

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

April 21, 2020 – Minutes

Date:	April 21, 2020	Time:	6:30 pm
Chair:	Pat	Location:	Virtual
Recorder:	Bonnie	PLC Rep:	Barb

Member/Attendee	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present
Cary	x	Barb	x	James	x		
Corey	x	Mary H	x	Pat	x		
Michael	x	Mary Ann	x	Jeff	x		
Staff Representative:	Jay						
Guest(s) & Purpose:							

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.

Old Business

Last month's virtual meeting – Thank you to everyone that tried to meet in March via Flocknote.

Cemetery Committee – request for assistance – No update

Coronavirus impact – Beginning Holy Week we have been live streaming Masses on Facebook and/or YouTube. CTV North Suburbs cable channels (ctvnorthsuburbs.org) has been airing the Saturday night Vigil Mass for the past few weeks; Daily prayer, Father's Favorites, Sunday Litany in the parking lot, devoted – all have been live streamed on Facebook

We are looking for 3 new members. Cary, Corey and Barb are ending their 2nd term. Michael is ending his 1st term. James 2021; Mary Ann 2022; Jeff 2022; Pat 2022; Mary H. 2020

Plan for Hire of New Director of Worship – Interviews are taking place.

Sound and Ceiling Status – Waiting on proposal – some funds have been secured.

Project update: Lights on the west side of the church is complete.

New Business

Archdiocese Synod: Despite the great momentum for the Synod and the participation of more than 8,000 people in pre-Synod Prayer and Listening Events, the COVID-19 pandemic is requiring the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis to alter the Synod schedule. To keep our focus on parishes and schools without any distraction, Archbishop Bernard Hebda announced that he has decided to delay by one year the Parish Consultation with Small Groups stage of the Synod. While the Deanery Consultation planned for a Saturday in January or February 2021 will still be held at that time, the more intensive Parish Consultation process, originally planned for fall 2020, will now occur in fall 2021. The Synod Assembly originally scheduled for Pentecost 2021 has been moved to spring 2022.

Based on the information already gathered in the Prayer and Listening Events, as well as the information gathered for the Ad Limina visit with Pope Francis in January, and the results of the Disciple Marker Index, Archbishop Hebda will announce the initial set of focus areas in late May. Those areas will set the parameters for discussions at the deanery and parish levels. [The Catholic Spirit](#) will have extensive coverage of the focus areas and more details about the Synod process as it moves forward. All are encouraged to read it regularly and to access the Synod web page, archspm.org/synod.

Worship Commission Goals and Accomplishments for 2019-2020

Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Worship Commission to provide direction and support for worship ministers and ministries in ways that increase, enhance and encourage active participation in worship by all members of the parish community.

Continue Growth of Music Ministry

Ongoing Formation and Certification for Ministers

Includes: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Choirs, Ushers, Greeters

Need for VIRTUS training for any volunteers who may come in contact with children or vulnerable adults – lectors, ushers.

Training sessions conducted for EMHC and Lectors. Working to get rest of EMHC and Lectors trained.

Enhance and Improve Worship Experience for Weekend Liturgy Attendees

Determine ways to improve the aesthetics and worship experience for Mass attendees at liturgies and celebrations in the Church, which is the main connection we have with parishioners.

COVID-19 has taken this in the direction to innovate Masses and services.

Continue to address physical improvements in the Worship space

Choir area reconfiguration is near complete. Kneelers need to be installed.

Handicap area has been reconfigured and is being used

Initial discussions on sound system and ceiling

Have the parish implement a Worship endowment

The Worship Commission would like to offer input on how the endowment would be used

Plan for Hire of New Director of Worship

The Worship Commission requests to be involved in the hire of the next Director of Worship

Some Worship Commission members, past and present, are involved in the hire process.

What would you like your commission to improve upon next year?

More and better communication with Administrative Services Commission and other commissions as appropriate to understand and appreciate each other's commissions' perspectives.

Meeting with Administrative Services Commission representatives.