

Worship Commission Meeting

August 18, 2020

Minutes

In Attendance: Fr. Marc Gawronski, Gregg Zuccker, Paul Badyrka, T.C. Bates, Mason Koch, Ana Kukla, John Kukla, Donna Plegue, Barb Klemans

Began with a prayer at 5:40pm led by Father Marc. (**Father Marc's comments are bold**)

Commission Overview & Update:

Gregg Zuccker, Chair

- Members of this commission are usually involved in Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms. We will be more involved in communication. It's our #1 goal. We don't want to drop the ball for Father Marc. We want to make sure our parish community feels welcomed and enjoys being with us at church.
 - An average of 256 people have attended the last 4 weeks
 - Average before was 219
 - Last week was our best attendance – 299 for the weekend (210, 89)
- 285 people participate in the church commissions, including our group. Our goal is to share a consistent message of welcome and encouragement to participate.

Streaming the Mass & Music/Choir:

Mason Koch, Director of Music and Liturgy

- Advanced Lighting & Sound have been selected to enhance sound and live streaming for the church. They will begin implementation mid-September.
- There will be no choir until further notice. Music will continue with cantors and additional musicians.
- (Side note from Barb – thank you Mason, the music is wonderful!)

Outdoor Mass:

Father Marc, Gregg Zuccker, John Kukla, Mason Koch

- Goal is to begin Outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 6th – Labor Day Weekend, only for Sunday evening Mass.
 - There's a lot to figure out: sound, set up, signage, plan & direct parking, specifics for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.
 - **Father Marc added it's important to think about how to welcome parishioners as they drive in the parking lot – consider handing them a piece of paper in the welcome – that includes instructions on what frequency to tune to for audio.**
 - Have music begin 10 minutes before Mass.

- If it rains, Mass is in church!

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Inter-Faith Council of Churches:

Barb Klemans

- Inter-Faith Council began in the 1970's to support the efforts of creating "The Boar's Head Festival" a Christmas Pageant, that began in 1980.
- Collecting diapers for "Loaves and Fishes", a food bank in Taylor, MI, associated with Gleaners, began at the Presbyterian Church and all Grosse Ile churches collect and contribute to the great need. Richard and Pat Schmidt lead this effort at Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart collected 17,000 diapers in 2019.
 - **Consider having a bassinet on the altar in October on Respect Life Sunday. Children take up food and diapers.**
- Christ Net guests have been on Grosse Ile the week before Thanksgiving week for many years. The guests are housed at Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church. Many volunteers and home-made meals are needed. Donna and Tom Plegue have not only organized Sacred Heart's participation, they also have served Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday night for many years.
- Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service is scheduled to be hosted at Sacred Heart on November 25, 2020, at 7pm – hopefully Father Marc's schedule will allow.
- **Father Marc wants to have an Inter-Faith Service on the River!**

Eucharist Ministers & Altar Servers:

Donna Plegue

- Eucharistic Ministers in 2020 went from 110 to 53 because of COVID.
 - Their schedules rotate.
- Altar Servers are back on the altar. 20 are returning. They'll be reminded of procedures including taking care of robes.
 - 15 minutes before Mass, light all four candles. (2 on altar, 2 in back)
 - They carry candles in and out of church. **If there's only 1 server, consider asking an usher to ask child in the congregation to carry in the candle.**

Sacristans:

Ana Kukla

- We had 11 and now have 6 Sacristans. They double up at both Masses and are now serving twice a month – instead of once.
- Recruiting to add more – **Father Marc suggested personal invitations to join.**
- Gregg said Suzanne Petre was founder of Handmaidens – who take care of the Altar area, including linens, at both the church and chapel. Ana is happy to step in and learn about what's needed. Belinda Badyrka has been overseeing this.

- Question about the name – **suggestion to change it to ALTAR KEEPER/S** to include men as well.

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Lectors:

T.C. Bates

- Jean Wloszek's computer crashed and she couldn't share stored information including the contact list. Not sure how many don't use the internet. Will find out.
- T.C. wants to reach out to everyone and ask a few questions. **Father suggested using Survey Monkey to find out what changes the group would like, or if they like the schedule as it exists.**

Ushers

Paul Badyrka attending for Gary Ames

- There were 24 ushers before COVID, now 14 – 6 for 11am, 8 for 5pm.
- The schedule is set up to have ushers participate the whole month. It could be time to change.
- **Father mentioned Survey Monkey could be helpful in this case too.**

Environment

Gregg

- Funeral on Thursday, August 20th, 9:30am in-state/10:30am Funeral Mass/Environment "White"

Comments:

- We're allowed to have 210 people inside church and 253 maximum including chairs in the Gathering Space. **We should go through Kevin for chair set up for Mass.**
- For example, Knights and Ushers have roles in Baptisms – Knights give a welcome package to the baby's family including a bear. Ushers place reserved signs on pews for family seating.
 - **Father asked – What if a Knight and his wife call the baby's family after the baptism and ask if they can stop by to deliver a gift for the baby. It gives an opportunity for evangelization.**

Father Marc –

- **We need to move from maintenance to mission. We need to worry about those who aren't here and reach out to them.**
- **Find ways to help people feel welcome.**
- **Focus on Evangelization.**

Family of Parishes:

Father Marc and Gregg

- This exists in other parts of the world.
- We'll lose 90 priests over the next 10 years.
- Our family will include:
 - Sacred Heart, St. Cyprian, 2 Trenton churches, 2 Wyandotte churches
 - Bank accounts stay in buildings – not blended
 - Use resources in new ways
 - Plans are to add a part-time maintenance employee for St. Cyprian and Sacred Heart to share
 - Sacred Heart has 790 families
 - St. Cyprian has 1,200 families
 - St. Joseph has 1,200 families and a school
- It's time to face reality – there are fewer priests – we'll be sharing priests.
- Timing:
 - Supposed to submit plan in Advent – between December 2020 – May or June 2021
 - Reality – July 1, 2021
- **Proactive – if we are proactive – we'll have an opportunity to control the future.**
- **We lack practice talking about our faith – what keeps us here?**
- **It's not what we're doing – it's where we're going!**

Father Marc closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:34pm.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Klemans