

## **Worship Commission Minutes - March 26, 2014**

**Present:** Jill D., Mary H., Cary A., Pamela M., Corey E. (via phone), Rose Ann B.

**Absent:** Barb G., Michael K., Arlys K.,

**Guests:** Fr. VanDenBroeke, Lori V. Dan J.

**Staff Representative:** Jay H.

### Opening Prayer

#### Fr. VDB gave an overview about the Ignite Mass

Ignite is the name of the Mass not the group of musicians.

Why did we start the Ignite Mass? Fr. VanDenBroeke started the Ignite Mass to connect with the youth of the parish. He has received a lot of feedback from those in attendance thanking him and desiring to have the Ignite Mass more often.

The difference with the Youth Mass and the other Masses is the music selection and how it is played. Fr VDB expressed that this music is more relevant to what the youth listen to today. The music is chosen specifically for the deep prayerfulness. It is true most don't know the songs to be able to sing along, hopefully that will change over time. The musicians are willing and able to play more than once a month but there is a cost to do that. Currently it is not known if donations are up during the Ignite Mass. Fr. VanDenBroeke is hoping the youth of the parish will volunteer during the Mass as readers, servers, ushers etc.

Fr. VanDenBroeke left to attend another meeting.

#### Further discussion by Worship Commission Members:

How did the Sunday evening Mass come about? The Sunday evening Mass first came about in 2001/2002 for those going up to their cabin, so they could attend Mass here at St. John's when they got back to town. There was no music and it was 40-45 min. Over time, the Mass time was moved to be closer to the confirmation class, it now has some music and, for various reasons unrelated to music, has drifted to go longer and longer.

It is agreed more youth are attending the Ignite Mass. Are they doing this because it is right before confirmation class? What are the ages of those in attendance? High school age? College age? What can we do to retain the college age parishioners? We need to encourage our youth and young adults to attend Mass, any Mass.

If the 5:30pm Mass is indeed going to be a contemporary Mass, we will need to bridge the gap between Ignite and the contemporary group so there is more cohesiveness with the Mass. The contemporary Mass should be a complete contemporary Mass for both groups, bearing in mind, the music should not be the focus of the Mass, but should enhance the Mass. The music that is chosen for the Mass needs to be music the congregation can sing.

It was suggested a survey be done to see what the parishioners like. What Mass they attend? What is it they like about the Mass they are attending? What type of music do they like during Mass?

Further discussion will need to take place before a recommendation is made.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:30pm.

**Next meeting is April 23, 2014**