

Good Shepherd Church

Music Ministry Report to Parish Council

May 7, 2025

The music directors would like to thank all the musicians who came out for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and/or Easter Sunday! There were many positive comments from parishioners & guests alike regarding the music. Once the Easter season ends, we will switch to Mass of Creation once again.

The 5:00 Ministry organized music for **First Communion** on April 26th during which fourteen young people received their First Communion. Fr. Steven Bell, who was here for our Parish Mission, co-celebrated the liturgy with Fr. Jozef. Guitarist Frank M. accompanied the kids in singing the Gathering song, 'Open My Eyes', while First Communion parents Lisa K. & Monica H. co-cantored the Psalm. Several guest musicians also joined our Saturday regulars, including pianist Victoria K. Huge thanks to Amy T. (Director of Faith Formation) for coordinating this lovely celebration!

Cris & Barb planned the music for the **Parish Mission** on April 28-30th based on the themes set by Fr. Steven for each night. Much of the music that had been planned was cut due to the power outage and time constraints, but fortunately, the Mission was still held all three nights. Thanks to Bev M., Victoria K., and the singers who were able to join us! Also, special thanks to Joe P. for bringing in power banks, lighting and sound equipment during Tuesday & Wednesday's power outage!

May Crowning was celebrated at all Masses last weekend, May 3rd & 4th. All three groups selected Marian-themed songs for the Gathering song, while youth from the Parish participated in the Crowning.

Finally, Joanne reported that they've had a goal of a more inclusive Music Ministry for special celebrations – like Holy Week. It was wonderful that this year on Holy Thursday we had singers from all three music groups!! And from at least 2 groups for the Vigil. Joanne also wants to especially thank the instrumentalists – Jeff, Mike, and Adam – and several cantors (including Barb, Denise, Cris) who contributed to many of the Holy Week and Easter services. As you know this is a huge time commitment so their willingness to volunteer is commendable