

Annual Report - Part 2 of 7

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

WORSHIP COMMISSION

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The Worship Commission of St. Edna is comprised of staff members, leaders from liturgical ministries, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, and liaisons from other commissions. Members of the commission are a part of the community who have a working understanding of how the liturgical ministries interact. All members have a desire to affirm the strength of our existing ministries and identify opportunities for improvement and development. We would like to share with you highlights from our past year of accomplishments and updates from our commission and ministries.

Worship Commission

- Ensure the fullness of parish life is reflected and celebrated throughout our liturgies
 - * Completed process for donation and recognition of support for new Gather hymnals
 - * Implemented use of new Gather Books by Thanksgiving, ahead of our projections
- Cultivate leaders and vocations
 - * Developed gatherings for liturgical ministers to enhance knowledge of ministry and deepen spirituality
 - * Annual Fall Evening of Renewal
 - * Triduum Evening of Reflection
 - * Developed more efficient and open opportunities for people to become involved in ministry
 - * Continued year round recruitment and training of ministers
 - * Celebrated the ordination of Fr. Derek Ho
 - * Welcomed new recorder of minutes for Worship Commission, Paula Pollman
- Communication plan with ministries, commissions, and parish at large
 - * Coordinated with new Director of Communications
 - * Utilized social media and website for communication of events

Worship Commission Ministry Yearly Updates

Altar Servers: The youth of our community assist the presider and deacon at the table during our liturgical celebrations. This past year we were saddened by the loss of our coordinator, Brother Tom Minta. His spirit and energy carry on with our altar servers continuing through their high school years and ministering to our community.

Art & Environment: These dedicated ministers prepare the physical church environment for each of the seasons of the liturgical year as well as special liturgical celebrations.

Baptisms: St. Edna's infant baptism ministry initiates infants into God's family through the sacrament of baptism. During the recently concluded fiscal year, 127 infants were baptized at St. Edna.

Eucharistic Ministers: Our Eucharistic Ministers help the gathered community become closer to Christ and each other by assisting with the distribution of the Body and Precious Blood of Christ at weekend and weekday liturgies or at weekday Communion Services. We certified our entire ministry and provide onsite diocesan training.

Greeters: Greeters are here to welcome everyone as they come to St. Edna. They are the first person whom worshipers meet when they arrive at church. Their warm welcome is an aid to entering into the Spirit of Celebration at Mass. The Greeting ministry has 42 ministers and in 2013/2014, three new ministers joined. This is a very fulfilling ministry that welcomes all.

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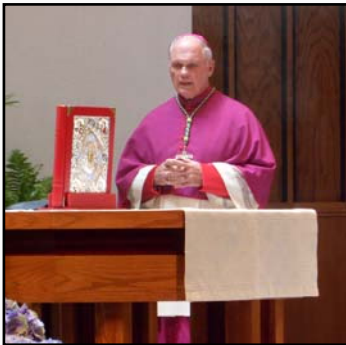
Lectors: This year the lector ministry welcomed eight new members. Training took place throughout the year as parishioners expressed an interest in becoming lectors. Our lectors who are college students continue to serve the St. Edna community as their school schedules allow.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: LWC ministers provide our community's children with a special opportunity to experience God's Word proclaimed, hear a reflection rooted in our Catholic faith, and profess their faith through prayer. This ministry serves throughout the school year during our 9:30 Mass and fosters prayer for some of the youngest members of our parish.

Musicians: Our ministry helps the gathered community express its faith through song by providing a musical foundation for the various roles and rites in the Liturgy. Our Adult Choir offers an opportunity for musicians throughout the school year, while our Ensemble offers musicians a chance to gather throughout the year. We welcomed our new Coordinator of Music Ministry for High School and Children, Lara Lynch. Our Cantor program continues to grow and has added 3 new ministers.

Sacristans: As Sacristans we prepare the altar vessels and Eucharistic elements for the liturgical celebration and ensure that scheduled Liturgical ministers are present for their roles relating to the celebration of the Liturgy. We provide assistance to the priest and deacons as well as guidance for our altar servers during the liturgy.

Ushers: We are dedicated to serving and providing hospitality to the gathered community throughout our liturgical celebrations. We assist with identifying any special needs in order to help our assembly fully participate.



We would like to thank the over 300 Worship Ministry volunteers for their commitment to serve the people of St. Edna. Our community and liturgies are a reflection of the spirit and love you share every day.