

Date: 02/13/24

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: AMR

Present Members: Amelia Reesor, Tonja Logsdon, Jerry Passafiume, Karen O'Rourke, Laura Ridge, Nathan Hadsall, Maranda Sandefer, and Ally Sandefer

Present Staff: Father Robert, Robert Garbarz, and Flynn Mudd

Absent: Erin Hartman and Jake Kerger

### Opening Prayer

- Review/Approve December Minutes
- A&E Storage Issue Resolved?
  - It's been determined the filing cabinets in the cry room/storage room can be removed but this won't free up sufficient space to completely give up the A&E closet.
  - There is a concern over floral arrangements because they are fragile and have already been repaired multiple times. A&E is afraid that if the school is storing items in the same space, the increased traffic in the space will also increase the risk of more damage happening to the arrangements.
  - Father Robert is still investigating possible alternative storage options. Once he has completed his review, he will follow up with Maranda to discuss. Father Robert says there is no pressure coming from the school to have access to the space.
- Reflect on Christmas Masses
  - Attendance: The 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass maxed out the available space. It does not appear that the 7 PM Christmas Eve Mass pulled anyone from the 4 PM Mass as it was hoped.
  - Mass Times: We put a pin in any discussion of Christmas Mass times and will return to this conversation at our August or September meeting.
  - Decorating and undecorating went smoothly.
- January Children's Mass Review & Plan for Next One
  - The January Children's Mass went very well and had great attendance. It was nice to be able to meld the children in with the adult choir at the 10:30 Mass.
  - Ministry roles were open to all grade levels, which seemed to be successful in garnering fuller participation. 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students can get service hours for participating as ministers at Mass, but 8<sup>th</sup> graders do not.
  - The next Children's Mass will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30. The possible activity to pair with it will be an egg hunt.
- Discussion Items from Flynn & Robert (See attached handout on p \_ for complete list of items)
  - There will be Masses on Ash Wednesday at 8:.
- Putting Out Chairs in Gathering Space; Which Mass(es)?

- Jim Grider has a plan for setting up the chairs. Most likely, they will all be set out before the 9:30 am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass.
- Discuss whether future meetings can happen on non-Tuesdays sometimes?
  - Father Robert is exploring if any committee(s) are able to meet on a different evening than Tuesday. Unfortunately, our committee does not appear to be able to move to a different night, so Father Robert is going to ask some of the groups.
- Complaints About Incense Use at the Afternoon Mass (Possibly Have Saturday Masses Without Incense?)
  - Flynn said the Saturday Mass that had an overabundance of incense was just an error on his part, so this will hopefully be a non-issue in the future. However, we did discuss that it would be appropriate to keep Saturday Masses incense-free in keeping with progressive solemnity.
- Advent Booklets Were Not Present This Year
  - The booklets were not ordered because that job fell through the cracks with transitioning between new staff members. However, the publishing company ended up sending us our usual order, so the books have now been put out in the gathering space.
  - Eddie Jarboe will be handling this task moving forward.
- Have 2024 Calendars Been Ordered and Put Out this Month?
  - Donna has worked on this so Father Robert believes these are in progress and will be out by end of year.
- Building & Grounds is Recovering the Large Panels in Front of Sanctuary
  - There was a discussion about any other needs we can bring to Building & Grounds for attention. There was an extensive discussion about the hymnal board. Mr. Forns has offered to make a custom board that will fit the current wall space more fully and allow for larger number signs/labels. Robert told him to okay this with Father Robert.
  - We also discussed potentially installing new hymnal boards on the columns at the halfway mark of the sanctuary on either side to make it easier for people to see. Robert will also start putting the reading page number in the bulletin, potentially in the same area as the Communion Antiphon.
- Ministry Roundtable
  - The next student-led Mass will be held on January 7, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. This is a sports blessing weekend and also the Feast of the Epiphany. There will be a Epiphany/Christmas party following the Mass.
    - Robert will lead the choir. Likely, the kids will be folded into the adult choir. Robert will practice with any interested students on either Wednesday/Thursday or Thursday/Friday the week before. The students won't be back in school until Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Laura may just pull students from a variety of grades that she knows will want to be involved rather than assigning a specific grade since there is a short time between the start of school and the Mass.

- The number of servers is really doing well, especially at the 10:30 Masses. Flynn says these numbers are sufficient to let us do more bells and whistles at 10:30.
- We could benefit from having more sacristans. Flynn will put an informational note in the bulletin to explain what the role of the sacristan is and hopefully generate some more interest.
- There is some concern over Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors not arriving until right before Mass, which puts pressure on Father Robert, Robert and Flynn to try to pull people from the congregation to ensure all our needs are being met. Robert is going to send a message to ELMCs and Lectors to inform them that if they have not checked in 10 minutes before the start of Mass, they may be replaced. It is hoped that this will encourage everyone to arrive timely to Mass when they are scheduled to serve and will also prevent anyone from being upset if someone else steps into their role at Mass.

Closing Blessing

Next Meeting: 01/09/24 6:30 PM

### 1. Noted Mistakes

- a. Bulbs not present at all. Patrick should continue to improve his communication and delegation style.
- b. Stream - Patrick started after reading. Missed a few names. Hard to remember without a designated minister.

### 2. Candle Lighting Ritual

- a. Instrumental Music with Violin - Powerful / emotional way to start
- b. Reading of the song, "Light a Candle" – paced well
- c. Individual Names and big candle holders
  - i. Candle Tree holder - was found but could not hold 26 candles, or large candles.
    - 1. Including it at some capacity would be nice if it can't be used during.
      - a. Consider placing in the gathering space to hang the pictures on.
  - ii. Nursing Home Residents - A positive addition, finding ways to highlight our relationship to them when lighting candles could be helpful for context.
    - 1. Possibly get Extraordinary Ministers to take one person each.
    - 2. Possibly reach out to Louisville East for family contact info.
  - iii. Families – Was received positively as more inclusive
    - 1. If a family is lighting two candles, have them back to back to save trips.
  - iv. Audio - Levels were a bit off, could have had Father louder, or the music quieter.
  - v. Reader of Names - More meaningful with Father reading them
- d. Open Opportunity for everyone to light small candles
  - i. Lighting went well with two ministers assisting and Dcn. Placing. Only have of the attendees participated in this.
- e. General
  - i. Ministers - Distribution of roles was positive (clergy, staff, liturgical ministers)
  - ii. A&E – Dimming and removal of flowers was a nice touch. Simplicity welcomed.
    - 1. Tabernacle Veil -The veil was asked about, opportunity for catechesis?

### 3. Mass

- a. Music – Consider less popular selections to provide comfort, but prevent repetitive year
- b. Readings – Try to be sensitive to the families present. (if not already)
- c. Ministers – no extraordinary ministers were utilized. Is this okay?
- d. Attendance - surprisingly low. Average 60-70 in past three years and this year was 45ish.
  - i. Invitations - Families were notified electronically this year as opposed to the last two. A reintroduction of handwritten cards could help make up the difference.

1. Does signature matter to the receiver if we had multiple card-makers?
    2. Would a follow up phone call be helpful?
    3. Could bereavement teams be particularly invited for Mass attendance?
  - ii. Day and Time - All Souls constantly changes for the day of the week. Was 7 PM too late on a Thursday evening? It's this late for sunlight. Sunset was 6:42 this year. Daylight savings will benefit an earlier time some years.
  - e. Worship Aid
    - i. Asterisk to indicate Louisville East residents. Order them in order of death if possible. (some Louisville East residents' obituaries could be hard to find)
4. November Memorial Table – None so far