

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

Present: Fr. Stef Bankemper, Fr. Bob Rottgers, Mary Brown, Mary Buten, Denise Dirkes, Kim Lampe, Judy Lieck, Mary Ann Metzner, Alison Schwalbach, Karen Walz, Carol Adams

### **Educational Component**

We discussed ways to inspire and educate the parishioners on the lives of the saints. The ideas which were discussed included featuring various saints throughout the year and presenting them to the parish through informative bookmarks or bulletin inserts or brochures that would be available in the back of church.

Also discussed were ways to involve the entire parish in welcoming the new RCIA candidates and the families of the newly baptized babies. A suggestion was made to put pictures of these the candidates and the families of the newly baptized on the bulletin board located by the Rossford entrance. Karen Walz is going to take care of designing our new pictorial board. Another suggestion was to have a letterbox in the back of church during Lent for parishioners to send notes and cards to the RCIA candidates.

Next months education component - The 2010 Sourcebook pages 1-12 on Advent.

### **I. Liturgy**

#### A. Evaluation of Past Liturgies

1. **Catechetical Sunday** We had many teachers in attendance at the Catechetical mass. It was an impressive showing of how many people it takes to teach the faith.
2. **New time for school Mass** The new time of 8:45 a.m. is working well with the school schedule.

#### B. Future Liturgies

1. **All Saints** Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>. All Saints is a solemnity celebration on which we commemorate all those who have attained the beatific vision in heaven.
2. **All Souls** Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. as an annual remembrance of those buried from St Catherine during the past year. The office will send letters inviting families of the departed to attend. Social Life will sponsor a reception for family and friends immediately following mass.
3. **Time change for Adoration and Benediction** The 6:45 p.m. time appears to have helped attendance. This time change accommodates Fr. Stef's schedule and allows him to attend meetings on Tuesdays.
4. **Respect Life Mass** Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>. Catherine Ampher is able to get brochures about Respect Life topics in quantities less than 100. There are six different ones available. We will place them one at a time in the back of church starting at the beginning of October. There will be an announcement and a notice in the bulletin about the brochures.

5. **Our Lady of the Rosary** Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>. A rosary using the Joyous mysteries will be said at 8 a.m., another around noon using the Glorious mysteries, another around 3 p.m. using the Sorrowful mysteries and the last one at our Parish Night service using the Mysteries of Light. The children attending the children's portion of Parish Night may stay for this rosary.
6. **Pro-Life Mass** Tuesday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral. We will have a bus to take people from St. Catherine's parking lot to the Cathedral and back.
7. **Advent**
  - a. booklet-Caroline Kaelin has agreed to do the Advent booklet. We will keep the same style as in past years. Deadline for information is November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Jesse tree – Alison Schwalbach will contact Molly Fassler to see if she will again coordinate this project.
  - c. lighting of advent wreath – New parishioners will be invited to light the candles each week. There was discussion as to whether to use the current wreath or change and use a wreath made of live greens. Karen Walz will report back next month with different options to consider.
  - d. all day adoration and Benediction –We will try to get enough people signed up for all day Exposition for the Tuesdays in Advent.
8. **Liturgical Environment** Karen Walz will meet with Fr. Stef and go over what will be done for each season of the year.
9. **Children's Music** Denise will have the children's choirs sing at specific celebrations throughout the liturgical year.

IV. Spiritual Life – Lenten Mission/Retreat - Fr. Stef left a message for the contact at the Precious Blood fathers. The contact was out of town. A message was also left for the contact for Catherine Murray. Father will check again.

V. Children's Liturgy This liturgy will start September 27<sup>th</sup>. It will then be held every 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## Business

- A. Approval of Minutes Approved with corrections
- B. Old Business/New Business
  1. **Year for Priests** Comments have been made about how nice it is for us to remember priests each week in the prayers of the faithful. Fr. Stef is going to see if he can get a picture of St. John Vianney for the baptistry. We could put quotes about the priestly life below this.
  2. **Dress code for Liturgical ministers** There was a lengthy discussion on this matter. The final dress code recommendations will be sent via email to the committee for their approval.
  3. **Workshop for Liturgical ministers** The last time this was done was in 2000. The focus would be on the spirituality of the various ministries which include Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters and Ushers. Fathers schedule is already filled for February. We will need to see what is available in March.
  4. **Prayer** Mary Brown will say the opening prayer in October.
- C. Committee Communications There were no communications.
- D. Next Meeting – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

