

St. Isidore Cluster Liturgy Committee
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Visitation Faith Formation Center, Stacyville
Approved Minutes

Meeting called to order by Jean Bensend, Chairperson, at 6:34 p.m.

Opening prayer led by Jean Bensend

Attendance: Jean Bensend, Anita Adams, Barb Brumm, Fr. Burkle, Annette Uker, Karen Thome.

Excused: Linda Stefl, Mary Ann Klapperich

Agenda: Addition, Stations of the Cross after Ash Wednesday

Minutes: approved by consensus

New Business:

1. **Election of officers:** Linda Stefl nominated for Chairperson and accepted per phone. Anita Adams nominated for Vice Chairperson, accepted, Karen Thome nominated for secretary, accepted.
2. **Mass Settings Feedback:** Father presented feedback that he has received. Little other feedback has been received.
3. **Lenten Calendar:** Father is working on this and plans to finish with it next week so that it can be mailed and received prior to or by Ash Wednesday.
4. **Sacrament of the Sick:** This is planned for all masses one weekend during lent and at all area nursing homes.
5. **Communal Reconciliation:** Father will try to schedule one for the cluster during lent.
6. **Ash Wednesday:** Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. at Visitation and at 6:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart. The book Rediscover Jesus will be passed out after the Ash Wednesday service and extras will be placed at the church entrances.
7. **Stations of the Cross:** Will be held every Wednesday evening at 7p.m. at Visitation and every Friday at 5:00 at Sacred Heart during lent.
8. **Chrism Mass** will be held March 22nd at 2p.m. in Dubuque
9. **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held at Visitation at 7p.m. The Pope has announced that washing of the feet is now open to women and girls. Four mass servers are needed to assist with chairs, towels, pitchers and basins for washing of feet as well as procession after mass to carry incense, Crucifix, and 2 candles. Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and ushers should be shared from each parish.

10. **Good Friday:** Passion of the Lord will be held at Visitation at 3p.m. Petitions/Intercessions will be printed out and read by the lectors. Ministers will again be shared between the parishes.

11. **Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil will be held at Sacred Heart at 8p.m. Someone will need to be assigned to start the fire outside church. No RCIA candidates or baptisms. Father briefly reviewed the choices for the readings. He suggested having four readings this year. Reading #3 is mandated and must be used. Since the missal is not yet out, members were asked to review the readings after receiving the missal and make recommendations of which readings to use. Four mass servers will be needed. Father will sing the Exultet.

12. **Worship Aides** for Liturgical Ministers: Father Burkle will complete and mail them

13. **World Day of Prayer:** Sacred Heart will be hosting this year on March 4th at 2p.m.. Cuba will be the featured country. There are seven churches involved this year. The first planning meeting will be on February 1st.

14. **Confirmation:** Scheduled for April 2nd at 5:15 mass at Sacred Heart with the Archbishop. This will be the regular weekend liturgy with a reception to follow.

15. **First Communion:** The weekend of April 24th and will be offered at all of the masses. Father reported that First Communion should always be offered in the participant's home parish. This will be presented at the parent meetings coming up.

Addition: May Crowning will take place 5 minutes before mass on May 1st at Visitation.

16. **Graduation (Senior Sunday) Mass:** Will be on May 8th at the 8:30 and 10:30 liturgies.

17. **Pentecost Sunday – May 15:** A suggestion was made that a reminder may be placed in the bulletin for parishioners to wear red.

18. **Next Meeting:** October 27th at St. Isidore Catholic Center at 6:30pm

Father announced that he will be addressing the method of receiving Holy Communion. He noted that there have been increased incidents of those coming to receive who have pieces of clothing over their hands. This is not an acceptable way of receiving. If the clothing is not cleared from the hand, they will be required to receive on the tongue.

Father requested that since Liturgy meetings are only held 2-3 times per year, that the minutes are sent to members in a timely fashion after the conclusion of the meeting rather than waiting until the next meeting. This may also be done by posting the minutes on the website as unapproved minutes.

Closing prayer led by Jean Benseid.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Karen Thome, Secretary