

Meeting Minutes

St. Augustin Liturgy Committee

Meeting called to order on the following date: **October 10, 2013**

at the following time: **7:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **St. Augustin Parish Library**

Attendees:

Fr. Chris Hartshorn, Deacon Kevin Heim, Deacon Fred Pins, Jerry Minor, Ann Cernicky, Kent Fieldsend, Dane Shelton, Steve Doud, Ed Mattern

Discussion Topics and Action Items

1. Study of Church Documents on Liturgy

The Committee began its discussion of the Church's document on music in the liturgy, *Sing To The Lord*. The Committee discussed Chapters I and II..

2. Music Issues

- a. Kent Fieldsend indicated that they still need more choir members for the Sunday choir. It was suggested that, prior to Masses on a designated Sunday, as Kent recently did, he again announce the need for, and invite new members to join, the choir. Efforts to attract more members will continue.
- b. Ed Mattern commented that he had received feedback that more traditional music be incorporated into the 8am and 10am Sunday Masses. Ann Cernicky also suggested looking for additional opportunities to utilize the organ for those Masses.
- c. Ann Cernicky indicated that the piano at the school, used for school Masses, is badly in need of being tuned. Ed to send email to Mrs. Schieffer, to see if the school could schedule a tuning.
- d. The school will need the piano accompaniment and cantor's copy of the new sung Mass parts that the parish recently began using. Kent will forward the music to Mrs. Schieffer and Mrs. Drey, and let them know which Memorial Acclamation the parish is using.
- e. Children's Choir for Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass – Nick Bigelow and Ann Cernicky will again be organizing and leading the children's choir for the 4:30 Mass on December 24. Renee Schwarz has also agreed to help direct the children's choir this year.

3. Upcoming Special Liturgies

- a. A reminder was provided as to the dates and times for the All Saints Day and All Souls Day Masses, as established at the Committee's September meeting.
 - (1) **All Saints Day** – Friday, November 1. As was established at the previous Committee meeting, Mass times were established for 7:30 am, the School Mass, and 5:30pm.
 - (2) **All Souls Day** – Saturday, November 2. After some discussion of whether to hold the memorial Mass on Saturday or Sunday (since the regular Sunday liturgy would be celebrated on Saturday evening) the Mass date and time was established for 9am on Saturday.
 - Consider turning off the lights when the names are called along with the candles being lit.
 - Altar servers will be needed, and Art & Environment needs advised.
 - Altar and Rosary Society needs to be advised, so they can make plans for a lunch (or brunch) after that Mass.
- b. Mass times for the **Christmas** liturgies were established as follows:
 - (1) December 24: 4:30pm and 10pm
 - (2) December 25: 9am and 11am

4. Altar Servers

- a. Altar Server Training
Jerry Minor provided an update on the altar server training that recently concluded.

- Five 2-hour sessions were held
 - Six to seven new servers were trained, including 1 from the Religious Education program
 - Others from the R.E. class attended and noted possible interest.
 - Commissioning the new servers will occur at an upcoming weekend Mass in October.
- b. Altar Server Recruitment
- The Committee discussed whether 6-7 new servers is enough for this year, and if a second recruitment and training effort should be considered.
- Committee members felt that this number was sufficient for this year. But recruitment efforts in future years need to be augmented, to provide a sufficient pool of servers to schedule around conflicts and provide for a sufficient number of servers available as substitutes on any given weekend when a scheduled server cannot be there.
- c. Future recruitment suggestions:
- Ann Cernicky suggested that more be done to promote altar serving at the school, well in advance of the fall training for new servers. Perhaps have someone go speak to the 4th grade students at the school toward the end of their 4th grade school year, as has been done in the past.
 - Perhaps do the same for the 4th grade R.E. students near the end of their school year.
 - Parents need to receive the message that they need to be open to, and support, their children serving at the altar, as we promote vocations as a parish community. Altar serving may at times pave the way to a call to vocations.
- d. Serving for Funerals
- The Committee was advised that Deacon Kevin Heim has written up procedures for servers at funerals. Ann Cernicky has reviewed the procedures and offered suggestions.
 - Ann suggested that servers for funerals be advised in advance (upon request to serve at the funeral) whether it will be a funeral Mass or a funeral service, as that would be helpful info for the server to have in advance.
 - Servers should be advised that dress shoes should be required for funerals, (1) out of respect for the deceased and their relatives attending the funeral, (2) given the somber nature of the occasion, and (3) since they are often paid for serving at funerals. Servers should be asked to take dress shoes to change into, if on a school day, just as they have to take gym clothes or change clothes for sports practice after school.

**5. Next Meeting:
November 14 (2nd Thursday of month) at 7:00pm**

Meeting Adjourned