

Liturgy Committee Minutes

January 21, 2020

7:00 PM

Rickardsville Church Basement

Present: Fr. Diehm, Donna Cota (S), Linda Bockenstedt (L), Alice Link (B), Cindy Roberts (P), Darlene Schieltz (HC)

We opened with a prayer for acceptance/respect of others provided by Alice Link.

The November minutes were reviewed and adopted with a notation that Christmas Masses were the same time as weekend Masses with the addition of an *additional* 4 pm Mass.

Old Business:

- A. Advent & Christmas services and programs were reviewed.
 1. Committee members and Father Diehm agreed the Christmas program was fabulous once again. Attendance was very good and it is hoped that attendance will continue to grow if it is held each year. We will Andi Bihl's input at our next meeting as she did much of the planning and organizing.
 2. Balltown had a record attendance at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass and Holy Cross had a good turnout but did not need to use choir space. Other Masses were lighter but good in attendance.
 - a. A discussion of Mass times and locations followed resulting from the realization that travel time for Father between Masses is very tight with two major drawbacks being lack of time for spiritual preparation and time to greet/converse with people after Mass. The complexity of arranging the best timing and locations for weekend Masses requires much research, deliberation, and input. The discussions will continue on this subject.
 3. It was decided that the Christmas decorating can begin anytime after the 3rd Sunday of Advent to make it more feasible to get help and not be rushed. The plan is to hold off on adding the statues to the crèche and the poinsettias until Christmas Eve.
- B. We reviewed Reconciliation.
 1. The Communal Penance had a light turnout. Maybe 15-20 attended.

New Business:

- A. Plans for the Lenten season were discussed.
 1. Cindy Roberts will prepare the Lenten calendar this year. It will be a simpler form with hopes of placing more of the information in the weekly bulletin.
 2. An Adoration Holy Hour with Reconciliation in each parish will be held in place of a Communal Penance during Lent. This meets the desire to have adoration time as well as Reconciliation offered. The Holy Hours will most likely begin at 6:30 p.m.
 3. Communal Anointing of the Sick will be held the weekend of March 14-15 .
 4. Reminder: We are in Year A.
 5. Discussion held on possibly providing "Extra" tithing envelopes, This could be introduced during Lent to assist in Almsgiving, the third component of Lenten practices (Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving). Donna Cota will check with other parishes that offer this option to see how it is handled & received.
- B. Holy Week
 1. Holy Cross will have the Triduum Masses this year.
 2. Alice Link will check with Gina Gansemer about preparing the Mass aides and assist Darlene Schieltz with lining up the Liturgical Ministers.
 3. A Pastorate Holy Week Mission with speaker Jon Leonetti will be held April 5-7.
- C. Discussion will continue at future meetings on if we want to post family photos of newly baptized.

Upcoming Liturgical Dates:

- A. January 22nd - Day of Prayer of the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- B. February 26th - Ash Wednesday – Masses: 10 AM, (HC), 5:15 pm, 7:15 PM (S)
- C. April 7th - Chrism Mass, Cathedral
- D. April 12th – Easter

Our next meeting will be on March 17, 2020 at 7:00PM in the Rickardsville Church Basement.