

St Isidore Cluster Liturgy Committee  
Friday, February 9, 2018  
Visitation Faith Formation Center, Stacyville  
Approved Minutes

**Meeting called to order** by Linda Stefl, Chairperson at 1:30pm

**Opening prayer** led by Linda

**Attendance:** Linda Stefl, Annette Uker, Deb Popp, Fr. Burkle, Karen Thome, Barb Brumm, Anita Adams, and Mary Ann Klapperich

**Approval of Minutes** for November 2, 2017 by consensus after corrections made.

**Agenda:** No additions

**Old Business:**

- Shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace during flu season: Some are uncomfortable shaking hands during flu season and feel they are judged if they don't participate. Father stated that you are not required to shake hands if you prefer not to. He reinforced that anyone who is ill should be staying at home. Since the flu virus can be spread before actually becoming ill it was suggested that it be included with the announcements before mass that if a person is uncomfortable with shaking hands during the Sign of Peace that they not participate. He reported that it is also an option to omit the sign of peace.
- Length of music: Father reports that though Sacred Heart is doing well, the songs at Visitation have continued to be improper length for the period of the mass. The song for preparation of the gifts should begin after the petitions and last at least until the gifts are placed on the altar. The Communion song should last until all or the majority of the congregation has received communion. The choir at Visitation has been singing a shorter hymn, receiving communion, then singing a longer hymn. This should be reversed so that the longer hymn is first and continues until the congregation has received communion before the choir receives.
- People in the congregation at Visitation have reported hearing talking from the choir members in the choir loft during mass. This will need to be watched and kept to a minimum.

**New Business:**

- Ash Wednesday: Services will be 8:30am at Visitation and 6:15pm at Sacred Heart. The book, The Case for Jesus and the CD, Love, Sacrifice, and Trust will be set out for people to take beginning on Ash Wednesday. Each parish will receive 48 copies of the book and 25 CD's. More are able to be ordered if needed. For those distributing the ashes, there will be access to hand washing at the credence table.
- Lent: Times for Stations of the Cross have been advertised, and will be after 8:30am mass at Visitation on Wednesdays and Fridays, and at 5:00pm on Fridays at Sacred Heart. There will be no Wednesday evening Stations at Visitation and a time has been added on Good Friday at Sacred Heart at 5pm. Father reminded musicians that there is to be less emphasis on music during lent. If a song is too short for the time period, extra verses should be sung instead of any soft solo music. There should be no solo music during lent. Mass setting during Lent will be the Heritage Mass. The blessing of the palms on Palm Sunday will be at the back of church at the beginning of mass. The congregation will process to the back of church to receive the palms from the ushers and return to their seats. Decorating of church may start after the stations on Good Friday or be done on Saturday morning.
- Holy Thursday: 7pm at Visitation. Will plan to do the washing of the feet this year. Each parish will try to provide 6 people but if unable to find enough, they may contact the other parish to provide more. There will be 3 persons chosen from Visitation parish to carry the oils forward. Will need 4 servers from Visitation.
- Good Friday: 3pm at Visitation. Service begins in silence. Will need 2 Eucharistic ministers and at least 2 servers. There will be one Lector to do the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings and two others for the reading of the Passion or the Lector doing the readings could be the voice for the Passion reading.
- Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday: At Sacred Heart, time was not discussed but will need to be after dark. The fire

will be lit outside at an undecided location. The ushers will pass out candles to those old enough to hold them. The lighting of the candles should be done in the center of the church. Boxes will be provided to place the candles after use. There will be four readings done this year plus the Epistle. The Exultet will be sung by Father. Will need the bells to be rung during the Gloria. There will be no video done at Sacred Heart on Holy Saturday. The Easter service from last year was recorded and will be used for the televised mass on Easter Sunday. In turn, this years Easter Sunday mass will be recorded for next year. Mass setting for Easter season will be the Mass of Spirit and Grace.

- **Other Upcoming Events/Dates:** First Communion will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. Parents have been given the option that they may do it on Saturday evening if they wish. Confirmation is on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at Visitation with the Archbishop presiding. May 13<sup>th</sup> is Senior Sunday, also The Ascension of the Lord. Eucharistic Minister commissioning will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart that afternoon.  
Mass server appreciation was discussed. Last year in lieu of bowling they were given two movie tickets and a \$5 gift certificate to Subway. The cost was divided between the Parish Life and the Liturgy committees. After discussion, it was decided that they be given \$20 worth of movie/concession stand gift certificates and the cost would come solely from the Liturgy committee budget.
- **Election of Officers:** Annette nominated herself for chairperson, seconded by Deb. Barb moved that nominations cease. Annette agreed to serve as Chairperson. Annette nominated Barb for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Deb. Annette moved that nominations cease. Barb agreed to serve as Vice Chairperson. Barb nominated Karen for Secretary and seconded by Annette. Annette moved that nominations cease. Karen agreed to continue as secretary.

**Next Meeting Date:** October 25, 2018 at 1:30 at Saint Isidore Catholic Center in Osage.

**Closing Prayer** led by Linda

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:56pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Thome, Secretary