

Prayer & Worship Minutes
June 22, 2015

Attendance: Fr. Ralph Gross, Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Mark Gould, Sandy Dorff, Sue Siepmann, Cheryl Snyder, Karen Warnes, Anna Marie Filipiak, Kathy Plaisance, Rita Borowski, Louise Diodato – Pastoral Council Liaison

Opening Prayer & Mission Statement
Minutes of April 27, 2015 approved with change

Old Business

Liturgical Lay Ministry Updates

- Minister Blessings at Mass – Well received
- Sacristans
 - 5pm Mass – Deb (Kurt or Karen if Deb cannot make it)
 - 8am Mass – Marilyn Herbert & Mary Pfaff (two additional people that signed up to be trained dropped out)
 - 10:30am Mass – four people that Jim Brahm organizes
 - Two school teachers are being trained (Eddie P. & Karen F.) – there was no sacristan at the graduation Mass
- Adult Servers at 8 AM Mass - will ask Ernie Meyer to try to recruit.
- Ernie has recruited & trained two adult servers for daily Mass.

Art & Environment Committee

- Marilyn created and submitted: *Prayer & Worship Environmental Decorating Notes & Resources*.
- We can give more focus to parishioners by listing the actual seasons, holy days and holidays that typically receive attention to decoration/environment
- There are many resources on the Internet. The book, *To Crown the Year*, is a great resource.
- We have three people who want to help but no one who wants to be a leader.
- Advent planning will take place at our October meeting. Will call the three ladies who have shown an interest and ask them to come to the meeting.
Note that not everything that has been done in the past needs to continue the same. We will work with what we have.

Budget – Cheryl

- The May actual expenses were missing from the P&W budget report from Leann. An email was sent to Leann requesting the actual expense numbers for May.
- Recently purchased: albs, cinctures, altar candles, vigil lights, and candles for the candelabras. Pam Schmitt will now be ordering the liturgical supplies.
- Keyboard – The new keyboard will cost approximately \$5200. Bulletin article of June 21 resulted in at least three parishioners willing to donate towards the purchase. The donations will be matched by the general budget; however, receiving more than 50% of the cost would be better for the parish. Life expectancy of new keyboard is about 8-10 years.

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 7 – 8am Mass)

- The weather was not conducive for a procession outside. Instead, a short Benediction/Exposition was held. It went very well – people enjoyed it and commented on how long it had been since they had attended a Benediction. Should do it after all Masses next year – was only about 10 minutes.

Adoration Tuesdays

- One person signed up for regular Adoration and a few more are stopping by on a drop in basis. Display and bulletin insert nicely done. The lock box for the tabernacle key was broken & has been replaced.

New Business

Outdoor Mass - July 12 10:30 am

- Mark has volunteers to help move stuff & set it up. If the old church gets cleaned, it will be open. Port a potty ordered for \$130.
- Jim Brahm will be in charge of getting all of the items we need for Mass to the site. Karen will make a list of all that needs to be taken and send it to him.
- This Mass is a major event. We should review costs, time commitment, & attendance numbers. Consider having it every other year.
- Advertising –Fr. Ralph has done a Pastor's pen in the past & will do one this year. Debbie is writing an historical piece to be read at the beginning of Mass.

World Mission Speaker – will speak June 27,28 during the homily time

Other New Business

Reports

Fr. Ralph Gross, Pastor

- This past Sunday at the St. Paul 10am Mass, there was a lot going on in addition to the regular Liturgy – Baptism, 40th Anniversary, Father's day. A complaint was received about the length of the Mass (1hr. 25 min.). Something to be aware of in the future. Not all appreciate when too many things fall on the same weekend. We need to be sensitive to both sides. Fr. Chuck suggested spreading these events across the various masses.

Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Associate Pastor – no additional report

Karen Warnes, Pastoral Associate

- Will no longer be on Prayer & Worship after her retirement. Will teach 4th grade Religious Ed. in the fall. Tying loose ends together before her retirement.

Mark Gould, Liturgical Music Director

- Karen will update him on Prayer petitions; Pam Schmitt will be doing announcements for now.
- Met with the school teachers and Karen regarding children's liturgies.
- Will give the lectionary number at the onset of Mass.

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- Would like to reinstate the reminder phone call to lectors. We have had some not show up recently. Need a volunteer to place the calls.
- Have had some more 19-35 year old cantors.
- May was a big month & very successful!

Louise Diodato, Pastoral Council Liaison

- Presented the Organizational Chart
 - Mark is the Staff person for the P&W committee – He is our “go to” guy, not the pastor.
 - Explanation of the St. Bruno/St. Paul Joint Strategic Plan
- Mass Education pieces for the bulletin. Louise is working on creating an educational piece that would be in the bulletin on a regular basis. Since this is one of the Synod charges – we will table it until a later date. Also, the implementation commission of the synod has put together an Evangelization of what takes place at the Mass. The commission has published ideas that have come out already. We should take a peek at these.
- Pastoral Council new members: Mary Pfaff, Jenny Harnack & Bob Leonard.
- Pastoral Council officers: Chair - Scott Vandenhouten, Vice Chair - John Mezydlo, Jr., Secretary - Louise
- Council updates will be in the bulletin

Next Meeting – August 24 @ 7pm (no July meeting)

Closing Prayer – Synod Prayer

Prepared by Sue Siepmann