

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
**LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE**  
Minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Present: Fr. Stef Bankemper, Fr. Bob Rottgers, Carol Adams, Mary Brown, Jan Hamilton, Kim Lampe, Judy Leick, Mary Ann Metzner, Allison Schwalback.

**I. Prayer** was led by Jan Hamilton.

**II. Educational component** – “Ordinary Time” can be called the season of Sundays. Interspersed by a certain number of holy days of obligation, it allows us to fully celebrate the special character of our original feast day, Sunday, called the Lord’s Day, the first day, the eighth day, and the day beyond our cycle of time.” (Sourcebook, p. 54)  
We discussed the necessity of remembering to “Keep holy the Sabbath.” We discussed whether some parishioners are not aware of their Sunday obligation, and we acknowledged the importance of not allowing excessive sports, shopping, etc. to encroach on the day that should be set aside for God and family. At the next meeting, we will discuss ways of engaging parishioners to keep Sundays devoted to the holiness for which they are intended.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated January 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. We noted that there used to be an active ministerial association in Ft. Thomas and that there also used to be an ecumenical Good Friday service for the community. Because these things are no longer happening we discussed how we could promote awareness of the Week of Prayer. One suggestion was to have a quarterly evening of prayer. We agreed to put some thought into this and to come to our next meeting with some ideas to consider.

We also considered the need for our committee and the parish to study the new translation of the Roman Missal when it becomes available. It is to be implemented during Advent of 2011.

We discussed the continuing preparation of our RCIA candidate and catechumen. The first Sunday in Lent will be the Right of Election for them. The Sourcebook had an extensive quote from the Second Vatican Council’s document *Ad Gentes* which describes the catechumenate in terms of apprenticeship. We thought that the RCIA picture board which is being developed would be a good reminder of our obligation to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

Lastly, the Sourcebook suggested various ways to thank our liturgical ministers for their service. The committee suggested that we designate the parish Fall Festival in honor of our lector, Eucharistic ministers, and all others who volunteer their time and talents to the parish.

### **III. Liturgy**

#### **A. Evaluation of Past Liturgies**

**Penance Service** - While there were several parishioners from St. Catherine's at the Deanery Penance Service, overall the attendance was very low. Next year we would prefer to have our own penance service. Fr. Stef will request a re-evaluation of the Deanery Penance Service at the next diocesan meeting.

**Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer** – The response to the evening prayer services was very positive. Everyone considered it worth repeating next year.

**Christmas Masses and Season** – All Masses were beautiful: the brass instruments at Midnight Mass are always a favorite. There was no morning Mass scheduled for Christmas Eve but Fr. Bob was there and people came so Mass was held. Next year the morning Mass should remain on the schedule.

It was noted that at the Christmas Eve Mass a scheduled extraordinary minister of the Eucharist had to go sit back down because someone who was not scheduled had gone up without waiting to see if all the ministers were there. Kim Lampe agreed to call the people who do this and remind them to wait until they are sure that more ministers are needed.

Fr. Bob will contact Mike Brown to request that ushers be scheduled for the New Year's Day Mass next year.

#### **B. Future Liturgies**

**Environment** – We discussed using some flowering plants during Ordinary Time to better emphasize the starkness of Lent. All of the plants are in need of better light. We wondered if there might be a parishioner willing to host some plants in a sunny area of their home. Also, Fr. Stef will coordinate with Jan Hamilton about using green fabric somewhere in the sanctuary to designate the season of Ordinary Time.

**Catholic Schools Mass** – This will be celebrated January 31<sup>st</sup> at the 11:30 Mass. Kim Lampe will check with PTO about the reception following the Mass. Judy Leick will check with Betsy Stegner to schedule students to lector, etc. Fr. Stef will invite teachers to attend this Mass.

#### **Ash Wednesday**

**Lent begins February 17<sup>th</sup>** – We will need 3 servers for these Masses. The school Mass will be at 8:00 and teachers will help distribute ashes. The evening Mass will be at 6:30 and Kim Lampe will contact Helen Brune to see if the CHRP leaders would like to help distribute ashes again this year.

**Burning of the Palms** – This will be done on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> following Mass. Our liturgy Committee will meet after this.

**Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving** – Jan Hamilton proposed mounting these words onto the wall behind the Tabernacle. The committee liked this idea. Jan will check with Tim Reynolds to see if he would be able to hang this on February 16<sup>th</sup> after the Rosary prayer service.

## **Lenten Liturgies**

**Stations of the Cross**- The parish will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday. Father Stef will try to vary the methods used to pray the Stations.

**The Rite of Sending** – The first Sunday of Lent is the Rite of Sending for the catechumenate.

**Benediction** – Last year we did a reading and a short homily during Benediction for Lent. It was decided to again do the extended Benediction for this Lent. Judy Leick will contact the Rosary Group which meets after Benediction as their prayer time may have to be adjusted.

**Bookmarker** – Kim Lampe will contact the parish secretary about putting together a bookmarker containing a schedule of Lenten activities.

**Lent/Easter Devotional Booklets** – We will order the same black and white booklets that were used last year. We looked at various samples and found a nice one for children titled, *Oh Lord I'm Listening*. We will order enough for the school and CCD students, plus some extras for the back of church.

## **IV. Spiritual Life**

**Lenten Mission/Retreat** – Fr. Stef has not heard back from any of the priests he has contacted.

## **V. Business**

**A. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved.

**B. Old Business/New Business**

**Candle holder for Advent wreath** – Globe replacements cost \$35.00. Fr. Bob will check to see if colored globes area available.

**Cantoring** – We have had cantors at the 11:30 Masses. Fr. Stef will ask Denise about planning for a children's choir.

**Welcome Card** – We looked at a sample of a welcome card used at other churches. We decided against using this.

**Master of Ceremonies** – Fr. Bob is continuing training in preparation for Holy Week.

**Picture Board for RCIA candidates and Newly Baptized** – This is still a work in progress.

**Bus Trip for Cathedral Concert Series** – Fr. Stef will be the featured soloist for the March 14<sup>th</sup> concert. Kim Lampe will schedule the NCC bus for taking parishioners to the Cathedral for this even.

**Year for Priests** – The icon is here. Kim Lampe will look for an easel with a candleholder.

**Committee Communications** – Nothing new to report.

**Next Meeting** – February 10<sup>th</sup> following the burning of the palms at approximately 7:30pm. Committee will read pages 80-92 in the Sourcebook.