

St. Edith Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with prayer at 7:02 pm.

In Attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mike Magoulick, Laurie Rizzolo, Donna DeFavero, Al Rivard, Joe Rashid, Heather Shina. Linda Bodnar, Cindy Coleman, Gary Kudron.

Not Present: Zelma Isle, Cheryl Burford, Jane DeRoo.

The Worship Commission will not meet during the summer. The next meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Sep 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Jim: Discussion was had regarding the 12:30 Mass being too late on Easter and attendance. Fr. Jim will promote attendance at 12:30 Mass as being the calm Mass and it will probably start a few minutes late. There was discussion regarding the 11:00 Mass on Easter as being crowded with the suggestion of streaming in the hall by Joe Rashid and Mike Magoulick. The Vigil Mass will continue with the 7:00 pm start. The Vigil was well attended, but people need to be reminded to turn to the back corner for the start and first fire. Ushers picking up the candles at the end of Mass is good. There is always a concern about fire from the lighted candles. Parents have to watch their children.

Fr. Jim inquired about the Palm Sunday Mass being long and the possibility of eliminating a reading. Discussion followed. The procession at 11:00 Mass was too long and will be shortened. There were more children participating than in prior years. Next year it won't be a Family Mass and the procession won't use all the aisles. The participants should gather in the hall. Page number needs to be given for the scripture readings and participants can sit down.

The Holy Thursday Mass needs to have someone assigned specifically to work with the servers with the incense. The dimmer lighting was good and should be kept for the entire Mass. Mike Magoulick will work with the dimmer switches so that it's not too dark when processing to the altar of repose.

Good Friday stations are good and it would be nice to have pictures of real people. The liturgy of the word is good.

The church looks beautiful and is well decorated.

Laurie Rizzolo noted that the Blessing of the Baskets is getting more people attending and the Blessing and commentary by Deacon Don is very well appreciated.

Fr. Jim is considering eliminating the 8:30am Mass on Christmas Day only having the 11:00am Mass. Christmas Eve Masses, 4:00, 6:30 and Midnight would remain the same and have the greatest attendance. Discussion followed.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid reported that Dorothy Korzym will be the Sacristan for the Graduation Mass and Confirmation. We did not get a good response on the request to return pyx. Fr. Jim will make another announcement. The schedule for summer lectors for Wednesday Mass when school is out is being prepared. A special thank you to Cindy Edwards for reworking the In Praise Song Books and Hymnal Books.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick advised that he reminded ushers to have people bringing up gifts not to carry more than 2 ciboria. Ushers raised the issue of cleanliness of the church, having a spring-cleaning crew and getting new pews. Discussion followed. Fr. Jim advised that new pews are being considered but not right now.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that she just trained another lector and there are 2 dozen on the roster.

Altar Servers: Zelma Isele reported by e-mail: "Good evening, I have a conflict in scheduling and cannot be there today. For Holy week we had all Masses covered. Nothing else to report. Have a blessed and safe summer. See you in the fall."

Adoration: Laurie Rizzolo has nothing new to report on adoration.

EME'S: Al Rivard reported that he trained 2 new EME's. Two hosts were found again in the section near the choir after the 8:30am Mass and turned into him. Heather and Laurie will keep an eye out for this. Fr. Jim suggested that the sacristans remind EME's, particularly the ones on the choir side, to be aware of this and to make sure the person taking the host consumes the host. Joe Rashid suggested that it might be time to have a meeting with EME's. Discussion followed.

Art and Environment: Cindy Coleman reported that everything went well for Easter and Mother's Day, all the flowers were available and arrangements are being made for Pentecost. She is still working on cleaning the gold cups used for the Precious Blood. The cost of the crosses for the funeral wall of crosses has gone up considerably as she had to find a new supplier. There are enough in the office for this year. We are doing planting on the outside grounds.

Parish Council: Donna DeFavero reported that the Goals and Objectives were finalized and are very good. Dr. Tim Hogan and the Lenten Program was well received and accepted. Fr. Jim and Heather did a great job for Easter. Council is waiting for another bid on the automatic bathroom doors. New safety signage is being added in the church. There is an open seat for a member-at-large.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that the Music Ensemble will be leading the Confirmation. There is a new flute player. The Easter Masses were very good with participation from parishioners and volunteers. June 1st is the last Sunday for the Choir. There will be a substitute for 11:00 Mass on Pentecost, same person as last year. There is some work needed to be done on the organ which may start in July. The 8th grade is excited about singing for graduation. The trumpet player was featured at the 5:00 Mass and how good it was received. Discussion followed. A plaque has been placed in memory of Nancy Little commemorating the piano donation in the music room.

Bereavement: Gary Kudron reported that the Vigil Rosary and Scripture Services were going fine. The Grief Share Picnic is coming up. There were 27 people who brought pictures to a meeting and talked about them. The parishes are working well together. The coordinated Lenten Mission and joint Reconciliation Services are examples.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm with the Hail Mary led by Mike Magoulick.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rashid