

Worship Commission September 2025 Minutes

Present

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Michelle Stori
Jacinta Guzik
Rebekah Sharpe
Andrew Servi
Naomi Hard
Lee Treml - Staff Liaison

Opening Prayer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - floor markers

Lee brought samples of floor stickers in varied colors
At the end of our meeting, we will walk to church floor, lay out the samples, and select one color
Discussion of merits of choosing materials - permanent vs removable stickers

Moveable kneeler floor markers

marking on the floor for standardized placement after temporary removal for varied liturgies
dots on the floor using the same material as other floor stickers?

Feedback on the new format of the Worship Aid

Over-all feedback is positive

Positive:

Keep the worship aid in order to review a scripture or lyrics to a song at home
Parishioners are fumbling less with the folding/unfolding of paper

Negative:

- may need to modify the shelves at entrances so they fit better on the storage table
 - "Gloria" is not printed in the leaflet
 - On several occasions, a Greeter refused to let young children receive copies (due to expense of worship aid or fear of running out of copies for adults?)
 - in early editions, the red ink printing lacked clarity/crispness
 - All the prayers are not printed out (not good for visitors)
- Orate Fratres, St Michael prayer

Recommendation to PLC - more space for Mass (3 pages?); willingness to sacrifice a few photos

Candle Holder for Easter Vigil & Candlemas

Plastic candle holders (multi-use) vs cardboard (one time use)

Positives:

- potential of less wax dripping on people, pews and hymnals
- holder may be easier to store during Mass in the pew racks

Negatives:

- through experience, it is observed that dripping wax continues with plastic holders
- after each Mass, plastic holders need to be cleaned of the dripped wax
- unknown price, but certainly more than cardboard
- time and volunteers needed to prep the candles and holders (volunteer time at Holy Week is hard to come by)
- plastic holders - need space to be stored in the church somewhere

New Altar set

Lee Treml wants to purchase a coordinated set: 6 altar candle stands, 1 crucifix, Easter candle base

Buy a smaller base and begin to buy smaller Easter candles (shorter and thinner diameter)

From 7" (current diameter) - switch to 6 1/4" diameter

shorter [48"] high Easter candle - easier/safer for Sacristans to move

Lee showed photos of a proposed style - gold finish

Discussion on new idea: during weekend Mass, Servers will process tall candles to ambo for Liturgy of the Word and then move the tall candle placement to the Altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist

New idea: Increase the number of flanking angels on either end of the Altar

More Large flanking angels will assist to lift the eyes and spirit up toward God

We already have two large angels flanking the Tabernacle

Proposal: two angels to flank the Altars

Comment on positives of the two flanking angels in the small Adoration Chapel

Comment that the renovated Chapel has two Archangels

Relating two ideas together - combination of Angels & candle holder for the candle sticks mentioned above that would be transferred from the ambo to the Altar

Planning and Training for Safety and Security

SJB School has a Safety Committee

What safety enhancements does the Parish need to implement?

- more of a presence of ushers & greeters inside and standing by the outside doors
- Lee said there are Emergency buttons placed in strategic spots to alert law enforcement
- Use this time of heightened awareness to seek new recruits to the Greeter/Usher roles
- Leadership to recruit people who carry concealed weapons at every Mass (behind the scenes)

We have a Welcome Desk with access to many camera views

Possibility of hiring a security position

Music Ministry Priority and Future Planning

Was the Parish planning to hire someone for the Contemporary Music Group Leadership?

How much do we pay the Ignite Group Monthly?

How much is spent on Cantors Monthly?

Lectors: Consistency in performance

Across the board "Probationary period"

How to address and re-train Lectors who may have a distracting habit

Proposal: Announce that all Lectors will have "tryouts" before a sub-committee of the Worship Commission and be assessed for many aspects

dress, ability to leave pew, mount stairs and return to pew, voice

volume/character/tone/accent, clarity of speech

Reminders to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

EM's do not touch children's heads

EM's do not wave the consecrated host over someone to bless them with it

EM's are not priests or deacons, so do not have the authority to bless as ordained men do

EM's to wear appropriate clothing

Worship Commission Formation

beginning in October 2025

Sacrosanctum Concilium

promulgated on December 4, 1963, by Pope Paul VI

-Read the Introduction and Chapter One for the October Meeting Commission Meeting

Closing Prayer

Committee moved to the Church, laid out EM placement floor sticker samples, applied them to the floor, evaluated the merits of the varied colors and styles.

October 21, 2025 is the next Meeting