

Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2026

Present: Fr Matthew Kuhn, Fr Fred Fink, Dcn Tony Pasko, Adrian Panther, Bonnie Bromen, Char Hanson, Grace Lambert, Kate Bloedorn, Stephanie Rutten-Ramos, Tammy Huss, Will Odland

Absent: Fr Dan Ruprecht, Cathy Kinney, Erin Takle, Parker Olson

Opening prayer led by Char Hanson. No adjustments to minutes necessary.

Education Piece – discussion on GIRM chapter 2, paragraphs 29-41 & 45. A few highlights: prayers are addressed to God in the name of the ENTIRE holy people and ALL present (#30), 5 of 7 of the priest's personal prayers are penitential acts (#33), active participation! (#47), active participation fostered in prayers of the Mass (#36), importance of vocal expression – proclaim not theatrical (#38), singing/speaking the same if done well (#39), importance of singing parts of the Mass – use of Latin can be a challenge for some so how to bring about the simple and grow (#41), Gregorian chant and Latin (default language of the Mass – not so much in US) should hold pride of place in sacred music (#41), Sacred silence-how to foster this before Mass. (#45). Though not assigned, Fr Fred wanted to readdress #42-44, in particular the importance of a common posture as a sign of unity. (#42)

Fr Matthew addressed the casualness of receipt of Christ, how to foster greater reverence for the Eucharist, and how each person expresses reverence

Kate voiced that respect of others' preferences signifies unity – in particular regard to kneelers and usage of Latin. In respect to the kneelers, perhaps there are those who would like to show reverence by kneeling but are unable without a kneeler.

Open Forum -

- Adrian handed out questionnaires to be filled out in support of the class he is in – return to him or send digitally

Parishioner Experiences (in regard to Lent/Holy Week/Easter)

- Beautiful services – lots of comments on the Vigil
- Put out signup sheets sooner
- Temple bell is missed – should it or shouldn't it be rung? Traditionally not rung on Good Friday.
- People were exiting as Deacon was leaving on Good Friday– extend a “please wait”
- Possibility of extra cups at front 2 stations – ran out early
- Address leaving in silence – conversations began and were loud as people were trying to pray
- General reverence after Mass for those taking time in prayer

Calendar Update

- First Holy Communion - April 19 at 2:00 (Dcn Tony will attend)

Ministry Needs

Music... not present

EM's... new procedure seems to be going well – looks good. With the doors open to the chapel, the Tabernacle door should be shut.

Hospitality... for holidays, can we leave the scheduled team in place and just find subs for those who can't be there? Just put out signups for extra services. Shortage of gift bearers. Bill has been asked by area churches to share our procedures.

Lectors... retreat training went well. Need daily lectors – invite at daily Mass.

Adoration... received quotes on fixing the statue of Mary – ended up ordering statues of St Joseph with Jesus and Mary, Our Lady of Grace for the adoration chapel.

Sacristans... nothing

Servers... Tammy is meeting with a few of the adult servers to address formation for and recognition of servers as well as assignment of duties. Goal is to make servers more comfortable in their position, to foster vocations, and to encourage longevity in the role.

Priest Updates

- Conversation took place regarding how Holy Week & the Easter Triduum went

Recap and Closing Prayer

- Education piece for May – another part of the GIRM will be covered (in regard to youth) – Parker will send out.
- Tony will take minutes for May
- Next year: Stephanie, Tammy and Grace will begin a 2nd term. Char, and possibly Bonnie will complete their terms. Tammy to chair – Will to co-chair... to be confirmed next time.
- Kate to lead prayer in May
- June to be a potluck – favorite recipe. No education piece.
- Char closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Huss