

Summary of Liturgy Committee Meeting - September 21, 2017

Meeting Agenda Items:

- A. Opening Prayer - a brief Liturgy of the Word for feast of St. Matthew.
- B. Development - Discussion of Christian Initiation, General Introduction, # 1-6.
 1. The 3 Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, in that order. They are intimately connected with each other.
 - a. Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's People, the Church.
 - b. Confirmation makes us more completely the image of the Lord and fills us with the Holy Spirit so that we may bear witness to the Spirit before all the world.
 - c. Finally, coming to the table of the Eucharist, we eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man so that we may have eternal life and show forth the unity of God's People, the Church.
 2. "Baptism is the door to life and to the Kingdom of God." To symbolize this, adults and infants to be baptized are first welcomed at the main doors of the church.
 3. Baptism is the sacrament by which we respond to the Gospel of Christ. To respond effectively, we need to know Christ and his Good News!
 4. By Baptism, we are consecrated to the Trinity. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit draw us into communion and share their divine life with us!
 5. By Baptism, we are united to Christ in a death like his and are given life again with him. Through, in, and with Christ, we continually die to our old selves and rise again. The dying/rising cycle is called the "Paschal Mystery," which we celebrate explicitly at Baptism and which we celebrate and "remember" (make present) at every Eucharistic liturgy.
- C. Calendar
 1. Finalized plans for Mass of Celebration and Gratitude held on Sept. 27, 2017
 2. Finishing plans for Eucharistic Devotions - October 15-17, 2017.
- D. Ministry Reports
 1. Altar Servers
 - a. Fr. Paul will offer altar server training on Saturday 10-14-17 beginning at 9 a.m. in Church. Open to all parish boys and girls 4th grade and up; also adult men and women who would like to be trained.
 - b. Cinctures - still researching costs and materials.
 2. Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick - Marcia Roth met with Pat Krause and Lisa Hedrick to update the process for bringing the Eucharist to parishioners in need.
 3. Lectors - Reminder to lectors to go up to the ambo during the Creed to be ready for the Intercessions; also, to go up to the ambo at "Let us pray" and the Closing Prayer to be ready to read the announcements.

4. Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC) - The members of the LWC ministry team will meet for their last "tri-yearly" team meeting of this year on Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 9-10 a.m. in the Gathering Space.
5. Mass Coordinators
 - a. Anna Weisenberger will write up a "check-list" of what Mass Coordinators do.
 - b. Jerry Hettel, Anna Weisenberger, and Marian Bermudez are planning a "Sacristy Showcase." They will conduct "tours" of the sacristy after Masses for those interested in seeing "what's back there!" Dates still to be determined.
6. Musicians - Mark Niese, Music Director for St. Paul Parish, has been working to get the parish choirs up and running.
 - a. Choristers: 45 students (3rd to 6th grades) signed up!
 - b. Mixed Choir: 30 choir members; rehearsals resumed September 13th.
 - c. Funeral Choir: Adults wishing to join, please contact Mark Niese.
7. RCIA
 - a. Six inquirers are attending RCIA sessions so far.
 - b. The Rite of Acceptance will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at the 9 a.m. Mass. Fellowship will follow after Mass where parishioners may meet and personally welcome the new catechumens and candidates and their sponsors! SAVE THE DATE!

E. New Business - SP Lit News!

1. Photos of the parish children who were baptized on 8-27-17 are posted on the hallway Bulletin Board along with short explanations of the meaning behind the photos.
2. Plans are to continue posting photos relating to the 3 Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) from time to time.

Next meeting: October 19, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

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