

Liturgy Committee Meeting
Minutes for March 2, 2023

Members Present: Fr. Ben Nkrumah, Interim Chair Connie Vogel, Carol Ambrose, Linda Delagardelle, Sue O'Loughlin, Kitty Kaiser, and Michelle Corkery. Brett Hershberger attended the meeting to discuss the music for Holy Week and Easter. Michelle has agreed to join the Liturgy Committee.

The meeting opened with a *Hail Mary* at 5:38.

- The Liturgy Committee forgot to assign people to lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Father asked the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters to take turns leading. The Stations will be advertised in the bulletin moving forward.
- On March 18, 8:00 am, rose will be added to the ambo, tabernacle and altar for Laetare Sunday. It will be removed after the 8:30 mass on Sunday (returned to purple).
- Netty will assign liturgical roles for Holy Week and Easter. Connie will ask her to have 4-5 readers for the Easter Vigil (including Dick and Jeanette Kester) to cover 4 readings from the Old Testament the Epistle, intentions, etc. Our committee will find people for the washing of feet and carrying up oils (Holy Thursday).
 - Connie will remind Netty to choose older servers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil, and to ask them to meet with Father during the day to go through the extra steps (i.e. processing through church with the Blessed Eucharist on H.T., veneration of the cross on G.F., ringing bells throughout the Gloria during the Vigil, etc.)
 - Six of us will each find two people to have their feet washed. They should represent both St. A's and St. Francis parishioners and be of various ages.
 - Presentation of the Oils: Lori Schutte has been contacted for a confirmation candidate for the chrism oil. Kitty will try to get a family with a child to baptize to bring up the oil for catechumens. Marvin Hershberger has agreed to bring up the oil of the sick.
- On April 1, 8:00 am, the environment will be changed to red for Palm Sunday.
 - The gym will need to be set up (red covered table with palms, noise makers, vase for holy water sprinkler, a small table by the doors with song lyrics, and the poles with red ribbons for procession).
 - Brett Hershberger will get music printed for the procession and place in the Liturgy closet.
 - The church will need stands for poles to drop into (after processing in), red banners, altar cloth, spray of palms in white vase, and baskets in front pews to drop in the noise makers and ribbons at the end of the procession.
 - Store palms in Father's garage until Saturday to keep them cool and fresh. Keep Sunday's palms in plastic bags until Sunday morning.
 - After mass on Palm Sunday, remove red banners and altar cloth and put up purple. Note: No need to put up a lot of purple for just one mass (Tuesday).
- On April 6, 8:00 am, change the environment to white for Holy Thursday.
 - Remove rocks from holy water fonts and clean to make them ready for the Vigil.
 - Have sacred oils in entryway – ready to be carried in by 3 volunteers (see above)
 - Bowls, white towels, and pitchers of water on stands.
 - Mums (or appropriate white or yellow flowers) by tabernacle for procession.
 - Move 'red' banners, cross for Friday's procession/adoration, and statue covers to sacristy to minimize disturbance in parish center after Holy Thursday mass.
 - Set up Parish Center.
 - Temporary alter with tabernacle
 - Stands for flowers and candles used in procession; spray of palms below tabernacle
 - Arrange chairs for people to sit on during adoration

- Songs for Holy Thursday: What So Ever You Do, One Bread, One Body, Down in Adoration Falling
- People having their feet washed will sit in the front pews on either side, and Father and Interim Chair will each take a side and wash/dry feet.
- Immediately after Holy Thursday mass, strip the altar, and cover the statues and crosses with red. Have pillow and red cloth in front pew for Father to prostrate himself on Good Friday.
- Good Friday will begin with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 and Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 7:00.
 - Have wooden cross in entryway for Father. Have a plan for propping it up in the sanctuary for public veneration.
- On April 8, 8:00 am, change environment to white and gold.
 - Pascal candle out. Another group of volunteers (Dick Becker, Tom McGlaughlin, etc.) typically prepare the fire.
 - Have candles and white plastic candle holders cleaned and ready to pass out to congregation. White tubs are useful to hold the prepared candles and pick them up later.
 - Set flowers around altar (Kathy Sabers orders flowers for Holy Thursday, Easter Sunday and most everything throughout the year).
 - Use new candles for best effect on the altar and next to the tabernacle.
 - Have someone assigned to do lights for the Vigil (usually the O'Loughlins). Directions are written down by the lights on when to turn on as mass begins with the church dark.
 - After the blessing of the fire and the Pascal candle, Todd Rohlfesen will sing the Exultant. The congregation will then extinguish their candles for the readings and ushers will pick them up. After the Epistle, the bells will ring for the Gloria and the lights will all come on. Then the Gospel will be read and a short homily. The congregation will renew their baptism promises. The water will be blessed. Connie will go forward during the blessing of the congregation to take holy water to all the fonts by the entrances. We will welcome a new member to the Catholic faith. Then the Eucharistic celebration will begin.
 - Jerry and Mick Staebell will sing the *Alleluia* after Communion for the Vigil.

The next Liturgy Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue O'Loughlin, Interim Secretary