

St. Edward Liturgy Committee – Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 6:15 p.m., St. Matthew’s Room

Members present: Fr. Scott Bullock, Becky Hargreaves, Don Jacobson, Carmen Lappe, Anastasia Nicklaus, Pam Nichols, Chris Mitchell, Deacon Ray Larsen, Matt Bries, Gail Bullerman

Excused: Marilyn Thornton, Tom Jennings, Marijo Petullo, Mary Kay Larsen, Emma Stoffer

- I. The meeting opened with prayer.
- II. Liturgy Formation: Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. Introduction (para. 1-4)
 - a. Anastasia set the background for this document, the first addressed within the Vatican II Council. While documents exist to clarify various aspects of this constitution, it continues to provide the foundation for our celebration of Liturgy. We continue to seek to live out this vision.
 - b. The committee provided feedback regarding their personal experience with liturgy, particularly those who experienced the transition from Vatican I to Vatican II. It was noted that it may be helpful for younger members of the group to understand how the liturgy has changed over time to better understand and appreciate the role it has in our Church today.
 - c. Father Bullock called attention to the beginning of paragraph two, that we should always be mindful that it is Jesus who is at work in the liturgy.
 - d. How do we get folks in the pews to feel the depths of the liturgy?
- III. **Approve Minutes & Agenda**
 - a. December minutes were approved. Agenda was approved.
- IV. **Reports**
 - a. Prayer chain subcommittee
 - i. Marijo Petullo, Mary Kay Larsen, Barb Hart, Ellen Voegele, Kathy Manfull and Anastasia Nicklaus made up this subcommittee, which met twice. The committee looked through the various ways we go about intercessory prayer, such as the prayer chain, daily rosary, parish book of prayer, etc., and also considered what prayer ministry could look like within the parish
 - ii. Consensus was that for now, with the addition of having email request options, the best course of action is to communicate what is happening and help it to run as well as possible. Communication will include bulletin spotlight, with same info communicated via the website and other outlets. Information to include:
 - Value of prayer for life of the church (maybe specifically how we evangelize with it?)
 - If you need prayers.... Include info on the prayer ministries of St. Edward: book of intentions, prayer chain, email prayer chain, perpetual adoration chapel, rosary each weekday
 - How we pray: how to be part of any of the prayer ministries, we pray for each other and needs of the world at Mass, Legion of Mary (?); if you hear of a need from someone, pray about it either together or in your personal prayer time. This “spotlight” will be cycled at times of year it seems most fitting (with the goal of quarterly): we will do one soon in light of these subcommittee meetings, then maybe Lent (with prayer as one of the pillars of Lent), May and (month of rosary), late October (preparing for celebration of All Souls Remembrance); We can look at a time in the summer perhaps, too.
 - iii. The liturgy committee discussed including names within the intentions at Mass and/or in the bulletin so the broader community can pray more specifically. This can be considered, but caution must be exercised to ensure third-party requests do not interfere with confidentiality.
 - b. Coordinator report, including notes from Peggy Lovrien
Extra notes:

