

Liturgy & Faith Formation Committee Agenda

November 13, 2024 6:00 PM

Members Present: Underlined

<u>Greg Hansen</u> , Server Coordinator 23-25	<u>Bob & Alice Mayers</u> , EMHC Coordinator, 23-25
<u>Tess Koltes</u> , Chairperson	<u>Julie Ortloff</u> , Business Manager
<u>Scott Wallner</u> , Lector Coordinator 23-25	<u>Dan Ortloff</u> , Sacristan Coordinator, 23-25
<u>Brian Eisenschenk</u> , Usher Coordinator, 23-25	Other Members:
FF Coordinator: Tess Koltes	
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Old Business:

1. Mass of Remembrance: went well. Lots of positive comments
2. Fleece Blankets: Went well. 31 blankets; Need more scissors next year for prepping the blankets (include left handed scissors); Knights of Columbus donated \$500 to buy the fleece; Annie Hanson bought and prepped the fleece; cutters were Bob and Alice Mayers, Al and Lois Lepinski, Barb Lyngaard, Barb Brinkman, Doris Goerger, Joyce Abeln, Tess (Next year ask Mary Reischl, Mitzie and John Brinkman, Caroline Linz, Elaine Omann, Sandy Eiyneck,)
Thank you were sent by Tess to all involved.
3. Breaking Bread: Caroline Linz heading it up with Dottie and Gene Eisenschenk. There will be 4 more events in the 2024-25 school year. November 24–Lasagna, Garlic bread, salad, cookie; February 23: Serving Cookies and Coffee after mass; March 16: Hot dogs, chips, cookies; April 27: Tacos in a bag, also First Communion Day (3 families) Goal: To do about 4-5 each year—already had 2
4. Servers in Training: Frankie McNair, Tucker and Beckett Burg were trained. Please encourage them. We want to get other younger servers to step up to be trained. Hoping to get Fischer yet.....

New Business:

1. Advent: NEW IDEA: Have an adult in the parish who is not a lector read the description of Advent and have a 9th or 10th grader light the candle
 - a. December 1: Reader: Candle Lighter:
 - b. December 8: Reader: Candle Lighter:
 - c. December 15: Reader: Candle Lighter:
 - d. December 22: Reader: Candle Lighter:**Suggestion was made to have a student and a parent do the Advent wreath together. Tess will find students and parents who are willing to help out.**

2. Advent Booklets ordered by Julie and Tess: will distribute to families, Wednesday morning group, and some will be on the table. We also added prayer booklets for the 12 days Of christmas from Christmas to Epiphany. **Favorite booklet was back ordered, so another booklet was mailed.**
3. Christmas Eve, 5:00pm at the Abbey Church: Something to consider: In the past we have had St. Joe do the music and St. John's provide all the other ministries. What if we had Ushers, EM, Gifts, Readers, from both parishes do the jobs???
Julie will talk to David O. and have him make suggestions of people from St. Joe who could assist.
4. Reconciliation: First Reconciliation on December 14, 1:00PM: Program needs to be done and shared with Fr. Brad and Julie
Tess will revise the service from last year. Susan will be contacted to play music for the service.
5. Protocol for Gluten Free Hosts: Concern about plastic wrapper being blessed and holy Possible remedy: Sacristan places Pyx with GF host in dish with other hosts, Fr. consecrates, Distribution as normal–person with GF goes to Fr., Return PYX to Fr. or sacristan after mass for clean up
This was handled....no need for a change.
6. January 5, Epiphany: Social Justice will kick off the Emergency Catholic Charities Event in February with both parishes as an ACC project.
This was changed to January 12. January 5th will be the opening ceremony of the Sesquicentennial events.
7. Parking Lot: Still people who are attending mass in vehicles–averages 10-12 per Sunday
Continue offering masses to people. It is a good service to provide for people.
8. Sesquicentennial Events: Faith Formation will have a Saint project for classes to work on. Each week a write up by a FF student will be placed in the bulletin in a corner called, "Sesquicentennial Saints." Tess will create a format for information about the saint for the child to share. Then in October, we will do a walk to the cemetery with a scavenger hunt about the saints. When we get to the cemetery, we will discuss the saints and the items they found which represent the saint.
Tess will develop a sheet for students to fill in. She will write up and submit the saint information for bulletin publication. Saint Scavenger will be October 12, 2025.
9. Suggestion was made by a visitor who was staying at the House of Prayer; She was the environment person at Joan of Arc Parish in the Cities. She came to look at our worship spaces. She loved the big hall as the furniture is moveable. She said there are so many more options for set up to worship. She also saw Mary Chapel and thought it was amazing. Her comment–Stations of the Cross are too large for the space. Suggestion of using numbers, similar to those in the Abbey Church on the walls for the Stations. Thoughts....
Suggestion: What has happened to the Roman numerals from Assumption Chapel? Maybe we could take those and place them in Mary Chapel. It would be a good way to

bring part of our old worship space to our present worship space as part of our Sesquicentennial events.

10. Adult Sessions: Possibility of getting Barbara Sutton to discuss Soul Collages—diving into diversity and how to appreciate every else's gifts, opinions, and thoughts. It makes us stretch beyond the normal "lecture, ask questions" format. It would be a five session presentation. Thoughts....

Discussion of Adult Enrichment possibilities...

Barbara Sutton: Have her present in January with the session called, "Hello, my name is.." to get a picture of what her series would be about. Possibility of having evening sessions with her or Saturday/Sunday afternoon sessions.

11. Rest of 24-25: Looking into Bible series to be done by prof or qualified person from SOT. Topics of interest???

Bible Series: contact someone from the SOT who could take various bible readings and explain historically what was going on in Jesus's time—then bring it forward to present day and how it is relevant.

Another suggestion was made to find booklets or pamphlets to use for our own Bible study.

12. Any other ideas, suggestions.....

OTHER: Tess applied for money to the St. Cloud Optimist Club for \$500. The money will be used to send kids/adults to kids Fighting Hunger in March. A thank you will be sent by Tess.