

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER
LITURGY MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017
7:00 P.M.
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Deb Matt opened the meeting with a prayer/reflection entitled A Lenten Prayer. We sang a hymn – Beyond the Days.

Attendees: Marty Kraus (SF), Maureen Johnson (SP), Pat Burghardt (SF), Deb Matt (SP), Barb Heins (HN), Betty Alfuldis (IC), Jennifer Wood (SF), Jane Marshall (HN), Ann Sellers (SF).
The meeting was led by Marty Kraus, chairperson.

Approval of the Agenda & Minutes

A correction to the correction of the minutes of February 21 was discussed: Blessing of the Throats was performed at IC on the 3rd after the First Friday Mass but not on the Sunday following. It was also performed at SF but on the Sunday following (February 5th).

Evaluations

Ash Wednesday (March 1st): There was a full congregation at HN in the afternoon. Not too many in the evening at IC. SF was well attended for the service Archbishop Jackels celebrated. SP had two evening services; an early one for the younger CCD students and one at 7:00 p.m. for the older students and parishioners. The early service was lightly attended. The second service was better with around 50 people.

Lent: HN is trying holding Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings after the morning Mass. SP having good attendance for the Thursday evening Mass with Stations and soup supper.

Upcoming Liturgies

Review Upcoming Priest Schedule: Fr. Zinkula to stay in Sumner this weekend. Fr. Dietzenbach will stay in Sumner over Easter weekend. Fr. Karnak will stay in Clermont with friends the weekend of Palm Sunday.

Cluster Reconciliation: There is currently no scheduled service for the Cluster. Dates are being published for neighboring parishes/clusters. It will be in the bulletin if a service will be held in our Cluster for Lent this year.

Holy Week:

- a. Palm Sunday: Palms are ordered. IC & HN are delivery points. IC will get palms to SF and HN to SP. Fr. Karnak will be the celebrant at SP and HN. Mass to start at 8:15 a.m. at SP.
- b. Chrism Mass: April 11th at St. Patrick's in Cedar Falls. Pam will be attending and will pick up oils for the Cluster parishes.
- c. Holy Thursday: April 13th at HN. This will be the only service in the Cluster. A Potluck supper will begin at 6:15 with Mass to follow. Some discussion about Mass time being at 7:15 or 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the supper. Fr. Rausch will be consulted on this. Look for the time to be listed in the bulletin. Jennifer to meet with Pam and Amy to pick music and get the song list to the other music ministers of the Cluster. Anyone interested in helping with music is welcome and encouraged to join the choirs.
- d. Good Friday: April 14th at IC. This will be the only observance of the Good Friday rites for the Cluster. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. Pam will choose music for this service.

Tennebrae will be held at SP this year at 7:30. SP will supply 4 readers and SF 3. Damien Matt will preside. Will again do an instrumental prelude of "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." Other music as in previous years.

- e. Easter Vigil: April 15th at 8:15 p.m. The start time is subject to change. Fr. Alan Dietzenbach will preside. Fr. would like 3 servers. Mike Schemmel will be asked to assist. There will be one Baptism and 2 Confirmations. Randy Streeter, a local fireman, has agreed to supervise the rite of the new fire.

Fr. Dietzenbach would like to rehearse at 6:30 p.m. that evening. The status of the Easter Candles for each parish was discussed as well as the congregation's candles. Marty and Betty will inspect what we have on hand for congregation candles and order more if needed. There were not enough candles for everyone in attendance last year.

As in the past, SP will provide a reader for the 1st Reading, HN for the 3rd Reading, SF for the 5th Reading and IC for the Epistle. The Gloria is sung before the Epistle and the lights come on during this time. We will use the Mass of Renewal music setting.

After the Gospel and Homily, the Litany of Saints will be sung before the Baptismal Rite. Confirmations follow and the Sprinkling Rite after the congregation's Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Suggested people for Communion Ministers: Mike Yauk, Joanie Goddard, Jane Marshall, Mike Schemmel. Suggested for ushers: Dennis Goddard, Joel Meyer. It was discussed to have "early" ushers from SF and "later" ushers to help with people who arrive early.

Jennifer volunteered to be sure there is a meal provided to Fr. Dietzenbach. Ann will do congratulatory cards for those being welcomed into the Church.

- f. For the reception, each parish is asked to provide two pans of bars.

Easter Season

- a. The current Mass scheduling will remain in effect until further notice.
- b. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23rd. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is traditionally said before Mass at IC.
- c. First Communion is Sunday April 30th at HN.
- d. May Crowning – Sunday May 7th.

Other Business

A Cluster Mission for this year is on hold for now.

Next Meeting

There is no future meeting scheduled. But the next meeting will most likely be in July or August. A date and time will be announced in the bulletin.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with an Our Father for Fr. Jim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Johnson