

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER
LITURGY MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2016
7:00 P.M.
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The meeting opened with a hymn, "Speak Lord", the Gospel reading for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time taken from the Gospel of Luke, discussion and a prayer led by Deb Matt. Marty Krause will lead the opening prayer for the next meeting.

Attendees: Marty Kraus (SF), Fr. Jim Brokman, Maureen Johnson (SP), Pam Rochford (IC), Pat Burghardt (SF), Dee Youngblut (IC), Deb Matt (SP), Jerry Engels (SF), Jane Marshall (HN).
The meeting was led by Marty Kraus, chairperson.

Approval of the Agenda & Minutes

Deb moved and Pat seconded to approve the minutes from the July 14th meeting.

Evaluations

Catechetical Sunday: Went wonderfully at HN and IC. HN was only missing 2 teachers, IC missing 5-6. Was well attended at SF and SP. Roses were given to the teachers at IC and all teachers at each parish were given books.

Confirmation: Communication before the event was rough with many people unsure what was expected to happen. Holly Street organized the hospitality. At the ceremony the calling forth was done by class rather than by individuals. Fr. Jim felt this went well and was helpful to reduce organizational issues before the Mass.

Installation of Acolytes: Again, communication before the event was challenging but the ceremony went well.

Dedication of the new Education Center at IC: The was very nice. It was the third visit by the Archbishop in ten days.

Upcoming Liturgies

Mass of Remembrance (10/29): At SP this year at 10:30 a.m. Invites to be sent out early next week if possible. Fr. Jim will organize the invitations and get information to the parishes so the invitations can be sent there. Hospitality will be covered by SP Rosary Society. The readings and responses from the All Souls Day observance will be used. SP to provide lectors and servers. Someone from each parish will read the names of the deceased as Fr. Jim lights a candle for each one.

Rosary Rally at SF (10/15): This is part of a national effort that is being tried at SF for the first time. All are invited. It will begin at 3:00 p.m.

All Saints Day (11/01): Mass schedule: On the Eve at SF and SP at 7:00 p.m.; on the day at HN 9:00 a.m. and at IC and HN at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Rausch will cover SP and HN and Fr. Jim will handle IC and SF and the morning Mass at HN.

Rite of Enrollment for the new Confirmation class: This will be held at HN on November 13th. The candidates will be introduced in their home parishes on the following Sunday. Confirmation next year will be on September 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at IC.

Thanksgiving (11/24): Mass times will follow the usual schedule for holy days.

Advent: Begins Sunday, November 27th. Changing to the Mass of Creation for Advent. Advent is a full four weeks this year. November 27th is also the date for the Ecumenical Service in Sumner at the Methodist Church.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (12/08): This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The holy day Mass schedule will be followed with Mass of Anticipation on 12/07 at SP and SF at 7:00 p.m.; Mass on the day of the Feast at 9:00 a.m. at HN and 7:00 p.m. at IC and HN.

Cluster First Reconciliation: Will be on December 4th at 2:00 p.m. at SP. The Retreat date is November 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at SP. A meeting for parents and children will be held October 16th at 5:00 p.m. also at SP.

Anointing of the Sick: This will be offered at all parishes the weekend of November 5th & 6th.

Christmas Programs: Dates are Wednesday, December 21st at SF and HN at the regular class times. SP is usually the second Sunday in December which would be December 11th this year. A firm date has not been set at IC yet but is tentatively December 18th.

Christmas Masses: On the eve: 5:00 p.m. at HN and IC; 7:00 p.m. at SP and SF. On the day, 8:30 at IC and 9:00 at HN.

Octave of the Nativity, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (01/01): As this is a Sunday, the regular Mass schedule for Sundays will be followed.

Feast of the Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord (01/08 & 01/09): Because of short Christmas Season imposed by the calendar this year the observance of the Baptism of the Lord is moved to the Monday following the Feast of the Epiphany.

Other Business

Time was spent discussing better communication to help alleviate confusion before Cluster services. Pam and Jamie Hoey have developed a rubric which was distributed to help with planning for these services.

Fr. Jim announced that on October 30th, the SP congregation will be called upon to help remove everything from the church in preparation for painting the interior of the building. Mass will be held for the next three or four Sundays at the Clermont Opera House.

Next Meeting

January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at SF in Fayette.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a Hail Mary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Johnson