Liturgy Committee Meeting, December 3, 2022

Attending: Fr. Leo, Deacon Roger, Deacon Tim and Therese Hebding, Anna Hurley, Dan Bradley, Connie Gibson, Joanne Donovan, Ann McMullen

Issues discussed and decisions made:

Jesse Tree: Fr Leo reported on activity across the three sites. Participation at the School has been positive. Efforts to engage participation are continuing. Fr. suggested that the Jesse Tree day’s symbol be added to the tree at the beginning of each weekend Mass followed by the lighting of the appropriate candles on the Advent wreath by the Priest or Deacon.

Advent: Connie reported on the Choir and the practice schedule. She is making efforts to attract young people to the Choir and to be cantors. We reviewed the Advent schedule of services and made no changes/revisions. The Holy Hour Thursday Dec 8th will need to be cancelled because of The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass schedule.

Christmas Masses: We reviewed Mass schedule for Christmas and made no changes/revisions. We will sing carols before Mass at St Mikes on Christmas Eve. At the Preparation on Christmas Eve at St Mikes, we will add a hymn. We will need to be brief at St Jans on Christmas Eve because of the tight schedule and will not add a hymn at the Preparation.

Epiphany: We discussed having the Three Wise Men at the two Masses at St Mikes and the Sunday a.m. Mass at St Jans. Ann McMullen will coordinate these with Dan Bradley and Deacon Tim. Discussed use of microphones as needed for the Wisemen and not doing a procession down the aisle but standing at the altar to facilitate mic use.

Altar Servers: General agreement that if we are to return to any use of youth in the Mass, recruitment and training of these young people will be necessary which we believe will require a coordinator. Stewardship Committee may be able to identify someone in the Spring as they begin their work on Stewardship of Talent. For the immediate future, this addition to the Mass will not be possible.

Gift table: Again, until we can be assured of more active participation from parishioners in attendance, we believe we should delay reinstituting this in the Mass. We will return to this issue in the Spring.

Ash Wednesday: Brief initial discussion on services: 8 a.m. Mass St Jans, 9:30 a.m. distribution of ashes St Mikes (although school will not be in session because of winter break), 12 noon Mass St Mikes, 5 p.m. Mass St Pats, 7 p.m. Mass St Mikes. Further discussion of Ash Wednesday/Lent at our next meeting.

**Nest meeting: Saturday January 7th , 2023, 10 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMullen