

St. Edith Worship Commission

Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2026

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Laurie Rizzolo, Al Rivard, Donna DelFavero, Gary Kudron, Mike Magoulick, Joe Rashid, Cindy Coleman, and Linda Bodnar. Heather Shina was attending remotely by telephone (checked in at 7:10 p.m.). Zelma Isele was excused.

Art & Environment: Cindy Coleman stated that everyone did a wonderful job for Lent. They had held a planning meeting before Cindy went on vacation and everything turned out beautifully.

There are some nice ideas planned for Palm Sunday. The Easter flowers have been ordered, and she expects the same pricing as last year.

White hydrangeas for Holy Thursday have not been found, so mums may be used. We have traditionally used white for Holy Thursday. Candles were ordered when the Christmas candles were ordered.

Joe Rashid asked Cindy to get someone to dress and strip the altar for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Fr. Jim said that he really appreciates our Art & Environment team. He had visited a church (to remain unnamed) that did not appear to be decorated for Lent at all.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that the schedule is set through Easter. She further expressed relief that readers were secured for all the Gospels read “in parts.” The next schedule should be out later this week. She will contact Fr. Jim about which readings to use when there are options, as well as when the Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid had nothing new to report.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick had nothing new to report.

Bereavement: Gary Kudron reported that the vigil services are going well.

He stated that there are usually about 35 people at Friday Stations of the Cross. There has been a different focus or version each week. Heather Shina has been providing musicians.

He further expressed appreciation that there is a security guard at the school now, a sad need considering the Temple Israel tragedy.

Parish Council: Donna DeFavero had nothing new to report since the Parish Council meeting will not be held until next week. They continue to work on Goals and Objectives.

EME's: Al Rivard had nothing new to report.

Adoration: Laurie Rizzolo reported that things are going well. They look forward to again having a Deacon for Benediction.

Fr. Jim's Comments: Fr. Jim explained that since there would be a reception for the newly baptized and confirmed following the Easter Vigil, it will not be feasible to arrange a simulcast the 11:00 Mass on Easter morning. Next year we will not have a 12:30 Mass on Easter.

Deacon Don will not be here through Easter. Deacon Fred will serve on Good Friday.

Fr. Jim will do the Vigil solo.

Mike Magoulik asked about the lights for Holy Thursday. Fr. Jim advised using the Adoration setting.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that they are getting ready for Easter. The bells will play on Saturday. And there are three new ringers.

They are also preparing for First Communion. Some instrumentalists have been added, and a bass player has returned. The Music Ensemble will play on Good Friday and at the 11:00 Mass on Easter.

The piano has been tuned.

The School Choir is singing once a month, and Heather hopes to get RE involved as well.

Altar Servers: Joe Rashid shared that Zelma Isele plans to get gift cards for those serving at Easter. She wants to hold another training session, but the

date is yet to be determined. Zelma has been getting servers signed up for the Triduum.

Fr. Jim's Comments (continued): Fr. Jim reported that there will be 12 priests for the Penance Service on the 23rd. Mike Magoulik added that there will be 5 ushers there to assist. Joe, Mike, and probably Jim Vick will set up the spots, using whatever rooms are available.

On Wednesday the team will go over the revised scripts, with things being pretty much the same as last year. The procession on Palm Sunday at the 11:00 Mass will be shorter.

Cindy Coleman will prepare a table in the Gathering Space for the palms with a red tablecloth. Mike feels that one long table will be sufficient.

Cindy will again clean the monstrance, as it has been showing signs of tarnish.

On Palm Sunday weekend Adoration will follow the Saturday afternoon Mass.

Gary Kudron asked how many will enter the Church at the Vigil. Fr. Jim responded that there will be 3 Baptisms and 5 Confirmations.

Mike asked if the choir would again assist in lighting the candles. Fr. Jim replied that using both ushers and choir members helps speed up the process,

Fr. Jim will do the blessing of the food baskets.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:34 p.m. with a *Hail Mary*, led by Mike Magoulick.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bodnar