

NOTES - St. Dominic Prayer & Worship Committee

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Chair: Jeanne Bitkers Notes: Pam Yoder

Attendees: Mary O'Malley, Beth Munns, Jeanne Bitkers, Jo Mlsna, Gerry Dreczka, Laura Graney, Sue Reiter

Not in attendance: Fr. Nick, Mike Short, Chris Bierman, Mary Landgraf (Julie Bulkow requested to be removed)

Opening Prayer: Jeanne Bitkers

Meeting Note Review from March 9: Approved

Calendar: Nothing noted

Evaluation: Holy Week Reviews

- From Mike S.
 - Palm Sunday - processional music volume and microphone concerns and disconnect between happenings in PAC, church, cry room, etc.
 - Discussed possible solutions
 - Maybe start singing in the PAC and then the cantor in church waiting will find the right time to start when the procession arrives
 - Holy Thursday - foot washing chair position suggestions
 - Good Friday - kneelers could be positioned differently to improve flow; lector or cantor could announce to have people come up two-by-two; add a slide for 'come let us adore'; consider dimming the lights during adoration
- From Jo M.
 - Palm Sunday - Will get bigger palms next year; nice to have both priest and deacon for Mass
- From Beth M.
 - Holy Thursday Adoration - concerns with elderly being alone in church; need to have a signup sheet to be sure there are at least 2 people for safety's sake; a signup could alleviate confusion or unexpectedly having to stay later than anticipated

Updates:

Altar server recruitment - Stewardship Committee is planning to start activities.

Upcoming blessings - Mother's Day (carnations from Elizabeth Ministry); Father's Day (anything?) discuss again in May; maybe the Ushers could provide and distribute? *Gerry will look into it.*

Headlines and Concerns:

- Start planning for Corpus Christi/Eucharistic procession (June 6 and 7) - Music has been requested for this year
- Mission Trip Mass prior to their departure? (Weekend of July 11) Where are they leaving from?
- Keep planning for St. Dominic Feast Day for the weekend of Aug. 8 and 9.
 - Will Julie B and Ann S still be willing to coordinate the festivities? *Beth will contact Julie.* Have it right after 5:00 Mass on Saturday, Aug. 8?
- Start planning for 100th anniversary:
 - *Determine the actual dates of the anniversary.*
 - *Arrange a committee to start planning - Father Nick*

- Look into presenting a gift to the parish for the 100th anniversary?

Other Topics:

- Ushers are discussing strategies for locking the doors during Mass (which ones and when). Also looking into other security measures. The arch-diocese may have a consultant who can assist.
- Hearing assistance system doesn't seem to work reliably - could the ushers get a tutorial and troubleshooting tips? *Jo will address with Gerry.*

Shout Outs:

- Bierman family - Environment coordination
- Bakers
- Mike Short - so many hats!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12 6:30 pm

Chair: Mary O'Malley

Notes: Beth Munns

Closing Prayer: Jeanne Bitkers

(minutes recorded by Pam Yoder)