

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2009

Present: Mary Brown, Jan Hamilton, Kim Lampe, Judy Leick, Mary Ann Metzner, Fr. Bob Rottgers

I. Opening prayer was led by Mary Ann Metzner.

II. Educational Component- The committee discussed the main themes of the upcoming Christmas season, especially ways to engage people who do not attend Mass regularly. We will cover more of the material from the Sourcebook at our December meeting.

III. Liturgy

A. Evaluation of Past Liturgies

All Saints and All Souls Days- All Masses were well attended. It is now time to take down the table holding the book with names of the deceased.

B. Future Liturgies

Thanksgiving-Jan Hamilton and Karen Walz will need to set up the cornucopia prior to the Wednesday evening liturgy. A bulletin announcement will ask for volunteers to take the food donations to St. Bernard's after Mass on Friday morning. St. Bernard's needs food and also cleaning supplies are greatly appreciated.

Advent Booklets- These are ready to be mailed.

Environment- Jan is ready to assemble the live wreath for Advent. Al Boden will hang it on November 28th. Jan will also have Dennis Kramer put hooks in the sandstone by the side doors for wreaths.

Jesse Tree- Molly Fassler is in charge of organizing this and contacting the organizations. Gifts will be due on December 13th. The committee decided that instead of using the bus for a shopping trip we will use it for parishioners who would like to help deliver the donations to the agencies.

Advent Wreath Orders for the Parish- Wreaths would have cost \$20.00 including trimmings. It was decided to not pursue this due to cost and also lack of time to organize placing orders.

Liturgy of the Hours' Evening Prayer- December 17th to December 23rd. Fr. Bob will find worship aids to use for this prayer. It was noted that the Advent Booklet mistakenly has the time listed as 5:00 instead of 5:30. This will be corrected in the bulletin.

Bowing during the Creed at Mass- While the Sourcebook recommended kneeling during the mention of the Incarnation during the Creed, the committee suggested that a bulletin announcement remind everyone to bow during this part of the prayer.

Lessons and Carols- Denise Dirkes is organizing this. Fr. Bob will see if he can locate two candle trees to place in the sanctuary following Mass. This will facilitate changing the environment quickly. A reception will follow in McCrystal Hall.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception- Tuesday, December 8th. Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Penance Service- Saint Thomas will host the service for our Deanery on December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

IV. Spiritual Life

Lenten Mission/Retreat- Fr. Stef has left a message with Fr. Tom Melvin and is waiting to hear back from him.

B. Old Business/New Business

A. Approval of Minutes- minutes were approved.

Dress Code for Liturgical Ministers- A considerable number of parishioners took the time to send letters and e-mails which strongly support the new dress code. All responses have been favorable and many have expressed the sentiment that, "It's about time."

Parish Night- Sharing Christ's Priesthood was well attended. Participation in the discussion was also very lively.

Master of Ceremonies Training- Fr. Bob has met twice with the students and three of them will begin service on the Feast of Christ the King. He is also working with all the servers in groups of six to continue their training.

RCIA Picture Board-We have 2 RCIA candidates so once the board is completed it will be used primarily for newly baptized and new parishioners at this time.

The Saints- The recent Parish Night featuring the fifth graders dressed as saints was very enjoyable. It was well attended and lighting up the windows from the outside (thanks to Cole Little and Clint Kappasser) was truly an inspired feat.

Workshop for Liturgical Ministers- A date is being selected.

Year for Priests- The committee decided to purchase a 19x24 icon of the Life of Christ to be displayed in the old Baptistry. Delivery will take five weeks.

Committee Communications- Parish Council has requested that petitions more frequently pray not only for the success of our stewardship program but also for an increase in the understanding of our role as stewards of all that God has so graciously given to us.

Next Meeting- December 9th, 2009.

Educational Component- Christmas- pages 25-36.