**Worship Commission Meeting**

**18 September, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Beth Campshure, Martha Endejan, Chuck Hornung, Fr. Edward Sanchez, Harry Schneider, Brian Seel, Lisa Sutton, Paul Thelen

**EXCUSED:** Eric Contreras, Mary Ketterhagen, Judy Pollard

The meeting was opened with group prayer.

* Announcements:
  + Octoberfest: October 9, following the 4:00 pm mass. Bishop Scheuermann will preside. The Jazz Choir will be singing German classics, in German.
  + Living Nativity: December 5 at 4pm. There will only be one (1) show this year.
  + Choir News:
    - St Peter Choir: The new director for the St. Peter Choir is Andrew Skiff.
    - All choirs began practicing last week.
    - ORS Choir has added 4 new people.
    - The ORS choir will sing at mass the 3rd Sunday of the month. All other choirs will sing 2 times per month.
* Training for Servers and Sacristans:
  + Fr. Edward and Fr. Justin will be doing training for youth servers from all sites as refresher/maintenance at the beginning of Advent and Lent. It will be a time to thank, encourage and review procedures to assure that servers are prepared for the special seasons. The dates for these sessions this year will be Monday, November 22, 21 and Monday, February 27, 22. Individual training for new services will continue to be site-specific.
  + There was discussion on scheduling. There are some challenges with the new system, relative to all the ministries. We will add subject that to the agenda for discussion at the next Commission meeting.
  + Deacon Dale will be setting up training for Sacristans. There is a need for more funeral servers. Fr. Edward suggested that perhaps existing servers could suggest people.
* Lectors:
  + Following the recent Anointing Mass, Deacon Ricardo expressed concern that often the lectors are hard to hear. It was suggested that a re-training/re-commissioning session would be appropriate. Days suggested were the Sunday in summer that is “Word of God” Sunday, or the feast day of St. Jerome. In the meantime, Paul said that the lectors should be sure to project when they proclaim the readings. Regarding the microphones, only the one at Sacred Heart should not be adjusted. All others should be adjusted to the right position for the height of the person speaking.
* Season of Creation:
  + Brought to our attention by the Sisters of St. Agnes.
  + October 3 is the last Sunday for this Season. The music for that day lends itself to the topic of Earth and Environment.
  + The suggested prayers are not sanctioned, so we won’t be using them, however we can use the petitions that are suggested.
  + A small group is studying Pope Francis’ “Laudato Si’”
    - Following discussion, it was determined that to do anything major we would need to start sooner, but something we could possibly do on short notice would be to join in a “Rosary of Creation”. It is already scripted and wouldn’t take a lot of preparation on short notice. People could be invited to join in the Prayer Garden.
* Patron Saint Feast Days:
  + The priest team suggested that is would be a good idea to celebrate the Patron Saint of the individual sites. It could take many forms, celebrating the traditions of the individual sites. People with knowledge of traditions at each site could be included in the planning.
  + The next Feast Day is Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 21. Chuck will investigate it, contact some folks, and get back to the group.
  + The following Feast Day is December 8, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at St. Mary’s. Fr. Edward will speak with Sarah Razner, as that is her “family” church.
  + The 3rd is the Feast of the Holy Family on the last Sunday in December. That is both the feast day for the Holy Family site, but also for the Parish. Whatever is done that day will be parish-wide, at all sites. Possibly distribute refrigerator magnets with “Holy Family” logo or information.
* Adoration:
  + Hours have been extended to 10:00pm.
  + A lot of the Hispanic Community have signed up for hours.
  + Lisa made the decision to step back from Adoration related activities other that the Chapel hours. She is hoping for more active involvement from the church membership at large.
* Advent:
  + The Archdiocese talked of a continuation of the “Gift of Sunday” in Advent, but so far there has been no information forthcoming.
  + Fr. Justin is working with the concept of understanding the Mass, how it is part of Advent, remembering Jesus’ 1st coming and how the Mass is in the center, preparing us for the 2nd coming. Fr. Edward with talk with Fr. Justin.
  + Paul suggested the priests could focus their homilies on that, as that is usually the most effective.
  + Lisa suggested a book, but Sabina has already selected one for this Advent, a collection of quotes by Bishop Sheen.
  + As far as art and Environment for Advent, Harry suggested that at Holy Family we are planning to use the Dedication candles in the corners of the Nave, suggesting that the church/congregation is the wreath. There were questions as to whether there are such candles at the other sites. Fr. Edward stated that the dedication candles are usually lit only on the anniversary of the dedication.
  + Fr. Edward will speak to the priests.
* Year of St. Joseph:
  + The year ends with the beginning of the new liturgical year.
  + On the Solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we will plan to recite the Liturgy of St. Joseph between the Blessing and the Dismissal at all masses. The priests will lead it, and the congregation will only have to respond.
* Schedule Worship Commission meetings:
  + Paul suggested we set the dates for the Worship Commission meetings for the coming year.
    - We will plan 3 meetings a year.
    - Saturdays work best. All meetings will be held at Holy Family and begin at 8:30am. The dates are:
      * 22 January, 2022
      * 14 May, 2022
      * 10 September, 2022
* Other:
  + Up until now, Paul has always prepared the agenda for our meetings. He would like members to let him know of topics they think should be included in the agenda for future meetings.
  + Chuck stated that the Council set up a sub-committee to research ideas and review the goals of the Commissions for the year 2022. The goals as they exist are abstract. He is suggesting looking at what other parishes are doing.
  + Martha talked about the “Liturgy of the Domestic Church”.
    - She has participated in several webinars and has found them very rewarding. This new model puts for 3 rites:
      * Relationships: homes generously loving (not just the family by blood, but say, roommates, etc.) (**the spark**)
      * Rituals: prayer, work, play, communication; “the family that prays together, stays together” (**the kindling**)
        + Together these lead to to/feed in to:
      * Reaching out: **the fire**
    - The website is **Peyton Institute**.
      * Martha has the links to the webinars, for those who are interested.
  + Priest rotation:
    - Paul will bring up for discussion at the Leadership meeting. We will put the topic on the agenda for discussion at our next meeting.
  + The scheduling software:
    - There still seem to be some bugs. We will put the topic on the agenda for discussion at our next meeting. By then, there will be several more months of experience with it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Campshure