

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

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

Grace led opening prayer. No February minutes' corrections were noted. Grace has been checking the website to monitor currency of meeting minutes.

Fr. Matthew led discussion around General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)—Chapter 1. Highlighted points from the discussion included value in the regularity of the Mass, and that particular weekend Mass attendance and seating affect experiences. Churches are communities of communities; this is an opportunity to evangelize and get to know neighbors. It is a challenge to not try to have the Mass be the source of everything. There is a process for local adaptations and considerations. Communion received in the hand is an adaptation example. Anything localized (diocesan level) should not become unrecognizable from the tradition of the Mass. There is need to balance transcendence and intimacy.

The next education topic is to-be-announced, with Fr. Matthew reviewing materials.

Open Forum and Parishioner Experiences. Adrian will plan to ask questions of the group next time as part of his classwork.

Calendar update.

- Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:15 beginning Feb. 20, St. Mary's.
- Holy Week
  - March 28-29 (Sat/Sun) Palm Sunday
    - St. Mary's 5:00 pm, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
    - ICC 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.
    - St. Nick's 8:30 a.m.
  - April 2 (Thursday) Holy Thursday –7:00 pm (All ACC) at St. Mary's (incense)
  - April 3 (Friday) Good 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) Holy 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) Easter
    - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. St. Mary's (incense at 10 a.m.)
    - 8:30 a.m. St. Nick's (incense)
    - 10:30 a.m. ICC (incense)

Parking restrictions were missed for Ash Wednesday. Grace will check with Joe Korkowski about parking announcements for Holy Week. This year's Palm Sunday Liturgy uses a shorter gospel so Mass times will remain as is. Parker is to get paper sign-ups out. Grace and Kate are to visit with Parker regarding cross location and other veneration logistics. Deacon Tony will follow up with Parker about the Palm Sunday procession.

Ministry Needs and Parishioner Experiences. MSP did not assign teams 8 and 12 to any February weekends; Fr. Matthew will address with Parker. EM Procedures will change starting Holy Week. A Lector Retreat and training will be held March 21<sup>st</sup>, 9AM-12PM. All are welcome. For Adoration, new candles have been installed. Will is making an effort to prevent additional materials from landing in the library. Adoration hours are nearly full. The Holy water font in the chapel needs to be filled regularly.

#### Priests Update

Sr. Jeanne provided additional guidance from the diocese around Adoration. Specifically, Adoration during confessions is a problem. Scheduled confessions should not overlap with Adoration in the Adoration space. Devotions should not be done during Adoration. Prayer is fine. (Avoid divided focus.)

Make note of items/issue that arise during Holy Week. Fr. Matthew will debrief with Parker after. Rehearsals will be scheduled, and scheduled ministers adjusted according to liturgy needs. Additionally, two young adults that moved into the parish will be confirmed at this Sunday's 8AM Mass.

For next meeting, Education topic is TBD; Tammy is the assigned secretary; Char will lead prayer. A co-chair will be needed for next year. Adrian is not eligible due to pending ordination. (The ACC now has four deacon candidates.) Elections will be at the May meeting. Also, Jane Richmond is looking for help on Good Friday and Holy Saturday to prepare the food and space and serve at the Easter Vigil reception.

Fr. Fred expressed concern about committee follow-through, including how it pertains to the music ministry. The request is for regular inclusion of songs well-known among older parishioners. A reference population can identify a song list.

Grace led closing prayer. Meeting concluded at 7:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Rutten-Ramos