

**Liturgy Committee Minutes**  
**August 8, 2019**

**Members Present: Underlined**

<b>Greg Hansen</b> , Server Coordinator 18-20	Vacant, EMHC Coordinator 17-19
Vacant, Chair	<b>Scott Wallner</b> , Past Chair
<b>Denis Hynes</b> , Lector Coordinator 17-19	<b>Julie Ortloff</b> , Business Manager
<b>Lee/Carol Wolf</b> , Usher Coordinator 17-19	<b>Chuck Lauer</b> , Sacristan Coordinator 15-17
<b>Father Jerome Tupa</b> , Pastor	<b>Jason Prigge</b> , Music Coordinator
Vacant, Faith Formation Coordinator	<b>Tess Koltes</b>

Prayer

**Old Business:**

The need for a chair person was discussed as well as a replacement for Karen Schellinger who has resigned.

**New Business:**

**August 24<sup>th</sup> Parish Picnic Liturgy:** The mass will take place at 4:30pm and will include the Rite of Installation of Pastor with Bishop Kettler presiding. Abbot Klassen will also be in attendance and Fr. Ian and Fr. Cyril have also been invited to attend. The choir will sing with rehearsals to be scheduled by Jason within a week. A worship aid will be utilized. Julie will contact Liturgical Ministers, since no schedule has been set due to the unknown mass time schedule. It was requested that Julie receive RSVP's from Trustees, Parish Council members and committee chairpersons so that when the Bishop calls them forward, we have participation.

**ACTION:** Julie will email parish leaders and ask them to notify if attending. Jason will submit a worship aid by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Julie and Jason will set up for mass on August 22. Liturgical Ministry sign-up sheets will be out at the Picnic.

**Music:** Jason announced his resignation. He has music scheduled through the end of August. A search to find his replacement will have to happen immediately. **ACTION:** Julie will contact Br. Dominic F. to see if he is interested in helping temporarily. Jason applied for a grant from Oregon Catholic Press to enhance our music and liturgy and we were notified that grant will be paid. Possibly improving the speakers or microphones would put the grant to good use.

**Sunday Mass Schedule:** Labor Day-Memorial Day Sunday masses at 8:30 am and Summertime Saturday Masses at 5:30 pm will be announced in the parish bulletin August 10/11. How to communicate this change to parishioners in such short notice? Recommendations included: Website, bulletin, door signs, social media, emails to all include "coming soon..." banners.

**Family Inclusive Liturgies:** A brief discussion about making our liturgies more family inclusive took place. Several suggestions were offered: 1. Children's collection at mass, even if there are not children—we need to have the expectation for our families to attend mass. 2. Invite children to the altar during the consecration or Lord's Prayer. 3. Be mindfully welcome of families with young children—thank them for bringing their babies to mass.

**Supporting Faith Formation Program/Families:** As the meeting progressed, we found much of our discussions surrounding the need to re-energize our young families and spark some new vibrancy in our parish. Our recommendation is for a community building experience that encourages all ages to come together and be active right in our own building. Providing a meal of soup and sandwiches for our parish to enjoy together following Faith Formation sessions. Some ideas that developed: free-will offering to help defray costs, build community, committees could take turn serving and coordinating, parents/families could stay and develop relationships, possibly invite Pat Dwyer to prepare soups, change our ministry focus to those right within our parish, provide adult Faith Formation during children's session time. **ACTION:** We would like to recommend

to the Parish Council that such a program be implemented and supported by the council and committees to ensure its implementation.

**Joining forces:** We often rely on the input of the Faith Formation coordinator at our meetings, and in recent years that has not been possible, but it is very important. Often the involvement of children at liturgies needs to be discussed and logistics planned, but it is difficult without the collaboration of someone from the Faith Formation program. Since the Faith Formation committee and our committee is rather small, we would like to consider asking these two committees to join forces and work together. This union might force more collaboration and better gauge and address the needs of our parish. **ACTION: Recommend combining these committees to the Parish Council.**

Next meeting date: Thursday, August 22, 2019 7:00pm—invite the Faith Formation committee to attend.