

Liturgy committee meeting  
Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria  
Thursday February 8, 2024

Present: Luke Vanoverbeke, Deacon Tony Pasko, Adrian Panther, Bill Verschaetse, Stephanie Rutten-Ramos, Char Hanson, Bonnie Broman, Grace Lambert, Fr. Fred Fink, Deacon Eric Evander, Fr. Matthew Kuhn. Erin Takle and Jody Koubsky via zoom.

Absent: Sue McCulloch, Kevin Gorghuber

- I. **Opening Prayer-** Marian Stations of the Cross Litany
- II. **Open Forum-** Several members of a men's prayer group were present for the liturgy meeting. Introductions of them and Deacon Eric Evander were made.
- III. **Ministry needs-** Stephanie suggested a hospitality team member be asked to do the collection in the commons area if any families are sitting out there. An extra person helping would help expedite the collection process. Grace asked about safety – people not identifying themselves to captains if they are able to assist with any medical/safety issues during Mass. It was also suggested that greeters help open doors for those needing help at Mass.
  - There was a question of testing and changing out the AED batteries. Has this been done recently?

**Liturgist Update-** Pastoral letter study groups. 10 leaders have signed up. Training on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Leaders will set up time/date/location of their study groups. Sign up sheets will be at the hospitality desk this weekend. Total of 4 sessions, 1 per week, beginning week of Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Limit size of group to 6-8 people.

**Faith Formation-** Luke asked how we can improve on inviting parish members to participate in the ministries. He is thinking of going into classrooms along with Erin Takle to review areas the youth can help participate at Mass. Committee members were asked to reach out to Luke if they would be interested in this process.

**Offertory-** 7-8 families have signed up to help with gift bearing so far. The best practice for finding people is to simply ask those in the pews or who do not participate as much to be involved. Is it also possible to hand out mini-cards with a QR code to interested individuals and families?

**Lent and Holy Week-** Ash Wednesday- Fr. Fred proposed having a separate line for individuals who wanted ashes on forehead versus sprinkled on head. Fr. Matthew will discuss with Luke. Plan on having washing of the feet on Holy Thursday. The Repose of the Eucharist will be in the Great Hall. Deacon Tony suggested a procession of the Holy Oils which will be obtained at the Chrism Mass. Fr. Matthew suggested this be done on Palm Sunday weekend. Bonnie asked that chairs be placed around the perimeter of the Great Hall on Holy Thursday. Bill asked if other parishes could be invited to participate in various ministries, i.e. ushering, greeters.

**Communications with parish-** Ideas were collected on how to communicate the committee's work with the parish. Ideas included having some sort of publication with our pictures. The conversation broadened on how to communicate news for all committees. No concrete action taken.

IV. **Priest Update-** No updates. New directory of parish planned for this spring.

- V. Desiderio Desideravi Paragraphs 36-40 presented by Char Hanson. Paragraphs 41-45 for next time (person TBD).
- VI. Next meeting is scheduled for March 14,2024 in Large Conference Room  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.  
**Closing Prayer**

Respectfully submitted by Grace Lambert