

**Liturgy Committee Meeting**  
**Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria**  
**Thursday, August 11, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of Last Meeting – The minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting were approved.
3. Liturgist's Update
  - The Stewardship Fair will be held after masses on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be tables for each ministry with representatives present to visit with people and provide handouts, information, etc.
  - Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) – Luke is working with Michele Neale on training. Training dates have been set for August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> for those who need an in-person training session about the general use of MSP.
  - The next three Liturgy Committee meetings will be held on September 8, October 13 and November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office large conference room.
  - Educational Reading - The educational reading: *Chapter V of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium* was discussed. Luke handed out the education piece for the next meeting – “The Liturgy: place of encounter with Christ.”
4. Father Rick's Update
  - Father Matthew is attending the Board of Education meeting this evening.
  - Father Rick said there is so much to the faith journey for people and it takes time to convey it throughout the Church Year. He asked for understanding and patience with the process as we move forward.
  - They are working on re-invigorating the music ministry at Immaculate Conception Church in Osakis and St. Nicholas Church in Belle River.
5. Ministry Updates and Needs
  - Lectors – Work is continuing on Lector procedures and expectations.
  - EMHC – We need to remind and encourage EMHCs to keep sanitizing their hands after offering the Precious Body on the tongue to people. Parishioners notice if that is done or not. The committee discussed whether EMHCs should have a purificator with them to use when distributing the Precious Body on the tongue to people so they can sanitize immediately afterwards.
  - Hospitality – A decision needs to be made whether we should separate the Greeters/Ushers/Hospitality Desk volunteers; the feedback seems to lean towards separating the ministries for better assurance of coverage for all three areas.
  - Sacristans – A question was asked whether there was any Precious Blood left after offering it at Holy Communion. It was reported that it varies from mass to mass, and from weekend to weekend, on the amount remaining.
  - Music – There was a good turnout for the Music Recital on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

6. There will be a Blue Mass at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, September 10, at 5:00 p.m. to honor first responders – Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Personnel who serve in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Bishop Kettler will be here for the mass.
7. Father Fred researched and located detailed guidelines for Liturgy Committees on the Diocese of Saint Cloud website. Luke will send them to committee members.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will be September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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