

Liturgy Committee Meeting
Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria
Thursday, September 8, 2022
6:30 p.m.

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

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of Last Meeting – The minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting were approved.
3. Liturgist's Update
 - Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) – Luke said the MSP is being implemented for the following weekend ministry volunteers: altar servers, sacristans, lectors and AV. An email will be sent to them to update their information and get their available dates. Each person/family will have a user name and password. (People can change their password.) There's a video link for people to learn more about using MSP if needed. A person can change their available dates at any time, as well as enter requests for subs. He stressed that they would like people to use MSP to request subs if all possible, but it is possible to find a sub and let him know, so that he can make the changes on the system.
 - Educational Reading - The educational reading, *The Liturgy: Place of encounter with Christ*, was discussed. Luke handed out the education piece for the next meeting – *"The Church: Sacrament of the Body of Christ."*
 - The Stewardship Fair will be held after masses on September 24th and 25th. There will be a table with information on each liturgical ministry. Kevin and Mary Gorghuber volunteered to be representatives of the ministries after one of the three masses. Let Luke know if you can help at the Stewardship Fair.
4. Father Matthew's Update
 - They are adjusting to the new schedule with two priests, three parishes and two schools.
5. Father Rick's Update
 - He said they've held their first school mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Osakis. Enrollment at the school has increased this fall from last year's numbers.
6. Ministry Updates and Needs
 - Lectors – There was a question regarding the lector who processes in with the Book of Gospels at the beginning of mass. Char will let lectors know they can walk straight up the steps to the altar (instead of going around to the left and then up) and lay the book on the altar. This information will be included in the upcoming procedural handout being developed.
 - EMHC – Kevin said they are still filling out some of the teams. A personal invitation seems to work the best. Kathy Fischer said she was notified today that we can start bringing Communion to Bethany Home and Knute Nelson beginning the weekend of October 1st and 2nd. She will put kits together for the ministers to use.
 - Hospitality – There will be ongoing discussion to determine if we should separate the Greeters/Ushers/Hospitality Desk volunteer lists.
 - Sacristans – Father Matthew said white stoles are now available for baptism of adults.

- Altar Servers – There are written instructions by the stools they use and they will add some by the front steps also. They would like to have at least 3 servers at every mass. A few more servers are needed, especially for the 5:00 mass.
 - Eucharistic Adoration – A Eucharistic Revival Relics Display will begin on Friday, September 30th in the Great Hall with Father Matthew’s talk, *An Evening with the Saints*, at 6:00 p.m. On Saturday, October 1st all day and Sunday, October 2nd until noon, relics will be available for veneration in the Great Hall. St. Mary’s Church is the hosting location of the Relics for the St. Cloud Diocese. Sue said they are looking for guardians of the relics and to let her know of people interested in helping.
 - Art & Environment – Bonnie noted that a few changes will be made for the fall.
 - Music – They are starting a youth choir, and, hopefully, a Bell Choir. Luke said he also hopes to bring back an Adult Choir by Christmas.
 - AV Update – There were some glitches with the AV system during the change-over to a new phone system. They have hopefully worked out all the re-routing, etc. Staff members have new telephone numbers. Luke’s new office phone number is 320-460-5339; it can also be found in his email signature.
 - At the August meeting, there was discussion on the length of Mass. There was continued discussion this evening on this topic and the liturgy committee being representatives of our parishioners. Conversations will be ongoing on this concern.
7. Coffee & Rolls – The Liturgy Committee has been asked to serve Coffee & Rolls on October 2nd after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. masses. Four or more people are needed.
 8. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will be October 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
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