

Minutes from March 10, 2010

Present: Alison Schwalbach, Mary Brown, Carol Adams, Denise Dirkes, Fr. Bob, Fr. Stef, Kim Lampe, Jan Hamilton and Judy Leick

Educational Component: Sourcebook Pages 117-132 on the Triduum

There was much discussion on the Triduum. Comments were made that people don't really know what the Triduum is all about. Fr. Stef said he thinks at St. Catherine, we do a good job with the Triduum but many aren't aware that it is one continuous celebration. The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday and concludes at the Easter Vigil. Comments were made that we need to celebrate this time as one congregation/church family. It is a time for deep prayer. Fr. Stef wants to write an article explaining the Triduum; "calling" all families to participate.

There will be a bulletin insert and an email to explain the Triduum. It will list all the times of the Triduum services.

The servers for the Triduum will get together before the services to practice. Fr. Bob has been working with the Emcees and has assigned one to each of the upcoming services. We would like everything to run as smooth as possible, paying attention to detail, so that everyone can experience a very prayerful Triduum.

LITURGY

Evaluation of past Liturgies

Both masses on Ash Wednesday were well attended and ash distribution went well.

The Rite of Consecration to a life of virginity for Louise Roth was a beautiful ceremony. Fr. Stef commented that the Bishop was very excited about celebrating the Rite. The Mass, as well as the reception was very well attended. Fr. Stef commented the choir sounded great and all the music was very nice.

Lenten Worship Aids – Black Books went fast. This could have been because we had two funerals right after we put them out.

The wall hangings are being tweaked; don't like how they were curling so

Fr. Stef suggested painting them on both sides. Almsgiving was painted on both sides and this seems to have helped. We will wait until next year to paint the other two words.

There was some discussion on whether we should have the flowering cacti and whether we should have all the greenery in the back prayer space. As far as the greenery, comments were made that the Icon did not look right without it. No decision was made concerning the cacti.

The Pilgrimage to the Cathedral for Stations – We had approximately 30 people ride the bus and several people joined us at the Cathedral to pray the Stations led by Fr. Stef. We heard only good comments and all appreciated the efforts and preparation of Fr. Stef.

FUTURE LITURGIES

Deanery Penance Service Monday, March 22, 2010 - St. Catherine will host the Deanery Penance Service this year. There is no set format. Fr. Stef is going to look at past services and decide what to use. A worship aid is needed; Fr. Stef will look into this. We decided to print 40 copies. Mary Brown will schedule a Lector.

Palm Sunday – Mary Brown agreed to set-up for all three masses. Jan Hamilton will change the purple cloths to red and then back to purple after mass. Mary Brown will set-up a rehearsal for those taking part in the reading of the Passion. The 9:00AM Mass will begin in the lower parking lot. Judy will contact Tom Wilson to see if he will set-up the PA system. Procession will take place from lower parking lot with everyone entering church through the center doors. Denise Dirkes suggested after Mass, we leave church in silence, no closing hymn.

Chrism Mass – Kim Lampe will check to make sure we have banner people scheduled as well as Confirmande to except the oils. We have a bus scheduled to drive parishioners to the Chrism Mass. It was decided that the bus should leave promptly at 6:00PM due to the crowd expected at Mass.

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – Mary Brown will bake bread to be used at Mass and for Good Friday. Mary will bring towels, pitchers and bowls for foot washing.

We will invite anyone who wishes to have their foot washed to come forward. Suggestions were made for oil bearers; Kim Lampe will contact and verify willingness to participate. Altar of repose will be set up in McCrystal Hall. Judy will get with Dennis to set-up: (breaking down tables and bringing a table from the library). Judy will check with Doug to see if he can set-up a spotlight on the table. Adoration/exposition will conclude at Midnight. Kim Lampe will put together a schedule for adoration.

Good Friday – It was decided to have confessions follow stations at noon and then again from 5:00 – 6:00PM.

Easter Vigil – There will be one adult baptized and 2 children. Social Life Committee will not be hosting the reception after the Vigil so it was decided the Liturgy Committee would host it. It is possible that Social Life would provide some food.

Easter Sunday – Fr. Stef is going to have a baptism at 9:00AM Mass. We discussed possible solutions for music at the 11:30 Mass. Denise was going to check with the choir.

OLD BUSINESS

CCD will have their closing Mass on 5-2-10. This will be handled much like our Catholic Schools Mass with various students involved in the Mass. Judy spoke briefly to Dave Kohrs and will be in contact with him to further discuss. Debbie Dupont will also help with the planning.

It was decided to use the cry room to place Lenten grocery bags so as not to crowd the prayer space.

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet will be prayed beginning Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday April 18th.

Liturgy Committee has purchased 500 copies of Matthew Kelly's Book "Rediscovering Catholicism" and it was decided they will be given out to parishioners next Christmas.

Began talking about the revisions to the Mass text and when we can expect it to take place.

Fr. Stef spoke of funerals at St. Catherine and how well they are done. He complimented the Bereavement Committee from planning the Mass to handling the receptions. He said he is able to concentrate totally on the Family and the Mass knowing everything else is being handled.

Next meeting will be April 14th.