

**St. Catherine of Siena  
Liturgy and Spiritual Life minutes  
May 13, 2009**

**Present:** Fr. Stef Bankemper, Judy Leick, Mary Brown, Kim Lampe, and Carol Adams

**Palm Sunday and Holy Week:**

**Palm Sunday:** The Palm Sunday procession from the parking lot to the church was well attended. This year the singing was accompanied by trumpet music as we processed to church. All of us entered the center doors of church. That was an improvement over last year. It was mentioned that this year the faithful did not get to read the part of the Passion that's denoted 'CROWD'. The reading of the parts by the lectors was very good and flowed well.

**Holy Thursday:** A comment was made that the homily needed to make us more excited to join in the ceremony by emphasizing service and inviting the faithful to participate in the washing of the feet. Not as many people came up this year as last. The ushers need to have the faithful move to the chairs so there isn't so much waiting time.

**Good Friday:** The church was almost filled for this service. The prayers and the carrying of the cross were very moving. Many, many parishioners came to venerate the cross. There were several songs sung while the veneration was taking place along with Deacon Bob adding several readings between songs. It was nice to see families coming up as a group for adoration. We sang as we went to the library for adoration. The parking was arranged so that no cars would interfere with the procession.

**Easter Saturday:** The seven readings by the lectors were very well done. The blessing of the fire worked well this year. There weren't any breezes to fan up the flames. There were two being baptized. They wore gowns and were baptized with the newly blessed water. The music played during the vesting helped to fill the time and kept the spirit of the service.

**Easter Sunday:** The nine a.m. service was spectacular. The music by the choir, trumpets, violins and guitars helped to make the celebration memorable. The Easter Mass is always so joyful. The eleven thirty mass needed more music, singers and instruments to reflect the joyful season. There was no comparison between the nine and eleven thirty mass. Maybe next year we will be able to have more for the last mass on Easter. The flowers were nice but it seemed that we were on a tight budget. Maybe next year we can change out the flowers that are dying with some new one so that the display will last until Pentecost.

**New Business:**

**Holy Water:** We discussed the holy water fonts. Sometimes they appear dirty. They are filled and cleaned weekly.

**Pentecost:** The novena for the Feast of Pentecost will begin on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Deacon Bob will be having his first mass said in our church at the eleven thirty. He will be using the prayers for Pentecost, the greater feast, instead of the mass of Thanksgiving. Deacon Bob will be sending out 75 invitations. Arrangements have been made for his choice for music, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and gift givers. There will be a reception at McCrystal hall following mass. Social Life along with other volunteers will be making arrangements to feed around 300 people.

**Art/Environment:** This part of the Liturgy will still be handled by Jane Hamilton with Karen Walz helping.

**RCIA:** Need to find out if there will be new leadership for this area.

**Discussions:**

May Crowning: In the future this should be handled by the Liturgy committee.

May 20<sup>th</sup>. Father Rushman will be having the 6:30 Wednesday mass.

May 27<sup>th</sup>. The eighth grade promotions will take place after the 6:30 mass.

May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will resume mass at 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

June 14<sup>th</sup>. Feast of Corpus Christi – We will be having fifteen minutes of adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after each of the masses.

Another Pastoral member should attend the Liturgy meeting besides Carol Adams.

**Changes in the liturgy committee:** Judy Leick will be handling all things involved with the liturgy. Kim Lampe will be leading the meetings and be in charge of communications. We need to have more people involved with this committee.

Next meeting Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>