

Worship Committee
December 10th, 2019

Agenda:

Our agenda includes
Ministry Updates --
Advent Reflections --
Christmas Preparations --
Ministry Fair (set calendar date?)

Present: Father Adam, Holly, Cindy, Susan, Tonja, Linda, Maranda, Allie
Opening Prayer led by Father Adam

Email Mary Margaret Young – Nursing Home Friday – ministry updates and information and schedule

Ministry Updates

EME returning to the front of the church during the Lamb of God has been well received.

Sitting after Communion – Tabernacle closed/people sit/music stop all simultaneous. Then new instrumental song.

Art & Environment – reach out to ministers with decorating date/time

Christmas Decorating Sunday Dec 22 after 10:30

Send Maranda list of those who signed up to decorate (*Juliet Church is one for sure*)

Advent Reflections

Blessing of Baby Jesus figures – people can be invited to bring them in – 4th Sunday of Advent
Advent Wreath lighting going well.

The white Christ candle will be lit for Christmas Eve Masses with all other candles.

Add something in the bulletin – liturgical note for why/what it means. “What to watch for in the liturgy”- for 4th Sunday bulletin.

Christmas Preparations –

MSP requests going out for ministers

Christmas decoration plans are underway

Liturgical Ministry Fair AND Stewardship Fair

Great way for everybody to see all of the groups within the Parish.

Invite the young people so they can learn and become involved.

Invite and encourage religion classes to have “treasure hunt” to find out different things from the liturgical ministry fair with reward for getting all the ‘answers’.

Holly will work with Father Adam and parish staff to set dates for these events.

Jan 25/26 – Youth Weekend

Feb 1/2 – Deacon Preach

*****Update ministry descriptions BEFORE stewardship forms go out*****

Feb 15/16 – Baptisms/Sandwich Sunday

Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday

Encourage to try something new for Lent – a season for change and to make a new habit.

Leave it up for Ash Wednesday and 1st weekend of Lent

Epiphany

Blessing of Chalk

- Pass out piece of chalk and prayer card
- CMB (This House Blessed)

St. Anthony Day

- In the Summer
- Take all lost and found items and place on table in Gathering Space with prayer card

Suggestion

- Day of Reflection on the Psalms – Linda attended at the Benedictines
 - o Might be something that we could offer to the Parish
 - o 1 Saturday type think – Part 1 in Morning Part 2 in Afternoon
 - o Feb 29
- Consider Parish Mission for next Lent or Advent
 - o Or 1 day or evening retreat
- Woman from Epiphany spoke at NCYC
 - o Father Adam is considering asking her to speak at Ascension

Lent

- Send Holly any suggestions for events/experiences you might be well received at Ascension during this season.

Offer has been made to hire a new Pastoral Associate at Ascension. Patrick Paris. Should be starting at end of December or potentially January. Duties will include building a RCIA program.

CSA goal almost met!

Concluding Prayer: Our Father

Meeting Concluded at 8:08

Upcoming Meetings:

2nd Tuesday from 7:00-8:00 PM in AMR

January 14

February 11

March 10

April 14

May 12

Worship Committee Roster with start dates

Allie Sanderfer – Youth Rep -- August 2019
Mike Lally – EME to Nursing Home -- August 2019
Susan Messerschmidt – EME to Hospital – August 2019
Joe Krebs – Servers – August 2018
Maranda Sanderfer – A&E -- December 2017
Rachel Riggs – EME – August 2017
Paola Murphy - Sacristans – March 2017
Linda Schork – Committee Chair – February 2017
Doug Payne – MSP – Spring 2017
David Ford – MSP – Spring 2017
Cindy Robinson – Lectors – May 2016
Tonja Logsdon - Hospitality – October 2016
Holly Smith – Worship Director – Spring 2015

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

1. To offer counsel to the Pastor as well as the Directors of Worship and Music on methods to:
 - 1) Increase understanding and appreciation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist among the faithful;
 - 2) Foster “full, conscious and active” participation in the Mass; and
 - 3) Enhance the beauty of the worship space.
2. To identify opportunities to recruit, recognize and train lay ministers serving roles in the Eucharist, Hospitality, Lectors, Servers, Music, and Sacristans.
3. To highlight issues requiring the attention of the Pastor and parish staff resulting from community worship celebrations.

The Worship Committee is not expected to engage in liturgical planning: the purchase of liturgical supplies and other such operational activities as may be delegated by the Pastor to the Directors of Worship and Music or other parish colleagues.