

# LITURGY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**ATTENDANCE:** Helen Collins, Jim Manz, Fr. Mark, Randy Howe, Ken Barnes, Betty Courisky, Roni Vetter, Mary Ann Lause, Linda Licata, Judy Reuter, Mary Ann Herbst, Bill Graham, Mary Jo Hartmann

**MINUTES:** January 2009 Minutes approved

### PLANNING TEAM REPORT:

**Lenten Season:** Judy Reuter reporting See **Handout**

- Theme: ***Be God's Hands, Eyes, and Heart.***
- Bookmarks with the theme will be inserted into the Black Books (devotional books given out for Lent). Judy will order 850 bookmarks @ 23 cents each.
- Judy also presented the idea of making Rice Bowls available for families to take home as a Spiritual activity and act of charity.
- Judy suggested that the PSR classes participate in the Rice Bowls, but Roni stated that since the children were already taking part in the Walk to Jerusalem, there would not be time to devote to the Rice Bowls. However, Roni said PSR would definitely be interested in the future.
- Judy will order 400 Rice Bowls. There will be a display in the vestibule.
- Judy will write up what the team would like the Clergy to say about the Rice Bowls from the pulpit.
- The symbol representing the theme for Lent will be displayed on the two banners in the back of the sanctuary and in a ceramic bowl in front of the altar.

### PLANNING TEAMS EVALUATIONS:

**Advent Season:** Mary Ann Herbst reporting. **See Handout**

- The focus of Active Waiting was effectively incorporated into the Masses by way of the prayer after Communion, the response to the prayers of the faithful and in sermons.
- For better visibility, banners should be placed either on both sides of the pillars in the back of church or on the side facing the congregation.
- The team suggests that a Marian banner be considered for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mary Ann included a beautiful example in the Handout.

**Christmas Season:** Mary Ann Lause reporting. **See Handout**

- The team was very pleased with decorating changes made in the newly renovated church. They especially liked the two additional Christmas trees in the sanctuary and the tree and manger scene in the vestibule by the church office.
- Christmas Day Mass times of 9:30 and 11:15 worked out very well.
- Clergy should be sure to announce at all Masses that those who contributed for a Poinsettia Memorial should pick them up after the 11:15 Mass. There were many left over.
- A description of Santa Claus receiving Communion at an out of town Christmas Mass attended by Helen Collins will be placed in the Christmas Evaluation binder to be considered by the planning team next year.

**CATECHESIS:** *Liturgy With Style and Grace pp. 16-17---Our Tradition of Body and Prayer*

### FOLLOW-UPS:

- Linda will form a list of significant dates in Mary Mother's history as well as Feasts of Mary to be considered when choosing a possible Feast Day for Mary Mother.
- A description of Santa Claus receiving Communion at an out of town Christmas Mass attended by Helen Collins will be placed in the Christmas Evaluation binder to be considered by the planning team next year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Petitions:** Linda Licata is currently writing petitions.

**Hospitality Ministers:** Jim has been encouraging Hospitality Ministers to be OUT in the vestibule greeting at the 9:30 Mass. Jim will do the same for 11:15.

**Children's Liturgy: No report**

**Lectors: No Report**

**Eucharistic Ministers: No report**

**Exposition:** Blurbs in the bulletin continue to invite people to Exposition.

**Servers:** Fr. Mark will have one more training before school is out.

**Environment: No report**

**Director of Liturgy:**

- Ken gave an update on involving the Confirmation kids in a Liturgy that will hopefully spark them to join the choir. He will visit the retreat and teach them songs for Mass the following day. The kids will be invited to sit in the pews behind the choir.
- Ken will also encourage anyone who plays an instrument to consider joining the choir.
- Helen reported that Ed Lewandowski said the Confirmation kids could be asked in their interview about different areas they would like to minister at church. A small committee of parents to coordinate these areas of service with each interested student is being discussed.

**Parish Council:** Helen Collins reporting

- Jim Yamnitz is in the process of proposing a Technology Planning Committee which will be responsible for updating Mary Mother's ways of communicating especially with the office.
- Helen reported that 159 people were nominated for Parish Council. Everyone will be called this weekend.
- Fr. Ed passed out cards to the council asking them to write down three qualities they would like to see in the new pastor.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION:**

- Fr. Mark questioned why our church has no blessing of the crib at Christmas. Liturgy Commission agreed this would be very nice.
- Fr. Mark also asked that we consider using the readings which correspond to the different Christmas Masses as opposed to using the same readings for all the Masses. He stressed how meaningful they are.
- **Next workshops are on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. for Hospitality Ministers and Lectors and 7:30 for Eucharistic Ministers. Cantor workshop is May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next Meeting: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7:30p.m.**

**Prayer Volunteer: Roni Vetter**

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Hartmann*