

# Liturgy Committee

## Meeting Minutes

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:30pm

Location: Large Conference Room

Present: Luke, Stephanie, Char, Bill, Deacon Tony, Fr. Fred, Fr. Dan, Tammy, Sue, Adrian, Grace, Fr. Matthew, Kevin

Absent: Erin, Jody, Bonnie

Chairperson Stephanie called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Opening prayer was led by Grace.

Minutes from last meeting were on the end of the conference table. One correction, spelling of Samuel was incorrect and recorded.

Open Forum: Luke presented the committee with the proposed changes to the By-Laws. There was discussion from some of the committee members to add parishioners to the committee as suggested by Sister Jeanne. It was explained in further detail that our committee already has many members that also can act as a voice for the overall parish. Also, members of the parish can address this committee at any time under the Open Forum portion of the meeting and Luke has committed to regularly publicizing through the bulletin and announcements at the end of Mass. Other verbiage and changes were discussed regarding the By-Laws. Luke will revise the By-Laws with the requested changes and present them for acceptance at next month's meeting.

Calendar Updates: Important mass dates and Holy Day of obligations were presented. 3 things to note: December 1<sup>st</sup>, first week of Advent will also be Confirmation with Bishop Neary. December 9<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception will have a 5:30 pm vigil mass on the Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, Our Lady of Guadalupe will have a vigil mass on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Goal Setting: Sister Jeanne discussed setting goals as a committee, this was reviewed by Luke.

Goals for this year were set as follows:

- 1) Ministry Renewal Training for Sacristans, and captains of the EMHC and Hospitality teams for team-level review.
- 2) Establish a subcommittee for Voices of the Parish.
- 3) Assign meeting items as Action or Informational and follow-up on Action items.

Ministry Needs:

Mass times for Christmas Eve at the ACC

St. Mary's 4pm and 7pm

St Nick's 10pm

Immaculate Conception Osakis 4pm

40 Hour Devotion was presented by Sue. Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> at St Nick's in Belle River. A pamphlet was distributed to all the committee members and were strongly encouraged to attend and pass the invite to others. Other than the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, other activities include Rosary, children's hour, speakers, confession and much more. Sue stressed sign up on our St. Mary's web site for a holy hour.

Hospitality: Grace shared her frustration with the need for ushers, greeters and help at the hospitality desk. Hard to find individuals that want to COMMITT to help! Father Matthew suggests the term I NEED YOU when you ask!!

What are we hearing from our parishioners:

- 1) Priest introductions at Mass; incorporate presider (and Deacon) name(s) into the welcome announcements.
- 2) One of the confessionals looks like a storage closet.
- 3) Parishioners leaving mass after communion. Fr. Matthew has this on his radar to address at a future homily.

## Priest Updates:

Anointing of the Sick service will begin in December and will be held after every mass on the weekend that includes the first Sunday of the month.

Father Matthew gave us a brief update on the permanent Crucifix and where we are at with the process. We received a letter from the Diocesan Building Commission with the recommendation to move forward with suspending the Crucifix from the ceiling. We are in the process of having a liturgical consultant (Hurley's) to give as a concrete feasibility of suspending.

## Education Piece:

We were introduced to our next study, Liturgy Made Simple by: Mark Searle

We are to read the Introduction and Chapter 1 and be prepared to discuss the discussion questions when we meet in October. Luke will lead the discussion.

Action items: Interior door number labels are needed for the entrances for the church.

Another wheelchair was donated, put us at 2. Looking to add one more!

Luke will schedule trainings for EM and Hospitality Captains, as well as Sacristans.

Char will lead us in Prayer next month.

Closing Prayer by Grace.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Next meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless!

Kevin Gorghuber

