

Sacred Worship Minutes from May 27, 2020

In Attendance by Zoom: Fr Steve Brice, Michele Miller Olds, Adam Osypowski, Guy Gehrman, Kathy Budelier, Mary and Chet Przybylski, and Mary Pionkowski
Joined by Zoom phone: Tom Firkus, Deb Patoka

Opening Prayer: Fr Steve

Fr Steve informed us that Lee and Jessica are working on how to have folks let us know if they want to attend mass. This survey should be completed about mid June so we have time to determine a way to assign people a place in church. It will be determined how folks will be chosen to come and where they will sit and how we will keep track of all of that. We agreed that seats need to be assigned. It is yet to be determined how “walk-ins” will be handled, but we noted that if we go to a concert or other event we need a ticket to get in this will have to be similar for a while.

El has determined that we will have room for about 50 seats keeping in compliance with the diocesan regulations and noting where couples or families will sit.

If all things stay the same or improve with the Covid-19 virus staying the same or at least not progressing, we will have one mass with 50 attending starting on Sunday July 5, 2020, keeping the 9:00am time. This will give us time to prepare our team(s), get our plan of compliance completed and also have our heating and ventilation work completed in the church in June.

Since the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the Choral Directors union are both suggesting that we not sing with or without masks at this time, we will have only instrumental music at the mass with 50 or more. We will continue to pre video a mass that we will live stream on Sunday at 9:00am with 10 or less present and with a cantor and accompanist so that those watching mass at home can still sing along. Music for these masses will continue to be available on line. The time of this pre video mass will not be publicized.

We agreed that everyone attending mass will wear a mask. El has a resource for masks if folks do not have one. He also has a source to get cleaning and sanitizing supplies as needed.

Procedure for Communion:

Fr Steve will wear a mask when he gives out communion.

All will response AMEN together, so there is no exchange of talking between the priest and the communicant.

Fr Steve will have sanitizer with him and he will move from person to person.

Fr. Steve will ask the first communion families if they would be comfortable coming to these masses limited to 50. Julie Meadows had suggested that maybe our first couple of masses be reserved for first communions. We have 26 students this year. The Sacred Worship committee questioned whether we want to “practice” opening mass with second grade children.

El has determined that it will take about an hour and a half to clean and sanitize pews, kneelers, bathrooms, the elevator and doors after mass. The use of doors and bathrooms will be limited so as to minimize cleaning time. *Question for Chris Przybylski is there a fire code if we “tape” off doorways”?* There will be a collection vessel at the entrance of church for folks to use as they come in.

The head ushers Mary and Chet and head Lecturer Michele agreed that the parish office would invite and schedule our younger current ushers and lectors to minister for these masses with 50 attending. Ushers will need to be trained as those who are 65 and older are not recommended by the diocese to participate at this time. There will only be one lecturer for these masses, to limit the number of folks using the ambo and to make more room for more parishioners to attend. We thought that we should have at least 2 or 3 usher groups to start as most will not want to be there every weekend. It was also suggested that our older servers, ie Luke Carpenter, Katie Czerwinski, and other college students who are home now, could be invited to help fill in but that there would need to be an older usher available to step in if needed to deal with a walk-in or other situations that may come up. Sign Up Genus will not work as we can not limit who it goes to. Fr Steve suggested that we start

soon to invite folks to cover these rolls so that there is sufficient time to train and schedule them.

We will start with one mass of 50 people per weekend, and then go to two masses per weekend and finally have 3 masses a weekend when we have all the kinks worked out and ministers and cleaning crews to adequately cover all 3 masses. It has not yet been determined if we could also have another 50 people watching the mass in Spirit Hall. Fr Steve will have to ask the health department about that.

Fr Dennis Lynch has declined helping to celebrate mass with 50 people at this time. And Fr Don Przybylski said he would help but he is over 70 so not sure if he would need special permission from the bishop.

It was noted that if a lecture or usher was ministering and bringing their family that they all would have to be counted at part of the 50 for attendance.

Our compliance manager Chris Przybylski said he would help make us a video for parishioners to view online before we come together again. The Sacred Worship committee would like to review the text of that Video prior to it being available to the public. It was suggested that maybe multiple people would be presenter in this video presentation. It was noted that only the pastor was presenting on a couple of video some of us have viewed from parishes in other areas.

The committee wants to ask Chris Przybylski our compliance manager what if any is our liability if someone does get sick after attending a mass at Holy Spirit. Can we simply state that we are trying to minimize everyone's exposure to the covid-19 virus while they attend mass but that we cannot guarantee that they won't contract it while they are here.

We also need to write up the "what you can expect when you come to mass with 50 people" for the bulletin for those who do not have access to watching an on line video.

Lastly, we viewed the new light and dark green options of paint color for in the church. We decided that it is important to give the parishioners a chance to vote for their color preference. (See the attachment to this email with the 4 color choices

we thought would be the best.) our four choices were the dark green, the light green, the burgundy-brown and the all neutral one. All of them should have the stenciling around the archway and it should be noted that the sanctuary will be getting new carpeting to match the color chosen for the back wall. We have time as the painting will not start till the summer of 2021. Staff will figure out how to do a survey monkey and/or have the selections in the bulletin for people to vote for.

Next Meeting will be June 3, 2020 at 4:00pm.

Michele please set us up for this “zoom” meeting” again.

Our meeting ended with Guy leading us in prayer.

Submitted by Mary Pionkowski

NOTE: please add and or edit these minutes.

