

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER
LITURGY MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2017
7:00 P.M.
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The meeting opened with Betty Alfultis leading the Productive Faith prayer followed by singing “Angels We Have Heard on High” and reading Sunday’s Gospel from Matthew 2:1-12 the story of the Wisemen.

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), Barb Heins (HN), Betty Alfultis (IC), Jennifer Woods (SF).

The meeting was led by Marty Kraus, chairperson.

Approval of the Agenda & Minutes

Deb moved and Pam seconded to approve the minutes from the October 13th meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

Evaluations

Mass of Remembrance: This liturgy was well done with the usual number of people attending.

Rite of Enrollment: This was held as scheduled but presentation of the Confirmation Candidates in some of the individual parishes was a problem due to Masses being cancelled because of weather.

Thanksgiving: Liturgy was handled as usual. SP Mass was held in the basement due to painting in the church. It went well though with a good crowd in attendance.

Advent: Pam reported on challenges with scheduling and coordinating First Communicants to light the candles on the Advent Wreaths in the parishes. Besides this Advent went as usual at IC, HN and SF. Was a blur at SP due to Masses being held in the Opera House and Mass cancellations for bad weather.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: SP again held Mass in the church basement. Went well in all parishes.

Anointing of the Sick: Went well. Many people were anointed. Good to see catechesis that has been conducted in the past making a difference with this sacrament.

Christmas Programs: IC and SP both needed rescheduling due to Mass being cancelled that Sunday. Both were held on Wednesday night - SP’s at the Clermont Opera House. HN and SF held as scheduled, both went well.

Christmas Masses: HN had overflow attendance as did IC. SP’s Mass started 20 minutes late due to Fr. Rausch being called to a death. SF’s guest musician did not show up. Mass there went as practiced.

New Year – Holyday Masses: Attendance was small everywhere.

Upcoming Liturgies

Feast of the Epiphany (1/08): Don’t forget to move the camels!

Cluster First Reconciliation (1/08): This is a rescheduled date from December due to weather problems. Will still be held at SF due to the ability to configure Confession Stations better.

Blessing of Throats: This will be done the weekend of February 4th/5th after Masses.

Ash Wednesday (3/01): Mass will be at 2:45 and 7:00 p.m. at HN, at SF Mass will be at 7:00 p.m., IC will have the prayer service this year, SP will have a prayer service also.

Other Business

The Cluster Mission this year is at SF. Fr. Jim has ideas for a speaker. A committee of parishioners from SF will meet with Fr. Jim to discuss options available and plan for the event which will be possibly in June.

First Communion will be at HN on the last Sunday of April at 2 p.m.

First Reconciliation will be on December 3, 2017 at SF.

Changes to the Mass times in the Cluster was discussed. Fr. Jim discussed the reasons the Saturday evening Mass needs to be tried at another parish, detailing the challenges to SF that have surfaced due to the Saturday Mass being held there for the past three months.

The Saturday evening Mass will be moved to HN beginning on February 4th and SF will return to a 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 5th. There will be no change to the Masses at IC or SP. After a three-month period, this arrangement will be evaluated with the idea toward possibly rotating the Saturday evening Mass between all the parishes. More will be decided on this later.

SF has an opportunity to purchase a used digital baby grand piano at a very reasonable price. Representatives of the parish music ministry will investigate and evaluate such a purchase. If it works to buy this instrument the SF Clavinova will be moved to HN to replace the instrument there.

Fr. Jim discussed the need to incorporate more periods of silence in our liturgies commenting that some silence at Communion is not a bad thing.

Finally, Fr. Jim announced the appointment of Jennifer Woods to be the Music Coordinator for the Cluster. This position will be used to help with communication and coordination of music and music ministers for Cluster events.

Next Meeting

February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at SF in Fayette.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with a Hail Mary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Johnson