

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER  
LITURGY MEETING  
JULY 14, 2016  
7:00 P.M.  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
FAYETTE, IOWA

The meeting opened with a hymn, "All Are Welcome", the Gospel reading for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time taken from the Gospel of Luke, discussion and a prayer led by Pam Rochford. Deb Matt will lead the opening prayer for the next meeting.

Attendees: Marty Kraus (SF), Fr. Jim Brokman, Maureen Johnson (SP), Betty Alfuldis (IC), Pam Rochford (IC), Pat Burghardt (SF), Dee Youngblut (IC), Deb Matt (SP), Jennifer Woods (SF).  
The meeting was led by Marty Kraus, chairperson.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Fr. Jim requested the addition of the Rite of Enrollment for the new Confirmation Class.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Deb moved and Pat seconded to approve the minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Evaluations**

Cluster First Communion (5/01): Generally went well. There is a need to work on logistics for reception of Communion. A question was raised about the tradition of a special song for the kids to do. This is not being promoted due to time constraints in formation of the kids and amidst concerns about the kids having to "perform" on that special day. It was felt that this would be best left to the individual parishes if that tradition exists there and there is enough interest to maintain it. The First Communion retreat went very well and was considered to be quite successful.

Ascension of the Lord/Mother's Day/May Crowning (5/08): With these observances falling so close to the Cluster First Communion, each parish was pretty much free to handle these events as fit the parish. There was discussion that May Crowning did not go so well at HN but was good at SP. Fr. Jim thought the progression of events at SP went particularly well and could serve as a model for the other parishes. SP presented their First Communicants at Mass the Sunday before First Communion and they were given a community blessing. The Sunday after First Communion the First Communicants wearing their special First Communion clothes lead the children of SP in procession with flowers to crown Mary. Any child present is welcome to participate and are given a flower to carry in the opening procession which is arranged around the Mary statue which is crowned. It was requested that next year real flowers be ordered for the occasion. Fr. Jim learned that it is NOT a good plan to hold May Crowning on Mother's Day. First Communion will be moved up to the last Sunday in April to accommodate May Crowning in the parishes that observe this tradition.

Pentecost/Senior Breakfast (5/15): This went well at HN and SP. It was observed what a good job the Juniors did with the breakfast at IC.

Ordinary Time: Fr. Jim commented that the new Mass setting, Mass of Renewal, is a good one.

### **Upcoming Liturgies**

Feast of the Assumption (8/15): This is not a Holy Day this year since it falls on a Monday. The Mass schedule will be announced after Fr. Jim has a chance to discuss times with Fr. Rausch. The morning Mass at IC will be as normal.

Catechetical Sunday (9/18): The theme this year is "Prayer... The Faith Prayed."

Confirmation (9/25): Will be at Fayette this year at 3:00 p.m. Jerry and Jennifer will be the coordinators of music.

Mass of Remembrance (10/29): This will be at SP at 10:30 a.m.

All Saints Day (11/01): This is a Tuesday this year. The normal Holy Day Mass schedule will be followed: Mass the evening before (10/31) at 7:00 p.m. at SF and SP; morning Masses at HN and IC on the Feast Day (11/01).

Advent (11/27): This is one of the earliest days Advent can start.

Christmas: Mass schedules for this year: 5:00 p.m. Masses at HN and IC; 7 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve at SP and SF. Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m. at IC and 9:00 a.m. at HN.

**Other Business**

Liturgy Committee meeting dates for the rest of this Liturgical year: October 13<sup>th</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup>, and March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Next Meeting**

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at SF..

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a Hail Mary and moving to the parking lot to bless Pam Rochford's new car.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Johnson