

Liturgy Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2022

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

Julie opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:40.

**Old Business**

**Nocturnal Adoration** - Signing up online and on paper is working all right. Julie and Tammy will make sure that both lists are kept as up-to-date as possible. Andrew tried to get some spots filled last month by asking Knights, but apparently many people just happened to be out of town on that weekend. We will see how it goes for September and revisit this issue if necessary. Right now, we are hopeful we can fill all spots. Andrew will look into advertising to area churches since he has heard some inquiries made. Father Ongen wants to make sure people know that they can attend adoration at any time, even if a time is assigned to someone already.

As far as safety is concerned, Chris suggested having a button installed to ring during Adoration that can be turned off at all other times. Andrew suggested locking the main door and having people come to the side door and knock when it's time for others to enter. A special announcement will be made that we will begin locking the doors during night hours and it will also be announced that anyone can come to adoration during those hours - not just those who signed up. The door will be locked from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am.

Father Ongen needs several people to be present from 9:30 to 10:00 for Benediction. Benediction will be at 9:30 and Adoration will end at 10:00 instead of 11:00.

**New Business**

**Feast of the Assumption** - There will be one mass on Monday 8/15 at 10:00 am.

**Rosary** - Julie suggested that a core group of people lead the rosary on a rotational basis. There was discussion on the best way to proceed to encourage more participation, to deal with the difficulty in finding people to lead, and to handle the trend of many people coming to mass at the last minute to avoid interrupting the rosary. It was decided to start earlier at 9:20 and not lead from the ambo. A flyer could be made to announce the changes. We will not ask the committees and ministries to lead as in the past. We will start the new time, 9:20, on August 21st. Julie will contact several people to set up a rotation of leaders.

**October - Month of the Rosary** The raffle of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima last year was very successful. Julie recommended raffling a portrait this year of Our Lady to promote awareness of the rosary. Everyone was in agreement. We could do the raffle drawing at the Parish Picnic again if the picnic is again planned for October.

**Communication** within the Liturgy Team / ParishSoft - Hopefully this will be operational soon. We will revisit this issue next month or in October when it will more likely be resolved. Father Ongen provided his personal phone number to the committee members.

**Liturgy Team**

Julie announced that she will be stepping down as the chair of Liturgy by January 1st. We need to recruit new members and prepare someone to take the lead by that time.

**Altar Servers** - Anyone that is willing can be an altar server - any age. Father wants two working together, perhaps one youth and one older person would be ideal. Julie will make a push this fall to increase participation. Andrew said he would dress in cassocks and start serving (with Chris) to encourage others. Chris will head up Altar Servers if we get volunteers. A question was raised about missals. Father wants the altar server to hold the missal (just one will be used - the one with big letters.)

**Flowers** - Sandy suggested having an artificial arrangement for times when no flowers have been donated. Father says that artificial flowers are allowed but not encouraged. Right now we have many flower donations lined up. Julie and Chris know someone who could possibly help out with supplying quick arrangements in a time of need. Everyone agreed that this would be a good solution.

**Lectors** - Andrew is having trouble getting new lectors. Regarding the entrance procession, it was clarified that they are to wait until Father kisses the altar before going on the altar.

**Offertory** - Ushers can now begin collecting money again during the preparation of gifts and we can have a procession for the offertory of gifts. The collection will be brought up with the wine and the hosts and the collection placed in front of the ambo so that it is away from the altar table. Will collection of cans be allowed at Thanksgiving? We will revisit this.

**Music** - The choir would like a signal from below for when to begin music for the entrance procession.

There was discussion about balancing the announcement of song numbers with disrupting the flow of mass. It was decided that the numbers be announced in the briefest way possible for all songs except communion, which will not be announced.

Father, when asked, confirmed that we will continue singing the Alleluia after the gospel.

There was discussion on the best possible time for the choir to receive communion. It was agreed that the sacristan will come to the loft to serve the choir after the last person is served downstairs. The music will stop as the last parishioner below is served and there will be a period of silence during this time as the altar is being cleared and the choir served.

### **Open Forum**

Names were suggested for new members of the Liturgy Committee.

Julie informed Father Ongen about our Lessons and Carols programs the past few years. Father approved this and we will have it again this year on the third Sunday of Advent.

Julie closed the meeting and Father led us in prayer at 8:00.

Next meeting: September 8th, 6:30