

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CLUSTER
LITURGY MEETING
JULY 12, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
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FAYETTE, IOWA

Attendees: Marty Kraus (SF), Maureen Johnson (SP), Deb Matt (SP), Jennifer Wood (SF), Fr. Don, Pat Burghardt (SF), Damien Matt (SP)

The meeting was led by Marty Kraus.

Jennifer led The Discipleship Prayer. The hymn “We Have Been Told” was sung, and Marty read from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40).

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Deb moved and Damien seconded to approve the Minutes from the April meeting. Motion carried.

Jennifer moved and Damien seconded to approve the Agenda with the addition of discussion on Lay Leaders of Prayer. Motion carried.

Evaluations

First Communion (4/29): Went well. The only concern was coordinating how the First Communicants processed up for reception of the Eucharist. There was too much delay and caused distribution of the sacrament to take too long. This will be discussed with those on the Faith Formation Council. First Communion in 2019 will be at St. Peter’s.

Cluster Mission (7/8-10): Response to the mission with Fr. Pat Foley was very enthusiastic. Estimates of the number attending: between 100 and 175 people. Publicity was adequate to good and may be part of the reason for the attendance. It was generally agreed that a well-done Cluster Mission is good for adults in the Cluster both spiritually and socially as it allows members of the four parishes a chance to socialize. Fayette members were acknowledged for doing a good job with hosting the event. We need to plan carefully to keep the momentum going.

Upcoming Liturgies

Confirmation: Will be held at SP this year. The Confirmation Retreat which had been scheduled for April but postponed due to snow, has been rescheduled for a date in August.

Rosary Rally at SFA (10/13): We will need someone to lead this year as the person who has done it in the past years is unavailable. Marty will check into a couple other people who may agree to lead. The rubrics for this event suggest that it be done outside which we have not done but it could be done at the Market Park in Fayette. Fr. Don encouraged us to try this change this year.

Mass of Remembrance: It was decided to hold this Mass on October 27th as November 3rd is the scheduled date for Taste of St. Peter’s. The Mass will be held at Holy Name this year at 10:30 a.m. Things needed: gather a list of those deceased of the Cluster since the last Mass of Remembrance, and creation of invitations to be distributed.

Feast of the Assumption (8/15): Fr. Don will do one Mass in observance of this Holy Day of Obligation. It will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis.

All Saints Day (11/01): Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis.

Old Business

Funeral Planning Workshop was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion concerning holding Cluster Liturgies at St. Francis as a large enough building and centrally located to the rest of the Cluster. While most were in agreement that this is a reasonable idea, it will require that all the parishes assist with providing extraordinary ministers for these liturgies. Those who are responsible for scheduling ministers should include the Holy Day Masses in their scheduling naming one person who will be at the Cluster celebration to assist.

Other Business

Everyone on the Liturgy committee is encouraged to view videos on YouTube which were created by the Archdiocese describing the role of the Cluster Liturgy Committee. A link can be found

at the Worship Office web page or go to: <https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/worship/worship-resources/>

A suggestion of a way to help form ourselves for the role of the Cluster Liturgy Committee is a book study of “A Devotional Journey Into the Mass: How Mass can Become a Time of Grace, Nourishment, and Devotion” by Christopher Carstens. The Cluster will look into purchasing these books with a requested \$12 donation by each member of the Committee.

Wedding Protocol: Pam and Fr. Don have done much collaboration towards forming protocols on how to organize getting married in the Cluster. Pam will be asked to write a protocol that can be distributed and publicized to help young couples understand what needs to be done to be married in the Catholic Church and the Cluster specifically. It was suggested that Music Ministers collaborate on putting together music guidelines.

Fr. Don advised the Committee that he will be unable to attend all the upcoming Liturgy Committee meetings so if there is something that he needs to specifically address we will have to contact him.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is October 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis. Chairmanship moves to St. Peter’s.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. with Fr. Don leading the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Johnson