

St James/St Theresa Combined Prayer and Worship Committee meeting minutes-October 13, 2022

Present: Fr. Jordan, Linda Wagnitz, Mary Steele, Sue Rockteacher, Jennie McFadyen, Kateri Yank, Claudette Krestan, Jeff Stuczynski, Jim Frisch, Newel Thomas

The meeting opened with this weekend's gospel reading.

Ministry Reports:

Fr. Jordan: Father spoke on how the liturgy is universal. Liturgy is the prayer of the Church, uniting us throughout the entire world. Anything he does or changes is always in efforts to enter into that universality. Following the Roman Missal is key. Father is willing to talk to the various liturgy groups on changes and training.

Kateri (St. James) and Tami (St. Theresa) will be Father's representatives at future meetings that he is not able to attend.

Deacon Rob: No report.

Parish Council: No report.

Security Concerns: No report.

Ushers: The joint CPR training was successful. Sue would like to have the ushers use MSP scheduler more. There is also a need for additional ushers.

Altar Servers: **Action Item:** Action Item Server training to be placed on parish calendar for November 6th. Server training for St. James will be held on November 6th after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. There is one server who will not be able to serve at Masses where incense is being used due to cystic fibrosis. She should be assigned to Sundays in Ordinary Time Masses.

Environment: Christmas flowers envelopes/cards should be placed in pews in November.

Action Item Father will make an announcement to have parishioners take the envelopes home and that there will be a 2nd collection for flowers the following weekend. No date had been set for this 2nd collection. Father liked Mary's idea of parishioners purchasing fresh flowers in memory of their loved ones on a weekly basis, whereby they would call the church office to order a set dollar amount of flowers. In turn the office would call the order in to the designated florist. This would help with the environment budget and give parishioners another way to honor their loved ones. Flower donations for the month could be acknowledged in the monthly newsletter. **Action Item** This suggestion will be tabled until later. Ask Mary, she has the procedure on how it's done.

All Souls' Day: Letters to the families who lost loved ones last year will go out next week to invite them to the All Souls Day Mass. A procedure change – the vigil candles will be lit by one of us rather than have members of families come up to the front to do it. **Action item** A banner with names of deceased from this past year will again be made to be displayed throughout the month of November. Father would like to have St. Theresa be included next year. St. Theresa currently does not have an All Souls' Day Mass. Planning will need to be done earlier next year to include St. Theresa in the Mass.

Sacristans: No report.

Eucharistic Ministers: No report

Cantors and Choir/DLM: The cantors are no longer required to proclaim the psalm from the ambo, except if the Mass is live streamed. **Action Item** Linda W. will notify the lectors regarding this so that they do not need to meet the cantor at the altar. **Action Item** Kateri will get together with Kay to order the "Little Books" for Advent. Renee Hitt may also be able to help with this.

Hand bells: Nancy Loomis needs advice on a budget for hand bells. She also needs to know if hand bells are appropriate for Advent season. **Advent Item** Kateri will contact Nancy regarding leading hand bells and appropriate music for Advent..

Funeral Ministry: No report.

Lectors: No report.

Technology: No report

Maggie: Maggie is working on feast day of Our Lady Guadalupe for December 4. Mass and reception at St. James that day.

Other: Day of Reconciliation to be held at St. Theresa on Thursday, December 1st.

Others: Next meeting will be held on November 10th

Next joint meeting with St. Theresa will be on January 12th.

Submitted by Mary Steele