

Spires of Faith Cluster | Liturgy Committee
Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:00pm | Dyersville - Rectory (living room)

Becky Williams (D) _x; Shelli Wilson _x (D); Brent Hinerichsen (D) __; Tami Kelchen (E) _x_; Sue Salow (E) x_; Carol Schneider (NV) _x; Rita Rahe (NV)_x; Sandi White (P) _x; Chris Kruse (P) _x; Karol Digmann (W) _x_; Lisa Burlage (W) _x_; Priests_Fr. Podhajsky_

I. Prayer – led by Fr. Podhajsky

II. Previous Business – **anything?** None

III. Parishes

- a. Month of November – pray for the dead. Book of remembrance/envelopes at each parish.
- b. Pamphlets for other churches @ Basilica??? (Chris) Proposed creating informational pamphlets about the cluster parishes to put in the basilica to encourage visitors to all parishes. Tami will use information from the picture directory to create something.
- c. Cathy Lueck's responsibilities: who will take this on? (Karol). Cathy is retiring in March. She has been keeping a detailed list of tasks. The parish will hire a ½ time person, but some of the tasks will need to be picked up by volunteers. Office staff will go through Cathy's list soon to determine what will continue to be done by parish staff and what will need to move to volunteers. Will place notices in the bulletin soon to find a replacement, preferably from Worthington.
- d. Other items discussed –
 - i. Fr. Philip will be gone for about 4 weeks, beginning 12/27. Will need to cut back weekly masses in all parishes except Dyersville during this time. The other 4 parishes will have one weekly mass instead of two. Intentions for these masses will be rearranged.
 - ii. Tami will talk to Jane about getting chalice veils for all the parishes.
 - iii. Communion Antiphon - Suggested the choir read the communion antiphon right after the priest receives communion (and right before the communion song. Becky will follow up with choir reps to answer any questions.

IV. Advent: 1st Sunday of Advent - Dec. 3, 2023 | 4th Sunday of Advent – Dec. 24, 2023

- a. Lectionary begins next cycle (2023-2024: Year B)
- b. Pew Missals need to be changed before the first Sunday of Advent -- consider asking your daily mass folks to help after a Mass.
- c. Set decorating date for Christmas. Because the 25th is on a Monday, can decorate before the 4th Sunday of Advent (i.e., the 24th). Can decorate anytime after December 17th. Just don't turn on the decoration lights for the masses for the 4th Sunday (December 23rd and 24th).
- d. Candles - Fr. Chris reported supplies look good. Each parish needs to check to make sure they don't need to order advent wreath candles as soon as possible.

e. Colors for altars/simple decor:

Week 1: Violet

Week 2: Violet

Week 3: Rose (Gaudete Sunday)

Week 4: Violet

***White is used on Feasts, Solemnities, and at weddings

**Note that red and white poinsettias can remain until the end of the Christmas season. They do not need to be removed after the Epiphany.

f. Advent Wreath: Please place in a prominent and visible place in the sanctuary but not in the way of normal liturgical movement.

i. Wreath Lighting:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ONLY -- do not light any candles before Mass. The wreath is blessed after the petitions and the first candle is then lit.

SACRISTANS: Please set out the *Book of Blessings (1519)* + *Holy Water* + *Taper candle*

2ND - 4TH SUNDAYS -- Altar servers may light wreath candles before Mass

g. Communal Penances: (See schedule below) Examination of Conscience placed at church entrances?

h. Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) – See Mass schedule below. Liturgical color is WHITE. Use Gloria because this is a holy day.

i. **MUSICIANS:** No Gloria (except for Feasts, Solemnities, and Weddings). Use Advent hymns: please try to save singing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* for the 3rd and 4th weeks of Advent. No Christmas hymns before Christmas, please. ☺ Idea to try out antiphons in other parishes as we chatted about last time?

j. **FOR ALL:**

Christmas Eve/Day: Please use the readings for the **Christmas Mass at Night**

V. Ash Wednesday/Lent

a. Ash Wednesday – February 14, 2024. Very short span between Christmas season and Lent this year.

VI. Upcoming Dates

Nov. 23 – **Thanksgiving** - 8:00 a.m. (E) | 8:30 a.m. (D) | 9:00 a.m. (NV)

Advent Communal Penances

Nov. 27 @ 7:00 p.m. First Rec. (SFX) **Need music** Opening hymn + background music	Nov. 28 @ 7:00 p.m. First Rec. (FF) **Need music** Opening hymn + background music	Nov. 29 (FF) 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 3 (NV) @ 2:00 p.m. **Need music** Opening hymn + background music	Dec. 4 (E) @ 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 11 (P) @ 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 12 (W) @ 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 14 (SFX Students) 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Dec. 16 (D) @ 10:30 a.m. **Need music** Opening hymn + background music
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Dec. 7/8 – Immaculate Conception – *Liturgical color is WHITE*

<u>Dec. 7</u> 5:30 p.m. (D) 6:00 p.m. (E) 7:00 p.m. (NV)	<u>Dec. 8</u> 6:30 a.m. (D) 7:30 a.m. (P) 8:30 a.m. (D-SFX) 10:25 a.m. (BCHS) 5:30 p.m. (W)
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Dec. 24/25 – Christmas (*Full Sunday schedule for 4th week Advent, then right into Christmas schedule*)

<u>Dec. 24</u> 4:00 p.m. (D) 6:30 p.m. (D) 4:00 p.m. (E) 7:00 p.m. (P) 4:00 p.m. (NV) Midnight (D) 6:00 p.m. (W)	<u>Dec. 25</u> 7:00 a.m. (D) 9:00 a.m. (W) 9:00 a.m. (NV) 10:30 a.m. (D) No Spanish Mass	****ALL MASSES FOR DEC. 24/25, <u>use the readings</u> for Christmas Mass at Night
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Dec. 31/Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary (*Not a Holy Day of obligation in 2024*)

2024

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

<u>Ash Wednesday</u> 6:30 a.m. (D) 7:00 a.m. (P) 10:30 a.m. (D – SFX)	5:30 p.m. (W) 6:30 p.m. (D) 7:00 p.m. (E) 7:00 p.m. (NV)	<u>Lenten Holy Hours</u> Feb. 20 @ 5:00 p.m (E) Feb. 22 @ 7 p.m. (W) Mar. 5 @7 p.m. (P)	<u>Cluster Confessions</u> Mar. 9 @ 2 p.m. (NV) Mar. 23 @ 11 a.m. (D)
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Feb. 25-27 – 40 Hours (*tentative*)

April

<u>First Communion Options</u> April 6 @ 7:00 p.m. (P) April 7 @ 8:00 a.m. (E) April 7 @ 10:00 a.m. (NV)	April 13 @ 5:00 p.m. (D) April 14 @ 9:00 a.m. (W) April 14 @ 10:30 a.m. (D) April 20 @ 5:00 p.m. (D)
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May 5 – Cluster Confirmation @ 4 p.m.

VII. Next liturgy meeting: December 14th, 6:00 pm. This will be a potluck at the Earlville rectory. Please bring a dish to pass. The following meeting will be on February 1st.