St Dominic Prayer & Worship Committee
May 8, 2023 Meeting Notes

Present: Beth Munns, Jo Mlsna, Jeanne Bitkers, Laura Graney, Ann Scharrer, Mike Short

- Opening Prayer- Beth Munn, Meeting Chair
- Minutes from April 10: Reviewed and Approved

Calendar: Some clarifications were noted
- Sunday June 4 9AM Northside Graduation Mass at St Clement
- Sunday June 11 10:30 Mass at St Dominic only, canceled so all may attend the unified Corpus Christi celebration at Holy Name at 10:30AM
- Addition of Monday July 24 5:30 St Vincent DePaul Annual Memorial Mass held at St Dominic this year.
- Monday Aug 7 5:30 Mass of Anticipation St Dominic Feast Day time confirmed
- Beth shared dates she will not be in town for weekend Masses: June 5-25 and Sat July 29

Headlines and Concerns:
- Mike Short, Head of Eucharistic Ministers, was in attendance to share information regarding the re-institution of receiving the Cup at Masses. This committee supports the Parish Councils’ position:
  “Many questions need to be resolved before resuming the distribution of the Eucharist in both forms. The timing will be determined by the SNCP Prayer & Worship Committee. Once Eucharistic Ministers are known at all three parishes, education and training will take place for the ministers so that all three parishes are consistent with the timing and procedures for resuming distribution.” Furthermore, this committee recognized the need for education of altar servers and New Communicants as of March 2020 as well as consideration of new procedures for cleaning vessels. Ongoing information provided by the Archdiocese will be addressing the Parishes via flyers etc with the support of parish priests.
  Mike shared that Time & Talent will be addressed the weekend of May 20/21. Lastly, Mike requested consideration of having the timing of Pre-Mass Announcement slides adjusted to assure that those entering the church a bit later will still see announcements/Readings. Beth suggested that the Media slides have Mass Announcements and Readings interspersed. She will work on this.
• Baptism/Death Notices/Funeral:
Laura Graney and Beth have experienced a lack of communication as of late in regards to timely notifications of Baptisms (Laura adds symbol to Baptism Tree), Death (A family from our SNCP attended Sat 5:00 Mass with recent death in family and Beth was unaware of it but was informed by someone else). It was suggested that Lori Biebel share these communications along with the Announcements for all three parishes on a weekly basis. Beth will notify Lori.

• Welcome committee Update
Ann reported that the goal is to have a member of the New Member Welcoming Committee available, wearing a name tag, at all First Weekend Socials. It so happened that the most recent Weekend Social did not have a Host Ministry present after the 5PM Mass due to some changes in the Host Ministry schedule. It was suggested that Lori B send a confirmation to the designated Host Ministry Chairperson beforehand as she has the Monthly First Weekend Social schedule.

• Bulletin/Order of Worship possibilities for major holidays
Ann shared a bulletin from a church outside of WI which included the Order of Worship for the Easter Masses, This provided an opportunity for fuller participation to those less familiar with the parish and the elements of a High Feast Mass. She will re-introduce the idea at the next SNCP Liturgy Planning in September. This spurred a request from the committee to have more general Assembly Responses added to the Media Slides on a more regular basis. Beth will look into this.

• Music and Worship
Ann complimented our parish’s musicians for how much they enhance our worship, the timing of instrumentals and varied genres are essential to keeping the worship alive and reverential.

• Shout Out

• Railings
Jeanne once again brought it to our attention that having railings added to our Sanctuary area is essential to assure that substitute and permanent priests (as well as liturgical ministers) know that their safety matters. Jeanne brought this to
the attention of the Finance Committee but received no confirming response. Ann will email Phil Stoelb, Buildings and Grounds Committee chair with copies to Ryan O and Tom Donolfo regarding our stand on this situation. She will also ask Lori W as to how the process works for “Filing a Work Order”.

- Memorial Acclamations
  Jeanne brought it to our attention that we should consider which Memorial Acclamations are used until the Cup is reintroduced at Masses, as some Acclamations include the wording, “When we eat this bread and drink this cup.” Beth will choose acclamations accordingly.

