

Liturgy Committee Meeting
June 8, 2023

Attending: Father Ongen, Sandy Nance, Chris Francis, Julie Francis, Tammy Simons, Andrew Graf

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 6:30.

Old Business

Adoration - going well so far. The candles on the back altar are not being lit because they will burn too much for the 24 hours and it would be too costly. New dripless candles are being used on the candelabras and only lit during the Benediction.

It was noted that the followers are very thick on the main altar candles and when the candles are short, more of the follower shows than the candle. The solution proposed was to take the followers off when the candle gets low. The perpetual candle is getting very low and Andrew is scheduled to change it this weekend. It should last 14 days, but may not. Julie indicated that she will check it on Saturday and that between she and Andrew, it will not go out but be used up as much as possible.

Distribution of Precious Blood - On Sundays, we might need more EMs to distribute the precious blood. Do we have enough people to cover this? We will stick with two for now and plan for four for the fall. They should line up behind Father when they come out of the sacristy.

Our Team

Altar Servers - Duane will be doing the training and Elizabeth will be scheduling altar servers. He may not always be able to make it to liturgy meetings so Julie will be the go-between. Father requested a roster of the altar servers and the schedule. Two young men have inquired about becoming servers. The purificator should be folded like the corporal. If those washing the linens do not prepare them appropriately, the sacristan should correct it. Tillie has been informed and will pass on this information.

Flowers - a parishioner has donated flowers for Father's Day.

Lectors - Chris will take over this ministry and is now officially a member of Liturgy Committee.

Music - there are some problems with EMs bringing up communion to the loft on Saturdays. Choir members have started going down to receive at the beginning of communion. Father is fine with that. On Sundays, the EM will bring it up as usual.

Rosary - no report

EMs/Sacristans - There are a few more people interested. There is a big surplus of wine and wafers right now. The plan is to order less at a time in the future. Andrew will check the levels of wine being put in the cup, especially on Saturdays. He will also try to reduce the number of people in the sacristy before mass.

New Business

Paschal Candle and Altar table - The table used for baptisms is kept in the vestibule. It has been on the altar for a while because there have been several baptisms in the past few weeks. The Paschal candle should be beside the baptismal font all throughout the year, even though it's only lit at certain times. We need to order a new one, but we will check the old ones first.

Survey results -

After discussion, it was decided to begin offering an extra Sunday mass on September 24th, the Sunday after the parish picnic.

Survey results for daily mass times were discussed also. We will revisit this. Andrew suggested adding a 6:30 mass a couple of days each week. Father was open to this. That will change the week of September 25th. Julie will talk about the options with the daily mass crowd.

Calendar 2023-24

Ministry/Committee Fair - September 9/10, all team chairs should be ready to promote their ministry.

Fall Liturgy Training - September 16th, 10:00 am.

Parish Picnic - September 17th

October, Month of the Rosary - we need ideas in order to get on the calendar as soon as we can

November - St. Mary of the Presentation, November 11/21. Parish Life is having a celebration the Sunday before. A special daily mass will be celebrated.

Christmas decorating - Father would like the wreaths added the first week of Advent. Decorations, including trees, can be done on December 16th. We will plan to have a tree on Father's side of the altar that will be decorated with ornaments brought in by parishioners. We should specify that the ornaments should be "meaningful".

2024 Lenten Mission or Penance Service - Father wants to alternate the mission and penance service every other year. Therefore in 2024, we will have a penance service.

Father Ongen - For Corpus Christi, Father is interested in having a Eucharistic Procession. If we keep it on church property, we do not have to have permission from the bishop, so our procession would be similar to the Holy Thursday procession. It will be after each mass. After the procession, Benediction will take place in the social hall. A table in the back needs to be prepared. There might be a pall available in the church. Andrew needs to confirm. Julie will bring flowers.

Open Forum - Andrew asked permission to mark placement of items on the credence table with tape. Andrew asked about music for the additional 8 am mass. Father was open to any music decisions made by the music minister whether it be the Latin mass settings or recorded music. Father stated we could begin introducing the mass parts in Latin anytime and we should do so for those attending 10 am also.

The linens should be changed to white for Corpus Christi.

Next meeting: August 10th.

Father closed the meeting with prayer at 7:50.