

Liturgy Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2024

6:30pm

Location: Large Conference Room

Present: Luke VanOverbeke, Stephanie Rutten-Ramos, Char Hanson, Bonnie Broman, Bill Verschaetse, Sue McCulloch, Adrian Panther, Grace Lambert, Jody Koubsky, Tammy Huss, Erin Takle, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Fred, Kevin Gorghuber.

Absent: Fr. Dan, Deacon Tony Pasko.

Guest: Kate Bloedorn

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

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- I. Opening prayer was led by Char Hanson.

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- II. Open Forum: Sue McCulloch recapped the 40-Hours Devotion event that happened at St. Nick's September 29 – October 2nd. The event was well-attended and served 110 for the soup supper. The 3rd and 6th grade class from St. Mary's school were treated to a bit of St. Nick's church history from Dennis Hilmer. Fr. Dan and Fr. Derrick presided at the mass, adoration, and prayer. Sue's hope is that we can continue this 40-Hour Devotion event next year.

- III. Calendar Updates: December 9th, Immaculate Conception Mass will be at 8:30am and 5:30pm at St. Mary's.

Christmas Eve Mass 4pm and 7pm, Christmas Day Mass at 9am St. Mary's.

There was much discussion on the church service that is usually held the Wednesday night prior to Thanksgiving. Fr. Matthew has been in contact with the other participating church's regarding this service. St. Mary's hosted last year and is looking for another church to host it this year. Many of the neighboring Pastors have personal conflicts and it will be difficult for them to host. Fr. Matthew will follow up and report back at next months meeting. Seek the bulletin for upcoming Mass times and Holy Days!

IV. Ministry Needs and Parishioner Experiences:

Bylaws, Luke will send out a revised version with a mission statement. Plan is to finalize at our next meeting and approve.

Hearing devices: We have 2 options at St. Mary's: blue tooth and the hearing devices that are back by the usher table. Luke will provide training after the Masses on the weekend of the 19th and 20th of October. Ushers should also attend the training to assist parishioners or guests on how to use these devices.

Luke is in the process of setting up training for EM captain's, Sacristans, Lector's, and Ushers.

Bill Verschaetse presented a list of 6 items to bring to the committee's attention.

- 1) Committee contact information. Luke has a committee contact list that changes often, he will send that out for our liturgy committee.
- 2) Master list of various ministries contact list. Luke will work on the master list of all the various ministries.
- 3) Greeters Desk, priority ministry, ministry master list.
- 4) Awareness Sunday for emergencies.
- 5) Review safety procedures protocol and training of all ministries,

6) Children's Offertory, "little kids" collection. Fr. Matthew wanted to check with Todd Wentworth on the children's offertory as this does not align with our stewardship mission and goal.

Kids Sunday worship during the 10 am mass, who will lead?

V. Priest update: Hurricane relief collection will be taken up at all masses on the weekend of October 12th and 13th. This will be followed up by World Mission Sunday the weekend October 19th and 20th. Clergy conference for the diocese was held at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria on October 6th through October 9th. Confession times to increase at St. Nicks and Immaculate Conception in Osakis.

VI. Education Piece: Members of the committee were asked to read the Introduction and Chapter 1 from the book, Liturgy Made Simple. Luke led us in discussion from the intro and chapter 1, we ran out of time so we will discuss Question 5 from chapter 1 at the next meeting. The committee was asked to read Chapter 2 and be prepared to answer the questions at the end of the chapter. Adrian will lead discussion.

VII. Recap and Closing Prayer:

Adrian will lead us in Prayer next month.

Closing Prayer by Char Hanson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Next meeting will be November 14th.

God Bless!

Kevin Gorghuber

