

**St. Catherine of Siena
Liturgy and Spiritual Life minutes
August 12, 2009**

Present: Fr. Stef Bankemper, Fr. Bob Rottgers, Mary Brown, Mary Buten, Denise Dirkes, Jan Hamilton, Kim Lampe, Mary Ann Metzner, Alison Schwalbach and Carol Adams

Liturgy

Evaluation of Past Liturgies

1. **Pentecost** We received positive feedback regarding the Holy Spirit novenas. There was some discussion on having other novenas throughout the year.
2. **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ-Adoration and Benediction** – Adoration and Benediction were well attended by the parish. A suggestion was made that we could possibly celebrate this feast in different ways which represent different aspects of the feast.
3. **Senior Mass** – We would like to encourage more seniors to attend the celebration of the mass. It was clarified that all seniors are sent a letter no matter what school they attend. It was mentioned that there were two seniors who didn't receive a letter. This mistake could be the result of the registration in the office not being updated.
4. **Confirmation** – The ceremony went well. Two children of the Eastern Rite attended confirmation service this year. This gave Fr. Stef the opportunity to explain that the custom is to give the sacrament of confirmation to them as babies according to the Eastern Rite. Since the two children had already received the sacrament, the bishop gave them a special blessing.

Future Liturgies

1. **2009 calendars** were passed out.
2. **School mass** will be at 8:45 instead of 9:00. This time better fits with school schedule.
3. **Adoration and Benediction** – Benediction will be at 6:45. Cathy Henry is trying to get people signed up for all day adoration. This will start in September if we get enough people signed up for the time slots.
4. **The Assumption** is on August 15th and is not a Holy Day of Obligation.
5. **Catechetical Sunday** is August 30th and it will be celebrated at the 9 a.m. Mass with a reception following. There will be a special blessing for all the Catechist teachers.
6. **Respect Life Mass is October 4th**. Catherine Ampher is taking care of getting the poster and bulletin inserts from the Pro-Life Commission. Several pamphlets are available for each parish. They are \$9.00 for a hundred and 6 pamphlets total. We will check to see if we can order less of each or maybe go in with another parish and get 50 pamphlets each.

7. **Our Lady of the Rosary is Wednesday October 7th**. We will pray a rosary as part of the Parish Night program. Fr. Stef will check with Doug to see if the children will have the opportunity to pray the rosary a couple of times during the school day.
8. **Pro –Life Mass** will be Tuesday October 13th. There will be a mass at the cathedral and a suggestion was made that we could have a bus to take parishioners to the mass.
9. **Advent Booklet** - Kim will check with the appropriate people to see if about the layout design and printing of this booklet.
10. **Penance Service Monday December 14th** – This will be the deanery penance service at St. Thomas. We decided to forgo our own parish penance service and participate in the deanery service.
11. **Year for Priests** – We will say the prayer at the end of the petitions. Having the names of two priests in the petitions is a nice gesture. Any other suggestions to honor our priests would be welcomed.
12. **Dress code for Liturgical ministers** – Dress code for the liturgical ministers was discussed. There have been regular comments on the attire of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well as the footwear of the servers. Fr. Bob volunteered to work on the code and email it to Kim. She will forward the email to the rest of the committee. And once it is approved all liturgical ministers will receive a letter regarding the dress code.
13. **Workshop for Liturgical Ministers** – We discussed in having a workshop in the fall of 2010. Mary Buten and Mary Brown will work on a template of what would happen that day.

Spiritual Life

Lenten Mission/Retreat

There were three suggestions. Catherine Murray does a 1-person play. She is from Michigan. Her schedule may be already booked for the Lenten season. The second suggestion was for the Precious Blood Parish Missions. Their talks are rooted around the spiritual renewal in all of us. They have either a four-day or a weekend retreat. The third is to have four evenings with a different priest for each evening. A suggestion was made that we could have three other parishes involved so that each priest would speak one time at each of the parishes. After much discussion, Fr. Stef will look into the Precious Blood Parish Missions to check on their available.

Business

- A. Approval of the minutes
- B. We need to have three more lectors.
- C. For the Educational Component We should read the Ordinary Times for Summer/fall in the 2009 book on pages 199-211. We will be getting new source books for 2010. They should be here for the next meeting.
- D. Mary Buten will lead us in prayer at the September meeting.
- E. Next meeting is Wednesday September 9th.