

St. Isidore Cluster Liturgy Committee
Thursday, February 2, 2017
Visitation Faith Formation Center, Stacyville
Approved Minutes

Meeting called to order by Father Burkle at 1:33pm

Opening prayer was led by Father Burkle

Attendance: Barb Brumm, Anita Adams, Annette Uker, Deb Popp, Fr. Burkle, Karen Thome.

Excused: Linda Stefl, Mary Ann Klapperich

Agenda: None prepared

Minutes: Motion to accept by Barb, second by Deb. Approved by consensus

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. February 3 is Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats will be done on that date but it is not allowed at weekend Masses unless February 3 is on a Saturday or Sunday.
2. Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Mass will be at 8:30am at Sacred Heart and 6:30pm at Visitation. There will be a 6pm prayer service at SH with distribution of ashes. The Lenten book, The Lambs Supper, will be passed out at Ash Wednesday services.
3. Stations of the Cross will be at 5pm at Sacred Heart on Fridays during lent and at 8am on Wednesday and Friday at Visitation prior to morning mass.
4. John Lionetti will arrive March 11/12 for our Parish Mission and may speak briefly at the masses. Our parish mission will run Sunday evening, March 12 through Tuesday evening, March 13, beginning with a supper before the session on Sunday. Father inquired about refreshments after the Monday/Tuesday sessions. Barb will check on this. Barb informed the group that John also does 40 Hours for future consideration.
5. Music accompaniment should be less or none during lent. It should be a lighter touch or less sound. Consideration might also be to start with accompaniment then drop off so singing is a cappella.
6. March 25 is Solemnity of Annunciation of the Lord which is a Holy Day but already on a Saturday. No additional mass will be celebrated for this Holy Day.
7. Palm Sunday is April 8/9. The palms will be placed on a table at the main entrance with blessing and procession done as it was last year.
8. Chrism mass is April 11 at St Patrick's, Cedar Falls at 2pm.
9. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7pm at Sacred Heart, April 13th. Washing of the feet is not required but may be done if "pastoral reason" suggests. If done it does not need to be 12 people but "those who are chosen" and is done for both feet, not just one. There was discussion as to whether it should be skipped. 4 servers will be needed for Holy Thursday mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at the left side altar. The baptismal font will be moved back.

10. Good Friday will be at 3pm, Sacred Heart on Friday April 14th. The Blessed Sacrament will be moved by Father to a temporary tabernacle in the reconciliation room prior to the service. Father will move the Blessed Sacrament back to the permanent tabernacle after the service. 2 servers will be needed.

11. Holy Saturday Vigil will be at 8:30pm, Visitation, April 15th. The vigil must be held when it is dark. The lighting of the fire outside should be at 8:15. The blessing of the fire and lighting of the Easter Candle will follow. A more efficient process for parishioners lighting their candles from the Easter candle should be created.

There are 7 RCIA candidates, one of which is from Stacyville and never baptized and 2 from Osage that need to be baptized. Father raised the question whether the site of Vigil services should be changed if more required baptism at one site than the other. It was felt that sites should continue to be alternated regardless. 4 servers will be needed.

12. Father will be putting booklets together for the ministers serving throughout the Holy Triduum.

13. Additional events/feast days:

- April 19th is the closing mass for Visitation Faith Formation.
- 1st Communion will be April 23rd at Visitation and April 30th at Sacred Heart.
- St. Isidore Confirmation will be April 29th at 5:15, Visitation. Both the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Masses, April 30th will be at Sacred Heart.
- May 7th is May crowning at Visitation.
- May 14 is Senior Sunday at both Visitation and Sacred Heart.
- May 27/28 is Ascension of the Lord.
- June 3/4 is Pentecost Sunday which concludes the Easter Season.
- June 10/11 is the Most Holy Trinity Sunday.
- There will be no daily mass on July 4.

22. Father addressed music issues:

-Comments have been received concerning the music being chosen for mass. There have been songs chosen that the congregation is not familiar with and therefore are not singing. If you wish to introduce a new song it should be played by the organist, then sung by the cantor with the organist, and then sung with the congregation/cantor/organ. The song should then be used for 3-4 consecutive weekends so that the congregation becomes familiar with it.

-Father also requested music be appropriate for the theme of the mass citing examples from last Mother's Day with songs for Mary being chosen instead of the theme of the mass and this past January 1st when there should have been Marion songs and weren't. If there are no songs in the Liturgy planning book that the congregation knows, be sure to pick other songs appropriate for that Sunday's mass.

-The length of the song should be appropriate for the time it is used. Example: Songs for the preparation of the gifts should continue until the washing of the hands but not beyond.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:57.

Submitted by Karen Thome, secretary