

Liturgy Committee Meeting
Minutes for December 1, 2022

Members Present: Fr. Ben Nkrumah, Connie Vogel, Linda Delagardelle, and Sue O'Loughlin. Carol Ambrose was absent.

The meeting began at 5:48. A correction was made to the November meeting minutes – Linda Delagardelle will remain on the Liturgy Committee through Easter. Connie Vogel (interim Chair) and Sue O'Loughlin (interim Secretary) will both retire by June 1, 2023. In November, Fr. Ben promised to find new members for the committee.

Important Dates:

Dec 7 – Change the environment to white at 3:00

Dec 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception, mass at 5:30 pm; after mass purple/pink, add empty Manger

Dec 16 – Put up the large tree at 3:00, do not light

Dec 18 – Communal Confession – 2:00

Dec 21 – Bring down decorations with Faith Formation HS students at 6:15; decorate parish center tree

Dec 23 – Change the environment to Christmas (white) – 9:00

Jan 8 – Remove Christmas decorations after 8:30 mass; leave up white

Jan 9 – Change the environment to green after Baptism of Our Lord mass

Christmas Eve/Day Mass Schedule:

Dec 24 - 4:00 pm St. A's

Dec 24 - 6:00 pm St. Francis

Dec 24 - 8:30 pm St. A's

Dec 25 - 8:30 am St. A's

Dec 25 - 10:00 am St. Francis

Most of the families have been scheduled to light the Advent wreath. Carol Ambrose picked up a new large tree for the sanctuary. Connie Vogel and Dawn Hansen are donating new trees for the main entry and the parish center. Connie Vogel and Sue O'Loughlin updated other Christmas.

Sue O'Loughlin requested that the parish purchase more copies of Our Daily Bread. The current number does not allow all of the homebound to receive a book and several parishioners also enjoy using this resource of daily mass readings. Fr. Ben will talk to Kayla to increase our order.

A discussion was held regarding cameras in the church and who besides parish staff are allowed access to view the cameras. Fr. Ben had allowed a parishioner to install a private camera inside the church. Several members did not feel comfortable with non-church staff having access to cameras and video-feed at the church. Fr. Ben promised to have the personal camera removed.

A discussion was also held regarding the locked door to the music room. Fr. Ben explained why he asked for the door to be locked. A discussion followed on the difficulty this created for cantors accessing music for practice. A sign had also been installed by an unknown individual stating that music could not be removed. It has been a common practice for musicians and cantors to take music home to practice prior to their assigned masses. The Liturgy Committee expressed their disagreement with the new practice of keeping the music closet door locked.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue O'Loughlin, Interim Secretary