- i. Lenten soup suppers will kick off on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Jeff and Carmen Lappe are coordinating the groups to provide food and hospitality for each soup supper. Becky, Chris, Deacon Ray, Carmen, and Anastasia volunteered to help with the meal on March 1.
 - ii. Next week is Catholic Schools Week, with the school Mass at 9am Thursday, February 2. Principal Aaron Becker has invited members of all committees to be present so they may be recognized after Mass for their service to the school and dedication to our parish.
 - c. Liturgical ministers retreat subcommittee– establish meeting date.
 - i. The retreat will be held Saturday, April 1. The meeting to coordinate the retreat will be **next Thursday, February 2 at 5:00 in the St. Matthew’s room.**
 - ii. Matt, Mary Kay, Deacon Ray, Pam, Chris, Becky, and Carmen volunteered to be a part of the planning subcommittee.
 - d. St. Cecilia room update
 - i. The group will meet soon to evaluate the needs of the St. Cecilia room. More details forthcoming.
 - e. Lent subcommittee
 - i. Representatives from the metro parishes and the faith formation commission were present to discuss a common theme for the upcoming Lenten season. The focus will be “#GodSatisfies”, with each week having its own focus with the tag of “#GodSatisfies. The hashtag will be used as an evangelizing tool; we will communicate to folks to use the hashtag for positive “God moments” in life for social media.
 1. Week one: Hungering for Truth? #GodSatisfies
 2. Week two: Looking for Direction? #GodSatisfies
 3. Week three: Thirsting for Acceptance? #GodSatisfies
 4. Week four: Searching for Insight? #GodSatisfies
 5. Week 5: Yearning for Life? #GodSatisfies
 6. Holy Week: Longing for a Savior? #GodSatisfies
 - ii. We will have a common opening song at St. Edward, which will be “God Be In My Head”. We will not have a common psalm, so music ministers will use the psalm for the week.
 - iii. Like Advent, evening prayer will be held on Sunday evenings at 4:30 in the Eucharistic chapel.
 - iv. Stations of the Cross will be facilitated the Deacons and Karol Rae Hoth on Friday evenings at 5:30.
 - v. The postcards will include #GodSatisfies and a Eucharistic image on front, with the weekly foci and schedule on back. Discussion was held of possibly including the postcards with the bulletins as opposed to mailing.

V. October count

- a. The ushers are responsible for taking weekend counts of parishioners of all ages for the month of October.
- b. The count spreadsheet included the weekend total and average.
- c. While no action is suggestion now, the count can help the committee and parish determine planning in the future, such as how many Masses best serve the community.

VI. Sacrificial giving cards for those using EFT

- a. Idea for card or token to be placed into the collection baskets for those who tithe via EFT and satisfy the tangible feeling of giving. This also demonstrates that the assembly members are offering their fruits toward the sacrifice, as well. This could be a point of teaching for children at Mass. What would this item be? How might it work?
- b. It was noted that the basket can represent all our gifts we offer to the Lord, not just our monetary contributions.
- c. Further thought and prayer will be given to this idea.

VII. Evaluation

a. Christmas

- i. Positive feedback was given by the committee, particularly the prominent location of the crèche and Holy Family placed below the ambo. (The Word made flesh—The Word proclaimed) However, the longer altar cloth presents visibility problems for members on the St. Joseph side to see the crèche.
- ii. Father's homily about the animals at the nativity scene (ox and donkey) was well-received.
- iii. Deacon Ray mentioned the possibility of creating a second platform, similar to what is used for the Advent wreath stand, for the nativity scene to assist with visibility.

b. Hospitality ministry – review hospitality section from *Liturgies That Nourish Faith*

- i. In light of what this article has to say, what areas are strong within our hospitality ministry?
 1. Our ushers are very attentive to the needs of the assembly.
- ii. What aspects of this ministry need attending?
 1. Discussion of whether there is training for greeters to better encourage this ministry, and questions on the history of the ministry within the parish.
 2. While this ministry can be a welcoming present, it is the responsibility of all to be welcoming and hospitable to all.
 3. The committee questioned if there is a need for greeters and ushers.
 4. Further evaluation/discussion will be held at next meeting, particularly related to hospitality ministry and our mission.

VIII. Possible agenda items for next meeting

a. Corpus Christi discussion

- i. There is the possibility of making the procession a metro effort, possibly downtown from COR to Queen of Peace. More details will be forthcoming.

Upcoming dates:

1.29.17 – Catholic Schools' Week begins (St. Edward students have roles at 9 a.m. Mass that day)

2.12.17—Loving Outward: Discovering your Spiritual Gifts Workshop

3.1.17—Ash Wednesday

Next meeting will be February 15 at 6:15 in the St. Matthew's room. (Time varies from usual date.)