

Liturgy Committee Meeting
Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
5:00 p.m.– In Person and Zoom

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Luke VanOverbeke, Char Hanson, Janice Doebber, Grace Lambert, Bonnie Broman, Mary Gorghuber, Kevin Gorghuber, Sue McCulloch, Michelle Neale, Carol Gaffaney, Erin Takle, and Jody Koubsky. Absent: Bill Verschaetse, Kathy Fischer, Dawn Houska and Dave Reller.

1. Prayer – Led by Father Matthew.
2. Director of Music and Liturgy
 - Father Matthew introduced Luke VanOverbeke, our new Director of Liturgy and Music, who began his work here on Monday, January 17th. Luke gave a brief recap of his background and the last parish he worked with.
 - Committee members introduced themselves and the area of ministry they represent.
3. New Committee Meeting Day and Time
 - After discussion, it was decided to change the meeting day and time for the Liturgy Committee to the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Therefore, the next meeting will be held Thursday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m.
4. Ministries at Saint Mary's Church
 - It was explained that some of the ministry areas at St. Mary's have captains for the groups of volunteers (for example: hospitality/greeters/ushers and extraordinary ministers of holy communion). This is helpful in disseminating information, updates and directions. Other ministries have lead representatives who assist in getting information to those volunteers.
 - There are written instructions/job descriptions for most of the ministry areas. The job description for hospitality/greeters/ushers is currently being updated. After that is completed, written instructions will be developed for servers.
5. The Precious Blood
 - There was discussion on bringing back the Precious Blood. Father Matthew said he would like to begin offering the Precious Blood again at Easter. This will be discussed further and guidelines would be developed.
6. Prayer after Dismissal from Mass
 - There was discussion about the Saint Michael prayer being recited after dismissal. More discussion will be held in future meetings about the possibility of rotating other prayers to be used at that time. Currently, we will continue to recite the Saint Michael prayer.
7. Mask Mandate
 - Father Matthew said Bishop Kettler has prepared a video that will be shown at this weekend's masses explaining a mandate for people to wear masks at churches and church facilities in the St. Cloud Diocese beginning Monday, January 24th. The mandate will be in effect for six weeks, and then it will be re-evaluated. Father Matthew has asked the bishop what options are available/acceptable for parishes to implement. The mandate will affect "Coffee and Rolls" at our parish; it will be put on hold for six weeks. Sue McCulloch asked about Eucharistic Adoration. Father will seek clarification on that.
8. Future Agendas
 - Committee members are asked to send Luke their requests of agenda items one week prior to the upcoming meeting. Luke's email address is: lvanoverbeke@stmaryalexandria.org
9. The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will be February 10th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
10. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. with prayer.

Submitted by:
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