

Prayer & Worship
January 14, 2008

Present: Mike Schafer, Eileen Belongea, Cathy Labinski, Jean Kaczmarek, Mary Kral,
Jeanne Combs, Peggy Kolonko, Dave Rasmussen, Lillian Miller

Excused: Jean Lindemeyer

Absent: Jane Loppnow, Doug Kubacki

Reviewed minutes from December 10 meeting. Approved with changes.

Monthly Review of Prayer & Worship Goals

We will keep in mind the parish goals as we look at our own committee goals each month. We have addressed one of our goals by providing worship aides (Orders of Worship) for the congregation to use throughout the church year.

Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Peggy will be meeting with Larry and Doug Kubacki to go over scheduling and any other concerns. Issues brought up by the committee:

1. ministers serving side aisles need to be utilized better
2. due to postage costs, mailed schedule should reflect at least a 3 month period
3. some people have not been scheduled yet, they should call Doug Kubacki
4. suggestion to put cup minister further up an aisle so the lines don't cross
5. should ministers consume remaining precious blood instead of leaving on the tray
6. need more clean-up training

Sacristans

All sacristans were given a copy of this ministry job description. Jeanne Combs will put an article in the bulletin asking for additional volunteers. Need to have members of this committee work together and share responsibilities. Another training session will be scheduled for general sacristan duties and special training for funeral and wedding sacristans. Eileen will make contact with St. Anthony on the Lake minister to obtain a copy of their sacristan job description. Peggy will get the ministry description used at St John Vianney.

Lectors

Additional training needs to be scheduled for new lectors to train them to read with more expression. A suggestion was made to video tape the lectors so they can see and hear what others see and make necessary changes. Cathy asked if all lectors were reading their lector workbook. This is a very helpful tool in preparing for the liturgy readings.

Servers

There is a problem with the servers hanging up their robes. The rod may be too high for them. Dave said they may make space in the usher's room for the server robes.

Cantors/Choir

Peggy has one cantor that needs additional training on relating to the congregation during the liturgy. She is still working with the vendor to get the microphones working better in the choir area. Peggy is planning on making more use of the organ during liturgies.

Ushers

Dave said he needs additional ushers for the 5pm mass. He plans on making a plea for additional volunteers during the announcements following the 5pm liturgy.

Greeters

Cathy still working on scheduling two families for each liturgy to cover both the east and west entrances.

Art & Environment

Peggy thought the committee did a great job decorating the church for Christmas

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Holy Week

Fr Paul will be doing most of the holy week liturgies so he will be meeting with Peggy and Larry. Peggy has met with Jean Lindemeyer about art & environment for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

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Lent

Soup & Substance will again be held on Monday evenings during Lent. In the past, staff members were the speakers at these gatherings.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings. The school children do the stations once a week. Religious Ed students also do the stations at least once during Lent. The eighth grade school children act out the stations. It was suggested that announcement of these activities should be put into the bulletin so more parish members attend.

Catholic Schools Week - January 27 thru February 2

Will have school children speaking at all liturgies that weekend thanking the parish for their support. Information about the school and a St. Paul medal will be handed out by the school children after each weekend liturgy.

St Paul Celebration

The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul will be celebrated at all liturgies the weekend of January 26 & 27.

OTHER BUSINESS

Second Readings at 10am Sunday Liturgy

Revisit with Larry & Fr Ralph the issue of dropping the second reading at the 10am Sunday mass when baptisms are held. We understand there are time constraints due to the religious ed program, but a suggestion was made to delay the start of classes by 15 minutes to provide more time for all the readings.

Fr Ralph

Fr Ralph joined our meeting at this point. He said he likes our new church environment. He needs to get used to standing so far back from the congregation due to the pulpit placement; but he said he does have a full view of the entire church from that location.

We asked him what we could do as a committee to help him. He said he has only been at St. Paul a short time, but a couple things came to mind.

The first thing that he noticed is the time element of the liturgies. He would like to meet sometime and go over the entire mass and look at better ways to utilize our liturgy time. First of all, get a commitment from all the presiders to start mass on time. Make an announcement at all masses that going forward masses will begin at their scheduled start time. Next, it is taking too long waiting for the offertory baskets to be passed among the parishioners. Fr Ralph suggests the presider go down and accept the bread & wine gifts, offer the bread and wine and then go down again to accept the monetary offering. Mary and Eileen both said Fr. Ralph's practice of holding up the money offering before the cross is very powerful and demonstrates to the congregation that their offering is being given to God.

A practice that was in place when Fr. Ralph took over as pastor at St. Bruno is for all the liturgy ministers to gather about 5 minutes before the liturgy to pray together. They have a prayer sheet with each ministry having a part in the prayer. This practice accomplishes two things. It prepares the ministers for the liturgy and provides an opportunity to determine if all ministers are present.

Christmas Review

1. Not enough time between 3:30 and 5:30pm liturgies to empty the parking lot so there is parking available for the second mass.
2. Next year need four additional Eucharistic Ministers at 3:30pm for the overflow in the gathering space.

Holy Week Liturgies

Holy Thursday – 7:00pm

Good Friday – 1:30pm

Easter Vigil – 8:30pm

Easter Sunday – 8:00am & 10:00am

10:00am – Additional seating will be set up in the gathering space

Schedule four additional eucharistic ministers for the gathering space