

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9TH, 2009

Present: Fr. Stef Bankemper, Fr. Bob Rottgers, Mary Brown, Mary Buten, Denise Dirkes, Kim Lampe, Mary Ann Metzner.

I. Opening prayer was led by Kim Lampe.

II. Educational Component- "Christmas celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation and is much more than a historical celebration." (Sourcebook, p. 26) The committee discussed how the Incarnation is the main focus of the entire Christmas season and how all the feast days during the season in some way celebrate the mystery of Christ taking on human flesh.

III Liturgy

A. Evaluation of Past Liturgies

Thanksgiving Mass- This liturgy was well attended and it is always heartwarming to see the generous contributions being brought forward. The environment was attractive. A few members did not care for the ribbons on the three candlesticks.

Advent Lessons and Carols- The new candle trees were a lovely addition to the environment for this event. The evening was enjoyed by all. Next year it was suggested to coordinate with the Foresters on what will be served at the reception. Kim Lampe will try to find a storage location for the candle trees.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Both Masses were very well attended. It was noted that there was confusion on the number of Eucharistic ministers needed. The ministers need to note how many cups are on the altar and proceed accordingly. It was also suggested that we use ushers and take up a collection at this Mass since we have an envelope for this day. People could also be scheduled for the offertory procession. Denise Dirkes will also find out if the choir would be willing to sing on holy days.

B. Future Liturgies

Liturgy of the Hours, December 17th to the 23rd - Father will announce this and an e-mail reminder will be sent out. Mary Brown will schedule lectors for the readings.

Christmas

- Environment needs to be set up either after the Wednesday evening Mass or Thursday morning.
- The petition response will return to "Lord, hear our prayer."
- Kim Lampe will put a reminder in the bulletin that blessings to be used at home for Christmas trees and Nativity scenes can be found in the Advent booklet.
- We discussed the possibility of having a cantor chant the Proclamation of the Date of Easter. This would be proclaimed on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God- Mass will be offered on New Year's Eve at 6:00 p. m. and New Year's Day at 10:00 a. m.

Epiphany- This will be celebrated on Sunday, January 3rd.

Penance Service- Saint Thomas will host the service for our Deanery on December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

IV. Spiritual Life

Lenten Mission/Retreat- Fr. Stef is still waiting to hear back from Fr. Tom Melvin.

Business

A. Approval of Minutes- We forgot to do this!

B. Old Business/New Business

Advent Booklet- Bravo to Caroline Kaelin who did a fantastic job on the booklet! Many positive comments have been made on these. We were able to share these with the people who came to the Praise and Worship Series last weekend because we ordered 650 booklets but 800 were printed.

Advent Environment- The live wreath is beautiful. Next year new hurricane globes will be needed as one is cracked. Also, Jan Hamilton is looking into the possibility of having the wreath tilted next year.

Jesse Tree and bus trip- Kim Lampe will check with Molly Fassler to make sure the gifts which are dropped off early do not remain in the back of church. The bus trip to deliver the gifts could not be worked out due to schedule conflicts. Next year this needs to be coordinated earlier.

Master of Ceremonies training- This is going well and Father Bob continues to train these servers on selected Sunday mornings at 8:00.

Picture Board- This is still being worked on. It will be used for RCIA candidates and families of the newly baptized. Also included on the board will be pictures of parishioners serving abroad in the military.

Parish Night- The next one in the Sharing Christ's Priesthood series is scheduled for December 16th. These have been well attended. Books are still available at the parish office.

Workshop for Liturgical ministers- Because weekends are all booked, we will look into the possibility of having this on a Wednesday night that is not scheduled as a Parish Night.

Year for Priests- The icon for display in the old Baptistry should arrive soon.

Ceremony for February 27th- Bishop Foys will come to St. Catherine's during the 4:30 Mass to perform a ceremony recognizing Louise Roth as a Consecrated Virgin.

Cantering- A suggestion was made to have someone cantor at Masses when the choir is not there. Denise will see if anyone is interested in doing this.

Missalette Covers- About 100 more plastic covers are needed.

Committee Communications- Nothing new to report.

Next meeting- January 13th, 2010.

Next reading assignment- Ordinary Time during Winter, pages 54-62