

## Sacred Heart Spiritual Life

May 23, 2019 Minutes

**Attendance:** Eric Carpenter, Deacon Daw, Jackie Findish, Susan Hanko, Sue Palmieri, Cherie Parrish, Ruth Steinacker, Fr. Trask  
Absent – Delores Bean

Susan called the meeting to order at 7:08. Fr. Trask opened with prayer.

April 28, 2019 Minutes were approved.

### Old Business:

#### Holy Week

- Palm Sunday – Went well
- Tenebrae – Jackie said was her 1<sup>st</sup> & was overwhelmed. Sue agreed it was powerful.
- Holy Thursday- @ St. Patrick's. Deacon Tom liked how the feet washing flowed. Comments that it would have been nice to have people process. There seemed to be confusion in what they were to do. Possibly plant seed to let them know they could process. Fr. Trask said it ends in silence.
- Good Friday – Sue brought a non-Catholic friend who was impressed with the service. Everyone liked Amanda Mitchell's painting from the fish fry that was hung from the altar. Discussion on how to preserve it. (Fr. Trask said there were a lot of people at the 3:00 in Wellington for people who don't drive after dark. He suggested he could also do it at noon instead of 3:00 then people could stay longer for quiet time.) The 7:30 here was well attended. Fr. liked the Thursday & Friday schedule at St. Pat's then Friday evening & Saturday at Sacred Heart.
- Blessing of Food – Was on Sat. at 1:00. Went well. Ruth & Jackie weren't familiar with it.
- Vigil – Fr. Trask is thankful we could start at 7:00 & everyone in attendance thought it was very nice.
- Easter – Fr. Trask said it wasn't too bad doing the 3 masses. He had 8:00 & 10:00 at St. Patrick then 12:00 here. He was surprised to have a full church. After mass they provided dinner for the college students who play at mass. Discussion followed on making arrangements to pick-up the students & instruments before masses and return them to their dorms after masses. We appreciate what they add to the mass.
- Charismatic Mass – Eric Carpenter said it went well. 30-35 attended. There weren't many parishioners. The music was good. Sue Palmieri said it was the week after Easter & there was too much going on. We should try to pick another date. Eric said Fr. Franco appreciates parishes that have masses. Fr. Trask said we should advertise at the college. Deacon Tom suggested possibly trying for a Sunday at 5:00 when it would count for Sunday and encourage the college students. Eric will ask. Doesn't know what Fr. Franco's or the musicians Sunday commitments are since he usually has these masses on Friday.
- Adoration – Life in the Eucharist - Fr. Trask said it's been at least a year without Adoration, but a lot of people sit in front of the tabernacle. Discussed whether to have Adoration or just encourage people to sit during certain hours for a few minutes. For the Blessed Sacrament to be exposed people must be in attendance constantly. Ruth gave the example of a previous parish that she said was revitalized & parishioners covered the time 24 hours. It was a change of heart. Deacon Tom said he believes "It doesn't matter what the law says, it has to be what the heart says." Discussed materials that could be provided if people needed something such as Bibles, Rosary to help focus/slow down, prayers, etc. It was decided to encourage people to sit in front of the tabernacle. Jacki asked about lights. Said she had a hard time trying to turn on lights. The tabernacle light is on until 9:00 p.m. Fr. will program another one to be on from dusk to 9 pm.

### New Business

- Younger Members – Sue Palmieri is concerned about younger members & PSR parents. She & Susan attended a diocesan program where a program at St. Albert the Great was described. It was called Church @ Home Small groups of 6-12 met in homes during Lent. Was a short homily & CD. Sue has a packet & would like to try it here for Lent. They don't think most of the groups continued to meet after Lent. She is going to check for more information.
- 2020 Mission – Eric contacted Fr. Stalla. He is considering doing the mission Part III. Eric will email the dates again.
- Graduates – Susan asked if we acknowledge graduates & if not, how can we? Important to acknowledge them. Deacon Tom said we should. Was decided to do calls & announcements so we have the names by June 2 to put in bulletin. Set for June 23 at 10:30. In the future the Confirmation Class should be recognized also.
- Fr. Trask's 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Fr. Trask is coming upon the end of his first year here. The mass schedule is fine except the Thursday evening mass. He doesn't plan on changing anything now, but in the future might change it to Thursday morning. Attendance is low & frequently is just morning mass people. Wants to put it on the September Agenda. Deacon Tom said he needs to have the conversation with the people who attend the mass. Previously there was an early morning mass.
- Candles – Fr. Trask said in the back of church by the Sacred Heart Statue the candles are 3-day candles. Frequently they do not last. He would like to switch to 7-day candles. It will change the cost. All agreed it was a good idea.
- Fest bus – Jackie asked about getting a bus to go to the Fest. Fr. said St. Pat's had tried it and it didn't work. People wanted to arrive & leave at different times. He would put up a sign-up sheet for carpooling.

### Next Meeting: August 29, 2019

Closing Prayer

Adjourn: 8:48