Worship Commission Meeting

22 September, 2023

**PRESENT:** Althea Burrier, Beth Campshure, Patty King, Dawn Meyer, Judy Pollard, Dave Ransom, Harry Schneider, Joanne Streeter, Lisa Sutton, Fr. Kevin Tanel, Paul Thelen, Redmond Tuttle

**EXCUSED:** Martha Endejan, Patty King, Maggie Meyer, Ben Skifton

Those in attendance opened the meeting with the “Hail, Mary”

Minutes from the July meeting:

* Approved as presented.

Upcoming Events:

* Octoberfest: 7 October following the 4:00pm German/English Mass.
* Live Nativity: 3 December, 2023

Sacred Heart:

* Fr. Matthew and Paul ordered new banners for Sacred Heart.
  + There was a restricted gift for Art and Environment at Sacred Heart.
  + There are 2 each for Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent a White for Christmas and Easter.
* The quilted frontal has been retired.

Crucifix at Holy Family:

* Fr. Ryan, and Paul met with Joseph Wittmann, Liturgical Consultant, who has been hired by Holy Family.
* Paul also communicated with Fr. Mark Joseph Costello, the Liturgical Consultant who worked with Holy Family when the church was built.
* Joseph Wittmann suggests that we are “putting the cart before the horse” in the way we are approaching the crucifix.
  + The process he uses is:
    - to look at the existing carvings on the altar, ambo, tabernacle, and symbolism of the stained-glass windows
    - Formulate ideas using the Passion readings as a starting point
    - Bring them to the committee
* He suggests we come into this “with open minds and a blank slate”.
  + Look at the space
  + Determine what it needs, then
  + Select the artist to do that.
* Mr. Wittmann will meet with any members of the sub-committee who are available at noon on Friday, 6 October.

Adoration:

* Lisa stated that we have lost some adorers and haven’t pulled new ones in. She would like to have 2 people per hour as a goal. The weekend hours are really in need of adorers.
  + Pulpit and bulletin announcements haven’t been too successful.
  + She is looking for suggestions on what else we can do to promote adoration and draw more people in.
  + There are a lot of visitors, but they aren’t signing up for a regular time. How do we motivate people to cover the hours.
* Fr. Kevin suggested and all-night vigil with a candlelight Holy Hour and Mass, as is done at the Seminary. That would be a good way to promote Adoration.
* Perhaps the Priests could promote/invite people, stir up the desire to participate.
* Lisa challenged the Priests to do a rotation-to cover an hour. That would make a strong statement.
* Dave suggested adoration one time per month at Holy Family.
* Judy suggested that the Widow’s group might be a good source of people for daytime hours, but not nights.
* Fr. Kevin suggested that during Advent we have a ½ hour of Adoration after every mass, to expose people.
  + Lisa stated that we did have a program of a ¼ hour of Adoration after mass on a rotating basis for a while. People were very moved by the True Presence. Fr. Kevin will speak with the other priests.

Statues at Holy Family:

* The new framed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been moved to the north wall, where the Tabernacle had been. It fits the spot well.
* The statue of Mary and the adolescent Jesus on the south will be removed. It was repaired once, paid for by Fr. Pat, but is continuing to crack. In addition, it is not correct to have 2 images of Mary in the Worship space.
* The statue of St. Joseph that at the end of the north hall will be moved to that spot. In the future it may be possible to commission a new St. Joseph.

Vesting Adult Altar Servers:

* There has been discussion of the adult servers at daily mass and funerals vesting in either an alb or a cassock and surplice.
  + Paul said that we need to find out if that would be mandatory.
  + Beth, who schedules daily mass at Holy Family, stated that we would probably lose some of the existing servers.
* Joanne asked if kids could serve at funerals or daily mass. She home schools her children, so they could be available.

Eucharistic Ministers purifying their hands after communion:

* At the last meeting, Lisa had brought up this subject. Fr. Kevin did bring it up, but it has been tabled for now.

Eucharistic Ministers:

* Althea said that we could use training for Eucharistic Ministers. There is some question about what to do when someone comes forward with their arms crossed. What should be said?
  + It is not correct for the lay ministers to offer a blessing, but they could say something like: “May the Lord Jesus be in your heart.
* Harry stated that we need to have more Eucharistic Ministers. Many of the people who were Eucharistic Ministers pre-Covid are not coming back to serve.

Daily 7am Mass at Holy Family:

* Dave would like to see the daily mass return at Holy Family.
* Fr. Kevin stated that it is tricky because Canon Law only allows a priest to say 1 mass per day, 2 in certain circumstances. In addition to the masses in our churches, there are masses at the nursing homes, prisons, as well as funerals and weddings. It is definitely a conversation they are having.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

* + 13 January, 2024
  + 11 May, 2024
  + 13 July, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Campshure

13 January, 2024