

**ST. JEROME LITURGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES January 20, 2004**

Present: Fr. David, Helen, Tony, Pat, Andrea, Kathy, Florence, Dan, and Suzanne

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Tony.

Reports were made as follows:

Ministry Team - Florence

Dan has reviewed the new liturgy minister scheduling program. It will deliver the schedule in a new format and should be able to accommodate all of our variables. The names and information need to be put into the program. Stan has made a schedule by hand for the upcoming cycle which we will hold off on in the hope of getting this program in operation before then. Fr. David will recruit more EMs for the 9:15 mass.

Liturgy Coordinators - Domenica

Domenica was not present, but sent her concerns about the organist not playing music continuously while the congregation is receiving the Eucharist. When the hymn is over the music stops. Fr. David will talk with him. It was also brought up that the organist is not observing the 30 seconds of silence following the readings. Fr. David will remind him.

Liturgy Support - Jeanne

Jeanne was not present. No issues in this area were discussed.

All Souls' Day

Attendance at the 5:00PM mass was larger than usual. Positive comments were expressed regarding the Book of Remembrance which is enshrined by the Mary and Joseph statues.

Thanksgiving

Attendance was "good." Andrea suggested not using hymn page numbers in the program because despite all efforts it is difficult to get the #s correct with the season changing at that point in time and the new books coming out. The Powerpoint CD with the pictures on it is in the folder in the file. Thanks to all on the committee for a fine job.

Advent

Advent booklet was well-received. Many thanks to Dan for putting it together. Two Sundays in Advent were "snowed out."

Christmas

Crowd control for the 4:00PM mass was well done. Ushers need to be more assertive in asking people to move together in the pews to make room for more people to sit down. It was noted that the crèche figures are in great

need of repair or replacement. Fr. David will ask in the bulletin for someone to repair them. They have been repainted in the past, but they are now chipped.

Changes in the Liturgy

Fr. David reports that nearly everyone is bowing before receiving the Eucharist.

Lent

We need lectors for Ash Wednesday at 12 Noon, and 7PM (2/25). Florence will make calls. EMs will also distribute ashes.

We will have 1, possibly 2 adult Baptisms for the Easter Vigil.

Dan researched Lenten projects and ideas on the internet. The following was decided upon. We will go along with the theme for RENEW, which is reconciliation, for Lent. Dan and Florence will design a "Reconciliation Card" that will have a cross on one side and a prayer or short statement on the other (*Get back in touch with the love of God.*) The one Dan saw was round.

Kathy will look for crosses to distribute to everyone on Ash Wed. and the first Sunday of Lent.

Dan found a pretzel recipe/activity appropriate for children that he will suggest to the 9:15 coordinators.

We decided to use our Lenten Cross again. It will be placed by the main doors. Dan found "40 ideas for Lent" that will be added to the tags. Florence will ask Malta House and Barb Bagnato (Social Concerns committee) for other ideas. Dan will print out the generic tags we used last year and we will meet on Tues. 2/10 at 7:30 to write in names.

Holy Thursday

Helen and Cris will co-chair with Andrea, Florence, and Pat working on it. Helen will ask Grace Vetter if she would like to help as she did last year.

Good Friday

Jeanne will be asked if she would like to chair this again.

Easter Vigil

Tony and Kathy will chair and ask for help from others if needed.

Passion Sunday

Lectors will be assigned. EMs will be scheduled. 9:15 is the principle celebration. Fr. David will ask daily mass attendees to help strip palms so they go further.

We will send out a letter with a tear-off asking for the availability of lectors for Passion Sunday through Easter. Information about the rehearsal for each service will be included. EMs will be asked by the chairpeople of the various services.

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 10 at 7:30. We will make the tags and discuss plans for Lent, etc. Pat will offer the opening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Calnon
Chairperson