

NOTES – St. Dominic Prayer & Worship Committee

Monday, March 9, 2026 – 6:30 pm

Chair: Laura G, Notes: Jo M.

Attendees: Jeanne Bitkers, Laura Graney, Beth Munns, Jo Mlsna, Pam Yoder

Not in attendance: Fr. Nick, Gerry Dreczka, Mike Short, Chris Bierman, Mary Landgraf, Julie Bulkow,
Mary O'Malley

Opening Reflection: Laura Graney

Meeting Note Review from February: Approved, with addition of Mary O'Malley being present at February meeting.

Calendar:

- Monday Stations began Feb. 23
- Living Stations at St. Dominic – Sun. March 15 & Wed. March 18
- Lenten Soup Supper
 - Laura reported all positions filled
 - With it being on St. Patrick's Day, Jo suggested wearing something green
 - Due to even more parking lot problems next year, a suggestion was made to consider holding the suppers in the PAC at St. Dominic. It would mean use of more paper products due to lack of a large dishwasher. Also could possibly start serving ½ hour later

Evaluation:

- Ash Wed.: 5:30 Mass very well attended. Lots of young families and young adults

Updates:

- New teen Lector: Jeanne is working with her. When ready to begin, she will be partnered with our other teen Lector
- Holy Week:
 - Palm Sunday: Jo needs to recruit helpers to set up the PAC. Greeters will be asked to help the Ushers & others pass out palms as people arrive. Door signs might advise parishioners to take seats, then those who are able will be invited to go to the PAC for the procession. The Passion will be read in parts. If there will be pickleball at 1 p.m., those participants could be asked ahead of time to help remove the procession items.
 - Holy Thursday: Mass includes representatives from all 3 Sheboygan North churches to assist with readings, having feet washed, and process with holy oils. Jo will try to get some help after Mass to move heavy items from sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday as the altar needs to be bare. Also, a suggestion was made to have more chairs set up outside the Rabbouni Room Adoration chapel in the Rabbouni to encourage more people to stay for a short period. There's little space in the room for more chairs. Adoration is scheduled after Mass until 10 p.m. Possibly ask Deacon Jim to stay (or return at that time to close Adoration, although a lay person could also do this.)
 - Good Friday: Fr. Phil is presiding and the Passion will be done in dialogue. The Servers will need to assist with bringing in the heavy cross for Adoration.
 - Holy Saturday: 8 pm Mass at Holy Name. Request is made to provide a Lector & a Server from St. Dominic and St. Clement.

- Easter Sunday: Large crowd expected (had 672 last year). Though Ushers had requested extra chairs not be set up, it will need to be done to accommodate this number. They will most likely be put up before Good Friday, so there should be some way to ensure people do not use them until Easter. Suggest roping off and putting “Reserved” signs on them. There is sufficient seating for Holy Thursday & Good Friday without using these extra chairs. It is also suggested that when handling big crowds, one specific Usher be up front to keep an eye on empty seats there. It would be helpful to try to fill pews from the front first.
- Altar Server recruitment: Fr. Nick is following up on this

Headlines & Concerns:

- Jeanne reminded us that e-mails to students under the age of 18 are to go to the parent. Also, there is to be no publishing of the last names of children or teens under the age of 18.
- Living Stations: Jo would like to remind the leaders to keep a safe path open in the back hallway and the entrance from Geele Ave. (by the chapel). Prayer & Worship Committee also urges more publicity, perhaps with direction from a committee or from Lori Biebel.
- There was a good turnout and enjoyment for the first “Greeter Social”, organized by Pam.

Shout-Outs:

- Kelly Brachmann (donut socials)
- Julie Rios (raffle ticket seller for PAC events)
- Laundry Love volunteers
- Soup supper & scripture volunteers
- Jan Holmes (providing material & sewing baptismal gowns)
- Sacristans who refill candles & holy water fonts, etc. (Mary Fredricks, Anne Berenz, Julie Kastner, Peg Theobald, Mary Beth Lamb)

Other Topics:

- Sue Reiter has expressed an interest in being a member of this committee

Next meeting: Tues. April 14, 6:30 pm Francis Room

Chair: Jeanne B.

Notes: Pam Y.

Closing Prayer: Laura G.

(Minutes recorded by Jo M.)