

St. Columban Worship Commission
January 12, 2021
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance – Mark Holly, Father Larry, Chad Drinnen, Anita Crowder, Drew Foster, John McDonald, Julie Wentzel, Mary Bellman, Teresa Porcaro, and Joe Bobbey

Deacon Jim Miller, who is moving to New Mexico, was thanked for his over 30 years of service to the Saint Columban parish.

Opening Prayer – Mark Holly

The minutes from the November meeting have already been approved.

Old Business:

Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy – paragraphs 112-121

This topic was moved to the February meeting.

The “Word Sunday” letter from Rome -

This topic was moved to the February meeting.

A Pandemic Christmas –

A great deal of thanks for all of the help and preparations for the Christmas Masses.

In the end, the parish was over prepared for the attendance at the Christmas Masses, but there was no way to know how many people would be attending.

There were about 400 total for the 3:00 p.m. Mass for Christmas Eve, 200 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, and around 250 for the Midnight Mass. Everything went smoothly at the Masses and it was helpful to have staff and a leader at each of the Christmas Masses.

The gym was complimented for its appearance and the work that went into making it possible. It was unfortunate that the space was not really utilized for the Masses due to attendance.

It was noted that some families that normally go to Midnight Mass went to 7:30 Mass that was offered.

The church decorations were complimented by many parishioners.

With things going well for Christmas, some people may feel more inclined to come to Easter. There has been an increase in Sunday attendance.

New Business:

4:30p Mass – Discuss opening Parish Hall

With the increase in numbers attending Mass on the weekend, it was suggested to have additional seating in the Parish Hall available. This has been a particular issue at 4:30 Mass.

There would be a need for extra communion ministers and setup up the space for each weekend for the 4:30 Mass. It would have to be consistent until the pandemic ends.

Joe Bobbey was asked to check with 4:30 ushers over the next couple of weeks to see if the demand is still there.

The topic will be discussed further at the February meeting of Worship Commission.

Discuss purchasing kneeling pads for pie section

There are extra pads that are not being used right now, so some of the extras could be put in the area of the pie sections. Mark Holly will distribute them to this section of the church.

Discuss Lenten Season –

Ash Wednesday may need an extra service due to spacing needed in the church. The Parish Hall will be used for Ash Wednesday for some of the services.

The Ashes will be distributed to the students in school.

The ashes for Ash Wednesday will be distributed in the normal manner.

Reconciliation will be similar in format like it was during Advent. It is important to have the parishioners stop in the breezeway on the other side of the door going in the Parish Office hall since those in the Parish Media room and Parish Office could hear what was being said if they were waiting in the hallway.

Stations of the Cross will still take place. It was suggested to record the Stations of the Cross for the parish webpage.

Fish Fry will be drive through only. There will be no pancake supper this year on Fat Tuesday due to Covid.

Confirmation Update –

Confirmation this year has been changed to Friday and Saturday services due to Covid restrictions. The Archbishop is unable to attend the three Masses, so Father Larry will be the celebrant.

ERE will be on Friday and the school will be split in two parts on Saturday. The dates for Confirmation are March 19th and 20th.

Closing Prayer: Mark Holly

Next meeting: February 9, 2021 7:00 p.m. – Parish Hall

Prayer – Ann Klein

Refreshments – None

Respectfully submitted by Chad Drinnen