

Liturgy Committee Meeting  
Minutes for March 30, 2023 [In lieu of an April meeting]

Members Present: Fr. Ben Nkrumah, Interim Chair Connie Vogel, Carol Ambrose, Linda Delagardelle, Sue O'Loughlin, Kitty Kaiser, Michelle Corkery, and Deb Heffernen. Kraig Emick and Brett Hershberger attended the meeting to discuss the music for Holy Week and Easter. Deb has agreed to join the Liturgy Committee. The meeting opened with a *Glory Be* at 6:17.

Pastor's Report:

- Father reviewed the parts of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. He finalized the music for the Triduum masses as well as the readings for the Vigil.
  - **Holy Thursday** – The bells will ring continuously for the Gloria. The altar will be stripped after mass.
  - **Good Friday** – KCs will lead the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 prior to the 7:00 mass. Three parts: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, distribution of the Eucharist. When the servers and Father leave for the Eucharist, Michelle and Sue will place the white cloth on the altar and add two candles. They will be removed immediately after communion.
  - **Vigil** – Lighting of the Pascal Candle, Readings, Gospel, Homily, Blessing of Water, Profession of Faith, Sprinkling of Holy water, Eucharist,
    - Some of the KC members will start the fire outside, *weather permitting*
    - Candles will be cleaned and assembled prior to the Vigil
    - Father will instruct the people when to blow candles out, but they will keep them until the second lighting
    - Readings [1, 3, 5, 7, and Epistle] were assigned and all readers were contacted
    - Bells will ring and lights will all come on during the Gloria (before the Epistle & Gospel readings)
    - Immediately after the homily, candles will be re-light candles
    - Father will bless the water in the baptismal font
    - After the water is blessed, a member will fill the water fonts at the entrances
    - Profession of Faith
    - Once this is over, candles must be picked up (by greeters or ushers)
    - The family (Phillips) of the candidate joining the church will bring up gifts.

Old Business:

- Reviewed previous (and new) assignments.
  - Most of the 12 people for foot washing have been found.
  - Presentation of the Oils: Lori Schutte is still working on a confirmation candidate for the chrism oil. Kitty has a family 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.
  - 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. Only take 1/3 of the palms out for Saturday night's mass to ensure they are not dried out for Sunday.**
  - After mass on Palm Sunday, remove red banners and altar cloth and put up purple. Note: Since there was only one funeral mass scheduled, Father okayed us to put up white banners.
- On April 6, 8:00 am, change the environment to white for Holy Thursday.
  - Remove rocks from holy water fonts and clean.

- Have sacred oils in entryway.
- Bowls, white towels and pitchers of water on stands.
- Mums (or appropriate white or yellow flowers) by tabernacle for procession.
- Move red banners, cross, etc. 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
- 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.
- After Mass on Thursday:
  - Strip the altar and cover the statues and crosses with red.
  - Place pillow, cloth, and cross stand w/red fabric in front pew.
  - Have wooden cross in entryway for Father.
- Good Friday will begin with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 and Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 7:00.
- On April 8, 8:00 am, change environment to white and gold.
  - Pascal candle out. Make sure holes are pre-drilled (heated nail) prior to Vigil mass.
  - 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, but keep them.
  - At the Gloria, lights come on and bells ring throughout the singing.
  - After the Epistle, the Gospel will be read and a short homily.
  - Linda, Deb, Kitty and Carol or Michelle will go forward and light their candles off the Pascal candle and then go down the aisles to re-light candles in the pews.
  - Father will bless the water and Connie will fill up the fonts at the entrances.
  - The congregation will renew their baptism promises. We will welcome a new member to the Catholic faith.
  - Father will tell everyone to extinguish their candles and ushers or greeters can pick them up.
  - Then the Eucharistic celebration will begin.
  - Jerry and Mick Staebell will sing the *Alleluia* after Communion for the Vigil.

New Business:

- The candles sticks on the alter (rose gold) were ones that were found by Fr. Ben in storage.
- Connie, Michelle and Cindy Monat are finishing the red coverings for the statues, etc.
- Discussed hockey in the south parking lot. Some of the players have now been contacted.
- *Thank You* for all the work that has been done and will be done during the next weeks!

The next Liturgy Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m. Voting will take place.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue O'Loughlin, Interim Secretary