

Liturgy Commission Meeting Minutes October 30th, 2008

Attendance: Barb Montoia, Helen Collins, Bill Graham, Ken Barnes, Randy Howe, Linda Licata, Mary Jo Hartmann, Betty Courisky, Mary Ann Herbst, Jim Manz

Opening Prayer: Linda Licata

Minutes: September 2008 minutes approved

Catechesis: Postponed due large Agenda. Next Month: *Liturgy with Style and Grace* pages 92-93.

Planning Team Reports:

Advent: Mary Ann Herbst reporting: *See Handout*

The theme for Advent will be “**Active Waiting**”.

Mary Ann said the team would like Mary to be highlighted on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception by placing a statue somewhere in church, up front or perhaps the center aisle.

Ken explained that statues are not used at Mary Mother in keeping with the Redemptorist Tradition and also that we have a definite space problem.

After much discussion, it was decided that:

- The picture of Mary of Perpetual Help will be enhanced with candles.
- For the future, a Marian Banner will be made for the Sanctuary.
- We could honor Mary in the alcoves in the Vestibule.
- The *Blue Books* will go out the weekend of November 15th. Bookmarks will be in the books highlighting the theme of Active Waiting.
- There will be a flier inserted into the Bulletin highlighting the theme of Active Waiting the weekend of December 7th.
- The theme of Active Waiting will be incorporated into the introductory statement before petitions, the dismissal prayer, the response to petitions, and there will be a special petition written.
- The Evaluation Report for Advent will be presented at the February Liturgy Commission Meeting.

November Liturgies: Randy Howe reporting. *See Handout*

- All are welcome to stop by the Parish Hall for the annual Bread Baking for the Thanksgiving Liturgy on November 24th.

Follow-Up on Ministry Workshops:

- Hospitality Ministers----all went well
- Lectors-----all went well
- Eucharistic Ministers: Many who attended had ideas on how to improve the current complicated process of where Eucharistic Ministers stand.
- Ken presented a simplified plan that was approved by all-----there will be no more numbers. The three ministers giving out the host will stand to the far left and then the rest of the cup bearers can stand in any order.
- It is crucial that Eucharistic Ministers pay attention when signing in with the Mass Monitor where they are to stand when administering the Precious Blood and Host.

Upcoming Events:

- The Holiday Dinner Meeting will be on January 8th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Randy and Mary Ann Howe. Mary Jo will bring a sign-up sheet to the December meeting.
- Christmas Mass times will be the regular times-----9:30 and 11:15 with no 8:00. This must be run by the Clergy for approval.
- Donut Sunday the first Sunday in November will be handled by the Liturgy Commission. A blackboard along with a table of fliers will highlight the Commission. There will be 15 dozen donuts, 3 dozen donut holes, 3 gal milk, 3 gal juice, and coffee. Diana Piantanida has ordered the donuts. Randy will pick up the donuts. Commission members volunteered for the different Mass times. A basket will be put out for donations.

Committee Reports:

Petitions: No report

Hospitality Ministers: No report

Children's Liturgy: No report

Lectors: No report

Eucharistic Ministers: No report

Exposition: Betty Courisky reported that letters have been sent out verifying participant's times. Also, there has been a good turnout at the 7:00 Rosary services for the election----27 people and 23 people attended.

Servers: There are 18 new servers.

Environment: Barb asked that people be patient and specific with her and Chris when working with the environment. Barb and Chris are busy working on new Fall Banners for the Sanctuary.

Director of Liturgy: No report

Parish Council: Helen reported that there is a need for a South Area of Young Adults for College age and older. Lisa Raglin will meet in January concerning the formation of such group.

Other: Randy brought up a wonderful thing he experienced when visiting an out of town parish. The priest invited all those who cannot participate in Communion to come forward anyway for a blessing. Everyone agreed that it would be wonderful to do that at Mary Mother. Randy will get the impressive wording from the priest of the parish and pass it on to our Clergy. Randy also praised the Theatre of the Word and wondered if we could have them at Mary Mother in the future.

Next Meeting: December 4th, 2008

Prayer Volunteer for December: Randy Howe

Catechesis: *Liturgy with Style and Grace*, Pages 92-93

Closing Prayer: Linda Licata

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Hartmann