

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER
LITURGY MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018; 7:00 P.M.
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
FAYETTE, IOWA

Attendees: Marty Kraus (SF), Maureen Johnson (SP), Jennifer Wood (SF), Pat Burghardt (SF), Damien Matt (SP), Val Warnke (IC), Ann Sellers (SF), Chris Grapes (HN), Jane Marshall (HN), Pam Rochford (IC), Betty Alfultis (IC), Jerry Engels (SF), Dee Youngblut (IC)

The meeting was led by Damien Matt of SP.

Maureen led prayer with reading from the book of Wisdom from Sunday readings. All prayed the Serenity Prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

Additions were made to the agenda as follows: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (12/8); Dress Code Discussion; Fr. Donald's Agenda items. Agenda was approved with additions.

Approval of Minutes from July 12, 2018

Marty moved to approve the minutes, Jane seconded, motion carried.

Evaluations

Feast of the Assumption (8/15): One Holy Day Mass for the entire Cluster received mixed reviews. It was generally agreed the scheduling of one Cluster Mass for Holy Days needs to continue to allow people to get accustomed to it. However, all felt Holy Day Masses need to be announced more from the altar.

Confirmation (9/09): Was amazing. Everything went very well. The Archbishop did an amazing job despite being late and not having the correct rite with him. Next year Confirmation is scheduled for September 8th at Holy Name.

Upcoming Liturgies

Rosary Rally (10/13): Has been moved to Holy Name. It is hoped to be held outside but current weather forecasts don't sound promising. Will be moved inside if necessary.

Mass of Remembrance (10/27): Pam will get invitations printed for each of the parishes to distribute. Pam will also give out lists of those deceased since last November 1st. St. Peter's will organize the music. Holy Name to handle refreshments and candle-lighting at the Mass. Fr. Knipper will be the celebrant since Fr. Donald will be in Nigeria.

All Saints Day (11/01): There will be one Cluster Mass, 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis, Fayette. Each parish is requested to provide a Eucharistic Minister for this and all Cluster Masses at St. Francis.

Thanksgiving (11/22): Mass will be at St. Francis at 9:00 a.m. Again, it would be appreciated if each parish could provide a Eucharistic Minister.

Feast of Christ the King (11/25): In the past IC had Eucharistic Adoration on this feast day. This probably won't be possible with the celebrant leaving for the second Mass in West Union. IC will check with Deacon Mike to see if he would be interested in handling this devotion.

Advent Starts (12/02): First Reconciliation students are asked to serve as greeters or to light the Advent wreaths in each parish. Service music to change to the Mass of Christ the Savior.

First Reconciliation (12/02): Pam will arrange for priests to assist especially since Fr. Donald will only have been back from his trip a few days. Faith Formation parents handle refreshments. SFA and SP will handle music.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (12/24 & 12/25): It was agreed to request Fr. Donald do one Cluster Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Francis at 6:00 p.m. Music will be collaborative with SFA and SP. Each parish to provide one Eucharistic minister and one usher. Christmas Day Masses would be requested for 8:00 a.m. at IC and 10 a.m. at HN. **(Because it is Christmas, Fr. Donald has agreed to celebrate two Masses on Christmas Eve and two Masses on Christmas Day. Christmas Eve Masses will be 5:00 p.m. at IC and 7:00 p.m. at HN; Christmas Day Masses will be 8:00 a.m. at SP and 10:00 at SFA.)**

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (12/31 & 01/01): Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Francis, Fayette.

New Business

Dress Code: There was discussion about people performing duties of extraordinary ministers at weekend Masses wearing inappropriate clothing, i.e. shorts some of which are very short, jeans, t-shirts, etc. It was agreed to try to incorporate messages encouraging more appropriate dress into the minister schedules when they are sent out.

Fr. Donald's Agenda: Pam relayed Fr. Donald's wish that this committee concentrate more on making our Masses and celebrations better; on how to encourage more people to attend our services and participate more. After discussion it was felt that our current schedule of meetings may not be enough to allow for the communication we currently handle as well as the type of planning Fr. Donald would like us to be engaging in. The possibility of meeting more frequently was left as an open question for future discussion.

Old Business

Funeral Planning Workshop was tabled until the next meeting.

Protocol for Weddings was likewise tabled.

Committee Renewal

Very limited discussion was held on the video "What is the Role of the Cluster Liturgy Committee" (Part 2)

Book Study: "A Devotional Journey Into the Mass: How Mass can Become a Time of Grace, Nourishment, and Devotion" by Christopher Carstens. Copies of the book were distributed. Anyone who can was asked to contribute \$12 per book to the Cluster

Next Meeting

The next meeting is January 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis. Chairmanship moves to Immaculate Conception.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with an Our Father.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Johnson