

St. Jerome Liturgy Committee Minutes Meeting of April 9, 2008

In Attendance: Fr. David Blanchfield, Suzanne Calnon, Helen Eidt, Jeanne Tarrant, M. J. Bruno, Dan Loch

Review of Lent and Triduum Liturgies

Lent

- Thanks to Dan and Florence for the Lenten Cross.
- Many said the tags they took were helpful in deepening their Lenten observances. Lots of donations, too.

Parish Mission

- Was great. Well received.
- Terrific message from the three mission members that God is a God of mercy who loves us.

Passion Sunday

- Rehearsed the readers at 9:15 AM, so all went well at that Mass, as with all the others. Teens at 6:00 PM read fast.

General issue with readers

- Microphone volume seems set too low for most lectors.
- When properly set the sound system is good, but people keep changing the settings. Lectors should be close to the microphone.
- Suggest we do a sound system check with the lectors before major liturgies.

Holy Thursday liturgy

- Couldn't be better. Best attended. Many came up for feet-washing. Fr. Dave made a great pitch for Holy Thursday at the Passion Sunday Masses.
- Music was excellent.
- Difficult to get new people to start off the foot-washing. Suggest we just use the same, reliable people for that each year simply to get things started.
- Suggest we have one more, a fourth, family foot-washing station next year since we had so many families come up to the family foot-washing stations behind the altar.
- Suggest one family foot-washing station be visible to the congregation, in front, between the pews and the altar.
- Some pieces of Eucharist bread were hard. Stale or just crust?
- Loaves & Fishes Envelopes – Not many people place the envelopes in on Holy Thursday, but put Loaves & Fishes envelopes in throughout Lent. People are generous – about \$2,400 is donated each year.
- Next year change start time to 7:30 pm from 8:00 pm. Publicize this well.

Good Friday liturgy

- Went well. More people attended than last year.
- Ok for initial prostration to be a full minute (60 seconds).
- Need to add Eucharistic Ministers? No, priests and deacon enough.

Easter Vigil liturgy

- Attended basically by the true hardcore and the families of the RCIA candidates.
- After the adult baptisms there was a longish wait for the newly-baptized to change out of their wet clothes. Need to add to Don Nelson's script that he is to play appropriate "filler" music during that wait time.
- Also need to add to Don's script that he is to play the "We pray to the Lord" during the General Intercessions.
- Gillian Henson did a very good job with reciting the Epistle from memory.
- Among the lectors, the "God" parts were spoken by a woman.

Easter Sunday

- Cellist for three of the Masses was very good.
- The 9:15 am and the 11:00 am had big crowds, but not as large as the 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

Plans for Pentecost, May 11

- Sister Agnes to decorate as last year.
- Again put out on tables at end of last pews baskets of cut-out "tongues of fire" printed with the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we had last year.
- See if Kathy Coyne has a Pentecost booklet of prayers to place there also.
- Jeanne to remind Don to get the cellist for Pentecost.
- May 11 also is Mothers' Day.

Other: Audio CDs, New members

- Kathy Coyne brought back from a National Catholic Educators conference in Indianapolis four audio CDs on the Mass. They are very good. Suggest that at the next Liturgy Committee meeting we listen to the one on the Gathering Rite.
- Suggestions were made of several people we could invite to come to the next Liturgy meeting because we are very interested in increasing our membership and attendance.

Next meeting

- After the Parish Festival is over, on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 pm, a half-hour earlier than usual because...
- We'll listen to an audio CD on the Gathering Rite of Mass first, then have the meeting.