

St. Mary Worship Commission

Meeting Notes

Monday, November 7, 2016; Panera's

Members Present: Sue Mathe, Chris Burkett, John Raymond, Bill Minney, Lorie Bronson, Fr. David

Review of August 29 Minutes:

1. Continued discussion regarding the issue of handicap parking spaces. It was decided after members shared information gathered from conversations with Mike Newcomer that four (4) additional places would be designated for those who are "handicapped". Signs will be posted and "blue lines" will mark these new parking spaces. It was suggested that we use the wording used at St. John's.

The signs read: first line: Saturday/Sunday and a wheelchair symbol; second line Saturday 4:30-6:30; third line – Sunday 7am – 1pm

2. Continued discussion regarding the bathroom in rear of church. John Raymond will ask Mike Newcomer about the feasibility of a new sink enclosure, vanity and new trash container. Goal is to have work completed before Christmas! If Mike cannot complete the work, we will look for another handyman or carpenter to complete this needed work.
3. In opening remarks/introduction we will include the following: "Out of respect for today's worship please silence your communication devices."

Enrichment:

Fr. David shared the proposals for Synod 2016. They are organized by these groups: individuals, family, parish, AOD. Fr. David shared that the Archbishop is encouraging people to be honest. Fr. David and Dione Oerther are attending the Synod, November 18-20. The Archbishop is expected to respond to the input from the Synod around Pentecost 2017.

Reports:

1. EME's – After Chris Burkett expressed her concerns regarding misunderstanding of some EME's regarding logistics, it was decided that another training would be beneficial for all. Date to be decided.
2. Lectors – Training for lectors is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016; 7pm – 8:30pm in church. The formation offered by Fr. David will include information regarding the microphone and sound system. New lector workbooks will be handed out!
3. Servers – 10 new altar servers have been trained. Sign-ups for Christmas Masses has begun!
4. Hospitality/greeters – Ideas that surfaced from the Hospitality Training this past weekend were shared. John Raymond, Jennifer St. Bernard and Lorie Bronson attended.

- A. At our Christmas Eve and Day liturgies the introductory comments will include an invitation to “Greet the people around you.”
- B. Many who come for our Christmas liturgies are not familiar with our Mass settings. It was decided that at the Christmas liturgies we will have liturgical worship aides. They will include a welcome from Fr. David, the parish website, mass schedule. We will again be giving each family at our Christmas Eve and Day liturgies a wrapped book. Mass of Creation will be used.
- C. “Name tag Sunday” was explained as an opportunity for each person who enters to wear a name tag. Experiences of other parishes that have done this has been positive, with a greater sense of community fostered.

5. Music Ministry – No report

6. Church environment/maintenance – Bill Minney reported that set up for Advent will be on Saturday, November 26. This year families will be invited to light the Advent wreath candles. Ushers will get families to assist with this liturgical activity. Only purple candles will be placed in window wells during Advent.

7. Hispanic Ministry – The community is preparing for the upcoming feast of “Our Lady of Guadalupe” (celebrated on Sunday, December 11 at 2pm in church) and the Posadas prior to Christmas. It was expressed that decisions regarding decorations (El Dia de Los Muertos”; which included many skulls) that are particular to the Hispanic community be explained well in advance of their placement in church. Many present wondered whether these decisions should be brought to the Worship commission for input.

Review

1. The “Mass in the Park” committee met on September 9. They recommend that in coming years the Mass be within St. Mary church, St. Mary will “host” next year and be responsible for getting the ministers of worship. The picnic portion will be in the park.
2. “All Souls Day” remembrance was meaningful. Next year it will be important to have scheduled ushers, Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Days and special Masses.
3. Mass counts have been completed in October. There is an average of 200 people/Mass
4. Bill Minney suggested that more high school students become involved in ministries.

Items for discussion/planning

1. PPC visioning process – Lorie reported that a vision statement will be brought to the PPC at next week’s meeting.
2. New Nativity set for church. Bill offered to select a new and taller Nativity set for church with the help of Tony Zanger. A \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Jerome VanBelle could be used for this purchase. Concern for the amount of money for this set was expressed. A decision was tabled. Bill will explore options online and check the archives in the diocese and at a resource in Cleveland that sells items formerly a art of closed churches.

Upcoming Calendar Items

1. Anointing of the Sick at 4:30pm Mass, Saturday, November 12. Members of the Health Ministry Team will assist in greeting those who will be anointed, giving them name tags and directing them to seats near the altar. Prayer Shawls will also be blessed and shared with those who desire them.
2. Thanksgiving liturgy – 9am Thursday at St. Mary
Wednesday, November 23, 2016 – “Mass of Gratitude for God’s Mercy”; 7pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.
3. Advent Communal Reconciliation Services:
 - a. Sat. December 10 at 1pm; St. Michael Church
 - b. Monday, December 19 at 7pm at St. John Church
4. Church Cleaning Date – December 12, 2016; 5:30pm Pizza supper in PLC followed by church cleaning at 6pm.

Items to Keep

1. Praying with liturgical ministers before Mass;
 - a. Printed prayer – composed.
 - b. At what time prior to Mass should the prayer begin?
 - c. Discussion tabled.
2. Choir loft railing upgrades – in process

Meeting Closing Prayer – Fr. David led the Prayer for the Synod

Next meetings:

Monday, November 28, 2016; 6pm dinner and 6:30 start of meeting at Panera’s. Consensus of group to begin meeting promptly at 6:30pm.

January 30, 2017

March 27

May 8