

The Church of St. Mary Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2026, 6:30PM

Present: Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Fr. Fred Fink, Char Hanson, Grace Lambert, Bonnie Broman, Adrian Panther, Parker Olson, Tammy Huss, Stephanie Rutten-Ramos
Absent: Fr. Dan Ruprecht, Deacon Tony Pasko, Kate Bloedorn, Sarah Branstad, Cathy Kinney, Erin Tackle, Will Odlund

Tammy Huss led the opening prayer. Fr. Fred requested more precise language be included under the January Minutes' Open Forum description pertaining to kneelers. Specifically, the recommendation was to include the USCCB description for the norm of the reception of Holy Communion (as referenced in Video 7) and clarify that the handouts provided from Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Martin discouraged the practice of receiving the Eucharist kneeling. Stephanie's last name was misspelled. Grace will make the corrections.

Parker Olson led discussion around the introduction to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM). Highlighted points included the role of Tradition and how this current version is a continuation from the Council of Trent, the role of the Chrism Mass in the commemoration of Priesthood, the role of the vernacular and other changes to the Mass that came through the Second Vatican Council (including homilies at Sunday Masses), and the emphasis on greater participation from the Second Vatican Council.

There were no Open Forum items.

Fr. Matt noted that the Sunday Lenten Penance Service will be tight for priests (six currently committed). Besides the calendar events listed below, Parker noted that there will be no 5:15PM Friday Stations at St. Mary's on March 6th and 13th. Parishioners have the option of attending Stations in the other parishes, as these are Fish Fry nights. Living Stations will be held on March 4th and 6th.

- **Ash Wednesday** February 18th 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 pm (St. Mary's)
 - ICC -Osakis 5:30 p.m.
 - St. Nick's -Belle River 7:00 p.m.
- **Penance Service** Feb. 22 (Sun) 5:00 -7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)
 - March 4th (Wed) 7:00-8:30 p.m. (ICC)
 - March 11th (Wed) 6:30-8:00 p.m. (St. Nick's)
- **Living Stations** March 4 and 6th at 7:00 p.m. St Mary's
- **Stations of the Cross** most Fridays at 5:15 beginning Feb. 20 (St. Mary's.)
- **Holy Week**
- March 28-29 (Sat/Sun) 5:00 pm, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's) **Palm Sunday**
- ICC 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. **Palm Sunday**
- St. Nick's 8:30 a.m. **Palm Sunday**
- **April 2** (Thursday) 7:00 pm (All ACC) **Holy Thursday** at St. Mary's (incense)
- **April 3** (Friday) 9:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

- 12:00 p.m. **Passion** St. Mary's
- 3:00 p.m. **Passion** St. Nick's
- 8:30 p.m. **Tenebrae** St. Mary's
- **April 4 (Saturday)**
 - 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 - 8:30 p.m. **Easter Vigil** St. Mary's (incense)
 - 8:30 p.m. **Easter Vigil** ICC (incense)
- **April 5 (Sunday)**
 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (incense at 10 a.m.) **Easter Sunday** St. Mary's
 - 8:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday** St. Nick's (incense)
 - 10:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday** ICC (incense)

Under Ministries, the following items were noted:

Music—In the effort to balance contemporary/new music and music that is familiar, the goal [from the documents of Vatican II] should be the participation of people.

EMs—Procedures will be changing, with details still being worked out. Grace relayed that a low-gluten host requiring parishioner was unable to receive at Mass because the host she had set out had been distributed to someone else. Fr. Matt noted consideration can be made to the parish procedures for consecration and distribution of low-gluten hosts. Besides individually wrapped low-gluten hosts, bags of 12 are an option.

Hospitality—Announcements need to be made that the south parking lot is for handicapped parking-only during services for Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Masses.

Lectors—Parker will lead a workshop for lectors on March 21st.

Adoration—Hours are nearly filled, and they are looking to add more time.

Sacristans—Fr. Matt noted that there have been fewer spills of the Precious Blood. They could use more Daily Mass sacristans and servers, who are especially needed.

Neither Fr. Matt nor Fr. Fred had anything for Priest Updates. Parish staff will lead the Friday Stations of the Cross on February 20th. Parker will make sign-up sheets for the remaining Stations. Char requested that version be included for each date. Parker requested consideration of changing the meeting night to accommodate a standing conflict.

For next meeting, the Education Piece will be Chapter 1 from the GIRM. Tammy is assigned as March secretary; Grace will lead prayer. Grace confirmed with Fr. Fred that the hearing aids work. Tammy led the closing prayer. Meeting concluded at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Rutten-Ramos