

Liturgy and Worship Committee Meeting, February 8, 2024 – Minutes

Present: Fr. Jim, Karin, David, Carol, Vickie Albert, Gaylia, Mark, Gaylia

Prayer – Sung Night Prayer

Holy Week/Triduum – Molly (by phone) shared notes from last year

Kevin Norton plans on the same team of adults as last year; it was noted that younger servers felt inhibited by presence of adult names in Sign-Up Genius – they weren't sure they were needed.

Palm Sunday – at the 7 PM Mass there was a shorter procession which included the Blessing of the Palms. Those who attended that Mass appreciated it (it had been omitted the previous year). For the Procession at all sites people need to be assigned as “palm pilots” to split.

Vickie will ask people at St. Mary's

Tessa will ask for St. Joseph's

Carol just grabbed people after the Friday Mass before Palm Sunday.

The palms, after being split, need to have some damp paper towels and covered with plastic to keep them from drying out.

Hospitality is taken care of

An announcement the weekend before Palm Sunday should be made to remind people that there is a procession. Karin will take care of this.

For the procession at the 11 AM Mass, a few people are needed to carry the walkie-talkies to help keep the singing together as people walk. Not necessarily cantors or choir members.

Charlotte and Ben (David's family) were suggested, and also family groups such as the Bergens and Wallises.

Holy Thursday

Molly will help with people going to the Chrism Mass. (Not sure if she meant she would accompany, or that she would find people.)

The cantor last year announced the oils too quickly. He/she needs to watch Fr. Jim for pacing so as to allow him to place the oil in the ambry before the next oil is announced.

Ubi Caritas – use the setting familiar to parishioners (Kathleen will program the Bob Hurd setting, #696 in the hymnal.)

Foot Washing – last year Vicki Schneider, Mark, and Molly each asked four people to participate. Stacy and Ben (David's wife and son) were suggested. Just don't have the same individuals as last year. Vickie will ask people from St. Mary's, Mark from St. Joseph's. Samantha Rewa was suggested as a possibility for St. Charles, but it was pointed out that it's difficult for parents with young children to participate at a 7 PM liturgy. Based on last year's experience, we will need more towels, and we know how many pitchers of water are needed. The chair need to be placed on the sanctuary level.

Bringing up the oils – Perhaps Sam Rewa can do this for the Oil of Catechumens. There are no confirmation candidates in Religious Ed this year. Someone who has received the Anointing of the Sick will be asked to bring up the Oil of the Sick.

Procession to the Altar of Repose – preselect the individuals who will participate in this procession and have them sit by the center aisle. Fr. Jim, Mark, and Kevin (Norton) need to walk the route to be familiar with it. (Down center aisle, left turn just past the pews and along the back of the pews, another left turn up the side aisle, and right turn into the cry room.)

Reminder – consecrate enough low gluten hosts for the Good Friday liturgy. Fr. Jim thinks he can carry the pyx in one hand while carrying the ciborium and wearing the humeral veil. (Tessa mentioned a pyx that can clip onto the ciborium – I was unable to find anything like this in an online search. KL)

Good Friday

Fr. Jim will practice unveiling the cross before Good Friday. Mark or Kevin will serve as MC and will need to hold the cross for Fr. Jim to venerate.

Carl Sargent (spelling?) has expressed interest in helping with altar serving.

The route from the sanctuary to the Altar of Repose is directly from the sanctuary to the cry room by the side aisle.

Is it appropriate for people to kneel as Fr. Goes to bring back the consecrated hosts? Yes. Those altar servers not with Fr. should kneel at this point to model for the congregation.

The youth and younger kids are not sure of the appropriate gestures for veneration, so some instruction needs to be provided. Tessa will make a video of the appropriate postures and send to parents, and put on the Facebook page.

Easter Vigil

Practice will be on Wednesday of Holy Week at 6:30 PM in the church. The MC will run this practice. There are 3 individuals coming into the church (baptism, confirmation, first communion), so the process is the same as last year.

Lighting the Easter Fire - use only wood for fire starter. Cardboard produces too many flying sparks. Tim Reno has, in the past, helped with the fire. The incense coals need to be set to the side of the fire. Fr. Jim needs to be sure his microphone is on so that people in church can hear what's happening.

The MC will carry the paschal candle for SC, 2 other representatives for SJ and SM. Joe Deuling was suggested for one of these representatives.

After the 7th reading with its psalm and prayer, the altar candles need to be lit before Fr. Jim begins the Gloria.

Carol will be the sacristan, but some other sacristans should be trained for this liturgy as well. Jenny Nowak, Delores Anthony, And Sandy Smith were suggested.

Vickie asked about transporting the oils for SM and SJ – who and how. Also how to dispose of last year's oils – burn or pour into sacred ground For disposal – Vickie for SM, Mark and Tessa for SJ, and Karin will talk to Dan about SC.

Reception following Easter Vigil – Tessa will get the meat and cheese trays, and Ralph VanOcker will be contacted about providing wine.

COME FOLLOW ME series

People want more discussion and interaction during the talk.

The possibility of an apologetics series, to be offered monthly, was raised in comments.

The next CFM talk will occur on March 14th at SC. We will reschedule our Liturgy meeting for March 7th at SJ, 6:30 PM. That's Thursday night supper at SJ, but it's earlier than our meeting.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY – Tuesday, March 19th. Mass at 6:30 PM, Adoration, Rosary, and Reconciliation. Perhaps have some cookies (Italian, of course! Tiramisu, canoli, biscotti?) Tessa will ask Hispanic Ministry about novenas and other customs of the Hispanic community.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – groups available for each parish. Kevin Wallis was mentioned.

YM3 won't be able to do Living Stations this year, but will lead the stations for the second week the stations are at SJ.

PROCESSIONAL CROSS FOR SC – we looked at the options gleaned from an internet search and selected a couple of possibilities. Karin will pass these on to the Knights for the final decision.

FR. JIM – Fr. Chris Rouech contacted Fr. Jim to let him know that he had not heard anything further about our Sanctuary Project status. Fr. Jim requested that we hear something by Laetare Sunday.

Next Meeting – March 7th, 6:30 PM, at SJ.