters – Yvonne Hickey
  - Servers – Joe Senglaub
- Sacristans – We have 4 for 10:30 Mass, 3 for 8:00 and at 5pm we have only Debbie (and Kurt or Karen when Deb can not make it)

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- We are in need of servers at the 8am Mass – Jan has only four so she schedules two each week. Karen will put a notice in the bulletin welcoming adult servers.

**Adoration**

- More focus needed – the weekend of June 6/7 is the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus Christ. (Fr. Chuck – 5pm, 8am, Fr. Dick – 10:30am). Sue will create some bulletin articles about Adoration leading up to this weekend. A sign up will take place after Masses. In the past we have had a procession followed by Benediction after the 8am Mass.

**Art & Environment**

- Leader or committee still needed. Karen will put in another article in the bulletin with a different focus. Would like a committee. If we don't get any responses, perhaps we can focus on the next liturgical season & try to get a committee for just that season.

**Budget – Cheryl**

- Basically we are looking good.

**New Business**

**May 10 – Mothers Day**

- The ProLife group has come to us in the past & given out flowers. They have not approached us yet this year. We will have a Blessing for the Moms after communion.

**May 14 – Ascension Thursday**

- The Ascension is now celebrated on Sunday per the bishops' decision.

**May 17 (10:30 Mass) – Mauricio's Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception**

- Sign up is taking place

**May 23/24 – Pentecost Sunday**

- Two adults being confirmed at 10:30 Mass

**May 30/31 – Trinity Sunday**

- Karen's Retirement Mass & Reception at 10:30 Mass
- Sue will contact Paul Hoffman regarding who is hosting reception

**July 12 10:30 am – Outdoor Mass**

**World Mission Speakers** – will speak during the summer

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**Other New Business**

**Reports**

Fr. Ralph Gross, Pastor

- May 4 - May 6 Fr. Ralph & Fr. Chuck will be at Priests' Assembly – no Mass here on May 4, 5, 6 (Tues. - Communion Service with morning prayer, Wed. – May Crowning with Living Rosary by school children, Thurs. – the usual Communion Service)
- Priests are scheduled through June & they will meet in May to lay out their Liturgical Schedule
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Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Associate Pastor

- This committee is encouraged to take an active part in researching items we purchase for the Church & Mass so that we are getting the best value (ex., Easter candle – a shorter candle would be adequate and save money).

Karen Warnes, Pastoral Associate

- Preparing a manual about what she does for the parish as a reference for the future. Karen would like her retirement to be a smooth transition.

Mark Gould, Liturgical Music Director (not present – sent notes)

- Working with Mauricio on music for his Mass of Thanksgiving
- Combined choir for confirmation (rehearsals – one at each parish)

Louise Diodato, Pastoral Council Liaison (not present – sent email to Sandy)

- Will present the Organizational Chart to us at a future meeting.
- She is working on creating an educational piece that would be in the bulletin on a regular basis.
- 60 people nominated for three positions on Pastoral Council and discernment is June 2

**Next Meeting** – June 22 (no May meeting)

**Closing Prayer** - Sandy

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