

February, 2, 2023 Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Fr. Podhasky, Nick Schadler, Sandi White, Chris Kruse, Karol Digmann

Absent: Brent Hinerichsen, Tami Kelchen, Sue Salow, Carol Schneiter, Rita Rahe, Lisa Burlage

- Notes:

- Christmas review – Kudos to decorators from all parishes. Churches looked beautiful!

Discussed the blessing of the crib. Not all priests decide to bless the crib at the beginning of mass. Check with the presider before mass to coordinate music with the blessing.
- Catholic Schools Week Review – We have some very good readers, especially at high school level who could be part of the weekly schedule. Remember to compliment the readers and consider asking if they would be willing to read on a regular basis.
- Lent: Chant mass, No Gloria or Alleluia, hymn for distribution of ashes. Reminder to sacristans or others who care for the church that if funeral flowers are not taken by the funeral home they need to be removed. No flowers during Lent.
- Tony Digmann will be the speaker for 40 hours. These are cluster liturgies, so participation from all parishes is expected. Nick will try to find kids to volunteer to be readers, but we will still need to find greeters from each parish. Sign up will be via website listed in agenda. Adoration and Rosary will generally be the same as last year – Nick will send around the schedule. We had a brief discussion about sign-up for adoration. One of the parishes did not have adoration because no one signed up, but questions arose later about why it was canceled. May need to make parishioners aware that we need to be sure at least 2 people are at adoration at all times and cannot assume people will show up.
- Confessions – Nick will email the schedule.
- Statue Coverings – Fr. Podhasky asked if parishes have purple cloths that can be used to cover the statues starting the (5th Sunday of Lent). The cloths would be removed on Good Friday. Not all statues within the church would need to be covered. For example, we could cover Mary and Joseph on the side altars and the large statues behind the main altars. Common practice is to fit the fabric at the head (e.g., gathered at the top) and then draped to cover it entirely. It is also acceptable (especially for the side altars where statues are set back within an enclosure) to attach clips and use a purple curtain.
- Palm Sunday – Fr. Podhasky generally blesses the palms in the back of church rather than outside. Will discuss further next meeting.
- Precious Blood may be offered during mass on Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi and First Communion. Just need enough ministers to distribute.
- Holy Thursday – Fr. Podhasky will omit the washing of the feet.
- Holy Saturday – Cluster Liturgy - Easter Vigil will take place at the basilica
- Prep for Holy Week – When ordering Easter flowers. In the past, we ordered blue hydrangeas in addition to the Easter lilies.