- Evaluation of First Eucharist Liturgies
  Jo reported that all were done well considering this year we had First Eucharist Celebrations on three weekends. Next year there will be one Sunday designated for all three parishes.

- Eucharistic Revival Update
  Per Jo the latest meeting with Kym L indicated that on the celebration of Corpus Christi June 10/11, Fr Norbie will preside over the 5PM Mass at St Dominic, afterwards lead a procession around the block with the Eucharist followed by thirty minutes of adoration. The Eucharist will then be transported to Holy Name where adoration will continue until the time of morning Mass at 7:30AM. There will only be one 10:30 Mass that Sunday, A Bilingual Mass at Holy Name, with all SNCP parishioners encouraged to attend. The Eucharist will then be proceeded to St Clement if the 12:15 Mass is going to take place.

- Follow-up Special Blessings etc
  Jo reminded us that earlier in the year it was decided that the SNCP would have a Special Blessing for Expectant Parents twice annually. Therefore it was decided at this meeting that during Oct and May (months designated to honoring Our Blessed Mother/Life) Jo would provide a Blessing to be used during one weekend’s Masses. She will choose a weekend when it will be most fitting and not already spoken for regarding other special blessings or seasonal events. Regarding the occurrence of other special blessings, Jo noticed there were seldom bulletin articles used as PR promoting parishioners to request blessings for special family events, such as Anniversaries. New Member Welcome Blessings will take place twice annually in the fall and Spring. Ann will contact Lori B to ask her how often such PR articles appear in the bulletin.
- Update on Reconciliation Signage
  Beth will contact a sign maker and custodian Ryan O to do a walk through for consideration of permanent signage for the Reconciliation Area and possibly for Religious Gift Shop.

- Carillons
  The Carillons now appear to be working as a Call to Worship for weekend Masses and for the Angelus.

- Summer Liturgies/ other
  Beth provided June 4th, July 15th and August 26th as Summer Choir dates. She will also look into getting a trumpeter for the Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery. Regarding more Hispanic inclusion in our parish, Beth will invite Lulu to a future P&W meeting.

- Summer P&W Meetings
  Throughout the summer this committee will be notified via email regarding meetings on an as-needed basis.

Other
Ann will contact Kate R to confirm which newly welcomed RCIA members are new to St Dominic in order to send them a welcome notice on behalf of the New Member Welcome committee

Action Steps:

1. Jo:
   - Confirm July 24th Mass with Mary Petrie
   - Confirm Blessings For Expectant Mothers 2x Annually and Welcome New Members 2x annually

2. Beth:
   - Contact a trumpeter for Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery
   - Contact Lori B regarding Notification of Deaths/Funerals/Baptisms to be sent along with Weekly Announcements, Host Ministry for monthly socials be contact
   - Change of Memorial Acclamations in Cup is mentioned until the return of Communion Cup. Add General Responses to Media slides
   - Contact Lulu regarding her attendance at one of our meetings
-Change Media Slides: Intersperse Sunday Announcements with Readings for Weekend Masses
-Make contacts with Ryan and Sign maker for Reconciliation and Religious Gift Shop

3. Ann:
-Contacted Lori B regarding PR announcements and she responded:
  There is no regular schedule/timeline. Such articles are used as a filler when we have extra room...like open intentions, wine, host, address updates, going on vacation, etc.
Regarding the Shout Out for two Seniors who are altar servers receiving awards, Lori responded: I have already received this information from others. The Eagle Scout will be in this weekend. We are doing this one as we have done others like it...our scout troop, a religious scout honor. We are hesitant to do the other recognitions for fear of missing others. There are so many awards, scholarships given to the seniors this time of year. All the seniors have the opportunity to be recognized at the Graduation Mass June 4th.
-Inquire as to how to Submit Work Order and email Phill Stoelb from Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding the need for a railing in the sanctuary to get to the altar.
-Contact Kate R regarding New Members to St Dominic from RCIA this spring

4. Jeanne
- Ongoing communication with Mary Petrie regarding Corpus Christi

Next Meeting
In September Beth will send out an email for a Sept meeting along with a request for a meeting chair and note taker. This date may hinge upon the SNCP Liturgy Planning Meeting.