Liturgy Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 4th, 2023

Attending: Fr. Leo, Deacon Tim, Deacon, Roger, Joanne Donovan, Anna Hurley, Connie Gibson, Ann McMullen

Fr. Leo opened the meeting with prayer and an overview of the agenda. No minutes were available from the February meeting for review and approval.

1. Ash Wednesday Review
   1. Attendance: good at St Januarius 8 a.m. Mass and at St Michaels noon Mass. 7-10 attended at St Patricks. St Michaels evening mass had 25-30 in attendance.
   2. Tentative Ash Wednesday schedule for 2024 briefly discussed. Will be revisited in early 2024.
2. Daily Masses
   1. Fr. reported sparse attendance at daily mass.
   2. Committee agreed that a full discussion of Daily Mass should be on the agenda at a later date by the committee.
3. Lenten Schedule Review
   1. Kyrie will be sung at Masses on the 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday). Deacon Roger will sing this.
   2. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation as well as Reconciliation services will be offered as per the published Lenten Schedule
      1. Thursday March 16th service at St Michaels will be from 10-11:30 a.m. and include the School’s children from 10-11.
4. Holy Week Schedule Review
   1. Holy Thursday: Deacon Tim will preach.
   2. Will use altar servers for Holy Thursday to assist Fr. Will recruit servers who have served in the past and been trained. Will also recruit 4 individuals from each site with total of 12 to have feet washed. Announcement to ask for volunteers and sign-up sheet will be used for recruitment.
   3. Good Friday: Deacon Roger will preach.
   4. Easter Vigil: At St Patricks this year. Fr. will preach. Dan Bradley will organize and manage the music. We will have a rehearsal at 10 a.m. Sat morning of the Vigil at St Patricks. Will recruit one lector from each site, asking for volunteers.
   5. Easter Sunday: Mass at 8 and 9:30 a.m. at St Michaels, 11 a.m. at St Januarius.
5. General items for discussion
   1. We have a large cadre of holy items that have accumulated over the years as our Cluster of 6 churches is now 3. Discussed opportunities to either sell them to a downstate vendor or give them to the Diocese. Deacon Tim will query the Diocese regarding donating them.
   2. Music: Connie asked for advice on moving the Music program forward. Committee members will seek additional information on individual interest and availability to the program.
   3. Return of Greeter program: there is interest in returning messages of greeting at the beginning of Mass as well as door greeters. Further discussion of this issue was deferred to a meeting post Lent, possibly at Easter or later.
   4. Committee discussed the need for a refresher program for Lectors that would emphasize preparation, speed of delivery, and need to review readings at the ambo before Mass begins.

**Next meeting: Saturday, April 1st at 10 a.m.**