

St. Catherine of Siena
Worship Committee Minutes
April 9, 2008

Present: Fr. Stef Bankemper, Judy Leick, Mary Brown, Mary Keller, Matt Connolly, Denise Dirkes, Mimi Reynolds, Mary Buten and Carol Adams.

Minutes: Both January 2008 and February 2008 minutes were approved.

Educational Component: Members discussed the information on pages 75-82 of 'Introduction to the Order of Mass.' No additional pages were assigned to read. We also discussed the corporal being placed in the middle of the altar. A suggestion was made to have the servers place the corporal on the altar without opening it.

Gift Ministry: Judy has reviewed the gift bearers list to see if those listed are still interested or whether they would like to change the mass they were assigned. She has contacted all except those doing the 11:30 mass. Some are no longer interested and several wanted their mass times changed. It was discussed that some people are on several ministries and shouldn't do all of them at the same mass.

No Committee Reports: It was decided to not have reports from each committee member in order to have a more efficient meeting. If a need arises that something must be discussed from a committee then that will be placed on the agenda.

Evaluation of Easter Season:

Palm Sunday: When we are processing from the back parking lot the parishioners should be coming in the center door. The side door was locked prior to the service but was unlocked when the procession arrived. Maybe next year we can have someone guide the people to the center front door of the church. We should also post signs on the entrance doors to remind people that we are meeting in the back parking lot for a procession. Those who took part in the reading of the Passion did an excellent job.

Triduum: Practice will be done with the servers at St. Catherine on Wednesday for the services. Covering of the statues in purple was brought up but this is not a required practice by the church and the consensus was not to do it.

Holy Thursday: There was a lack of singing on the way to the library so next year we may stagger the singers or maybe have some trumpets playing along the way. We could also sing a shorter verse that we all know and don't have to rely on printed material. About 500 pieces of bread was used for Communion. This worked out to be a good amount. More instruction should be given to those who are presenting the oils. They should gather in the back of church by the Baptistry. There were about 35 who took part in the washing of the feet. Would like to see families come up and also those who have never taken part in the rite. Discussed various ways in which this could be accomplished. We were reminded that only a priest should be doing the washing of the feet. Some people left from church not taking part in the procession which was distracting.

Good Friday: This service is always so moving. We need to have the people move closer to the cross when they are in line for the adoration. This will speed up the process without losing the reverence. Someone (maybe an usher) can be assigned to guide those as they come forward. Some confusion over Eucharistic Ministers; apologies made to those who were scheduled but had to sit back down. The service was done well.

Holy Saturday: We need to change the type of wood that is burned. The fire this year had a lot of sparks flying around. The procession to the undercroft should be arranged so those in RCIA can come to the front row so that this gives them a special honor. The fact that the Coke machine and the ice machine were turned off was appreciated. This lent to a more meditative atmosphere. The readings and the chanting were very good. It was asked if the bells should be ringing as we enter church. Fr. Stef said that according to the rules the bells should not ring until the Gloria is sung. The bells are hard to hear once inside the church. It would be nice to have the ringing of the bells inside but we don't have any and might be something we should look into purchasing. There will be more music after the baptisms while Fr. Stef and the candidates change clothes. Attendance was up from last year for the Saturday vigil. This was probably due to the fact that the children were not on spring break. [Many people commented that the chant of the Eucharistic Prayer by Fr. Stef was beautiful. Favorable comments received once again on the wonderful cross and Alleluia on the wall.

Easter Sunday: The service for Easter was very good. There was a little mix up on the Gloria but this didn't take away from the overall service. Several good comments were made about the singing of the Our Father. It was nice to hear. Fr. Stef will probably continue this thru the Easter season. Some comments were made that the latin singing didn't appeal to them.

First Communion Apr 20th: Karen Walz, Jan Hamilton and Pat Brennan, who have agreed to take over the environment, will try to set up something for them this week to add to the environment as needed,.

Feast of St. Catherine of Siena April 29th: The Forresters will be passing out holy cards the Sunday before her feast day. There was discussion about celebrating this day by having an expanded benediction of the Holy Eucharist service and have refreshments after mass in McCrystal Hall. Information on the time and date will be placed in the bulletin on April 20th. And 27th.

Pentecost Novena: The novenas will start on May 2nd. And be said at each mass.

May Crowning May 6th:

Confirmation May 8th:

Pentecost May 11th: Remember to wear red to mass. We should have red carnations for the altar.

Senior Mass May 18th: Invite some of the seniors to serve, carry up the gifts and be Eucharistic ministers.

Mothers day and Fathers day: Fr. Stef. will have blessings for both days.

Art/Environment

Spiritual Life: Discussed how well the black books and the white books appealed to many parishioners . And the Wednesday talks during Lent were very good.

New business: Discussion regarding the budget and what expenses are included in the budget. There will be more discussion on this topic when the budget is presented to Worship Committee.

Change in meeting time: Next year Wednesday's will be Parish Night so our meeting day must be changed.] Several times were discussed but no definite time has been decided. There are conflicts with members serving on other committees or meeting room availability.