

Liturgy Committee Minutes  
March 16, 2023

Attending: Julie Francis, JoAnn Farabaugh, Andrew Graf, Najla Sluder, Sandy Nance, Tammy Simons, Father Ongen, Chris Francis

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 with a prayer led by Julie.

**Old Business**

- Lenten Retreat was a tremendous success. Several people attended online and 60 to 70 people attended in person each night.
- Discussion of chant Music on agenda was tabled to a later meeting due to abundance of decisions to be made in regard to Triduum / Easter.
- Adoration / Benediction cannot be the first Fri/Sat so we will have overnight adoration for Holy Thursday. There will be no Benediction on Good Friday. A sign up sheet will still be set out / sent out for the hours 9:00 pm to 9:00 am.
- Our Team - skipped

**New Business**

**Ordination mass** is this Monday. Eight priests will be here concelebrating. There will be incensation also so the procession may be quite lengthy. Julie went over the music that is planned. The priests will sit in the first row of pews on both sides. Sandy has arranged to receive the flowers on Monday. Lectors will be Father's family members. Andrew will bring communion up to the choir.

**Solemnity of the Annunciation** is 3/20. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Sunday Rosary** should not be affected on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It will go on as usual.

**Fifth Week of Lent, March 26th** - we can have all the crosses, images, and statues covered in purple. Andrew and Chris will head this up.

**Palm Sunday 4/2 (red)**- Set up will be 10 am the day before (Saturday). Sandy has ordered the palms and palm fans already. Julie asked if the Knights can prepare the backyard and small porch. They will also assist with moving people into the backyard before mass and distributing palms. No banners will be put up. (They are too janky.) Andrew will (Friday) clean out the glass jars for the collection of the holy oils at the Chrism Mass. Five servers are needed.

\*\*Rehearsal for Holy Week after mass on Palm Sunday. We will convene at 12:00 noon after having a chance to grab a bite to eat in the social hall.\*\*

**Holy Thursday 4/6 (white)** - No morning prayers will be done this year so set up will occur that morning at 10:00 am. Chairs will be readied along with pitcher, bowl and

towels. Jordan Graf will present the Oil of Chrism, Ann Sweet the Oil of Catechumens, and someone from Pastoral Council will present the Oil of the Sick. We may try to get the presenters to chant the presentation.

The hall needs to be prepared. A white sheet will be used to cover the table, the chairs need to be set up. We can hang a curtain or sheet behind the table in order to hide the kitchen window / door. The altar must be stripped.

The Knights will assist with making sure the door doesn't slam during adoration and will help escort people to cars.

Five servers are needed. The incense bearer will need to walk backwards as usual. The procession goes around the square of the sanctuary and then down the main aisle and then down the sidewalk to the social hall.

**Good Friday 4/7** - Two servers are needed. Father will allow everyone to kiss the cross or to venerate as they see fit. Andrew will control the clapper. An Extraordinary Minister can bring the Blessed Sacrament from the confessional (where it has been moved to a special tabernacle on Friday morning). It is too late to change the time of mass, but next year we will consider having mass at 3:00 pm.

**Easter Vigil 4/8** - Andrew will be in charge of the fire. A new candle will not be ordered. New numbers will be ordered.

Set up will be at 10:00 am. All help needed!! All statues and images will be uncovered. Tapers need to be placed at the back of church. Julie will check the tapers to see if we need to purchase more.

There is one candidate for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. His child will also be baptized.

All nine readings will be done.

At the first elevation of the Paschal candle, the altar servers light their candles; at the second, the candles of people are lit; and at the third, the lights are turned on and then the Exsultet sung. The altar candles are lit during the Gloria.

We need names of the candidate to include in the Litany of Saints, which will be sung. Five altar servers are needed.

**Easter Sunday 4/9** -Two masses - 8:00 am and 10:00 am

**Adoration** - what will we do in the future when people don't show up for their assigned time? We will revisit this. We could like to have two people on each shift in the future.

Send out reminders? Include phone numbers on sign up list? Call Father? Create a list of volunteers who live nearby and can be emergency contacts?

Next meeting is scheduled for the Thursday after Easter, April 13th at 6:30.