

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER
LITURGY MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2019
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), Chris Grapes (HN), Pam Rochford (IC), Jerry Engels (SF), Dee Youngblut (IC), Deacon Michal Schemmel, Fr. Don Komboh, Deb Matt (SP)

The meeting was led by Pam Rochford of IC.

Pam read a meditation from The Word Among Us and led prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes from October 9, 2018

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

Approval of Agenda

Addition of Rosary Rally to Evaluations. Damien moved to approve the agenda with the addition, Deb seconded, motion carried.

Evaluations

Rosary Rally (10/13): Stressed that this is not a permanent event at Holy Name. Turnout was light. Suggestions for better publicity included announcements more from the altar at weekend Masses, each parish's Facebook page. Next year will be at SFA.

Mass of Remembrance (10/27): Betty helped HN with candles. Need Missalettes for readings for the people to follow if they choose. Will be at SFA next year? Noted that the Trinity Cluster holds their celebration on a Friday night and it is well attended. Think about this for next year.

All Saints Day (11/01): First single Cluster Mass for a Holy Day. Went well.

Anointing of the Sick (11/10 & 11/11): Fr. Knipper presided. Went to nursing homes too. Was well received.

Thanksgiving (11/22): Single Cluster Mass at SFA. Was well attended.

First Reconciliation (12/02): While this went well, Pam considering moving to a Wednesday evening i.e. the first Wednesday of Advent. Might be easier to schedule guest priests to assist.

Advent: Not very many 5 Minutes with the Word books taken.

Communal Reconciliation: Not many people but went well. Suggestion made to have only instrumental music during individual confessions as song lyrics may be distracting.

Christmas: IC was full at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, HN had light attendance at 7:00 p.m. SP had pretty good attendance at 8:00 a.m. Christmas Day, SFA light attendance at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Don stressed again that we must develop something unique to our Cluster. Deacon Mike suggested judging liturgies based on the attendance not a good basis; evaluations should be on quality of the liturgy.

Ideas generated included: two 5:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve with a guest priest and 2 9:00 a.m. Masses on Christmas Day, again with a guest priest; or two 5:00 p.m. Masses Christmas Eve and Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Motion made and approved to consider the second idea for next year two 5:00 p.m. Masses and two Masses 8 & 10 a.m.)

Solemnity of Mary (1/01): Was well attended. Discussion of confusion created when Feast of the Immaculate Conception was moved to HN. Leave Holy Days at SFA. Hard to get adequate ministers for all the added Cluster celebrations. Ideas to resolve included, each scheduler from each parish to automatically schedule someone; maybe assign each parish a Holy Day for which they will be responsible for all ministers.

Upcoming Liturgies

Baptism of the Lord (1/13): Questioned if a sprinkling rite would be held. Fr. Don doesn't usually do sprinkling rites in the winter but will consider it. Christmas decorations can be removed after January 13th.

Ash Wednesday (3/06): Last year ashes were distributed at morning Mass at SFA, and evening Mass at HN. Also, at Prayer Services at HN in the afternoon with Religious Education students, SFA

in the evening, IC in the evening (6:45) and SP (7:00). Generally felt things went well last year so will remain the same except that SFA will not have a morning Mass, rather Mass in the evening. No evening Mass at HN. Motion made to this effect by Damien, seconded by Dee, motion carried.

Lent: Everything as last year, weekday changes include evening Mass at SP rather than in the morning to be followed by Soup Suppers. SP was given permission to seek a guest priest for an Easter Mass as it is the only parish without a Triduum liturgy.

Future Planning

Time & Talent Sign-up: Everyone to develop a parish list of ministries to be included.

Liturgy Calendar: Pam working to develop a Cluster Liturgy Calendar to help with assigning liturgical ministers.

Summary

Book Study: Tabled to next meeting

Next Meeting

The next meeting is March 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis. Chairmanship moves to Holy Name.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a Glory Be and a Hail Mary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Johnson