

Spiritual Life Commission
August 24, 2009

Those present: Lavern Carr, Kay Melton, Sheila Zumhingst, Bev Wolfe, Deacon Mike East, Father Scott Nobbe, Claudia Dominik, Jeanette Burbank, Patty Keenan, Nicole Morgan

Minutes The minutes were reviewed with one change made. St. Ambrose will be celebrating her 150 year anniversary

Old Business

Ambry – The Ambry is completed. Leonard Elsner did a nice job. Discussed possible moving a table for flowers for Our Lady under the Ambry.

Indulgence handout Q & A – A good discussion followed. It was agreed to try to offer the indulgence suggested by Pope Benedict for the priests on the first Thursday of the month.

Archdiocesan Liturgical Policies review – We reviewed this document paying close attention to the areas of

- Just compensation for musicians – there is a stipend given at Christmas. The organist stated that they do not do it for the money but believe it is their ministry.
- Number of Masses - Next month we will discuss how to go about finding out whether the number warrant the amount of Masses that we are having.
- Cleaning of the vessels at the end of Mass. - Sheila will get word out to the Sacristans the proper way to clean the vessels. Discussed hand sanitizers for before Communion.

Ministry Fair – Joan Elsner got a letter out saying that we are planning a ministry fair and encourage people to get involved. Planned to meet on September 10, 6PM at Father's house to make the signs

Greeter Discussion – We moved the wheelchair to the cry room.

Request for Liturgy participation form – Jeanette has it done and will send it out for review.

Gift Bearers – We are asking people to check in that day. This isn't always happening. Discussion followed.

Wedding Coordinator Job Description - Bev and Fr Scott have discerned the wedding coordinator job description. Copy of description passed out for review.

Mass at fairground review – The Mass went well. Plan on making a list regarding all the ministers needed and items that are needed.

New Business

Parish Council report – All the Legacy of Hope money is gone and put to good use. Fr. Scott is chairing the 150th anniversary. It will be celebrated during the fiscal year from July 2010 and July 2011. Lavern and Patty are our representative.

New wedding date policy- To honor the first Friday adoration we are not going to schedule weddings the Saturday that follows the First Saturday. Exception would be if the wedding party is willing to have the rehearsal on Thursday

Fall ministry training date – Head of the committees need to schedule training sometimes in October. Suggest to have that date at the ministry fair. Eucharistic Ministers and Altar servers will be trained on October 10, 9AM and 10:30 AM. Jeanette will check with the other chairs of ministers.

Advent Reconciliation Service - the date is tentatively set for Wednesday December 16th.

Year of the Priest Parish Practices – Plan to attach prayer to Misselettes, First Thursday confession will be 6:30 – 7:30 AM and 4:45 Pm - 5:30 PM

Holy day/Thanksgiving Day Mass schedule – Thanksgiving day Mass will be at 9 AM. Holy Days 6 PM at Brownstown, Vigil, Morning Mass

Sanctuary arrangement proposal – Discussion followed.

Our next meeting is on September 22 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted
Claudia Dominik