

QUAD-PARISH WORSHIP COMMISSION

August 7, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT - Jeannine Mielke, Kathy Germain, Jane Giese, Christine DesJarlais, Mary Scheffel, Mary Ann Daniel, Jerry Krausert, and Robin Therese.

EXCUSED - Audrey Conrad

The meeting opened with Jeannine sharing a prayerful reflection.

MINUTES of the June meeting were approved as written.

The AGENDA was approved as presented.

INTRODUCTIONS of Commission members and our new Liturgical Coordinator, Robin Therese.

ELECTION - Chairperson, Jane Giese, and Secretary, Kathy Germain

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS - None, no summer meetings held.

OLD BUSINESS

ANNIVERSARY: ST. JUDE- Our 50th Anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, October 28th, with Mass at 10:30 am and dinner at Riverside Ballroom 1:00 pm. We are preparing a video featuring interviews of fond memories, highlights, and stories. Copies of this video/DVD will be available for sale. Also, a Christmas ornament, a golden glass ball with dates and picture of St. Jude Church. Our next committee meeting is August 15th.

ANNUNCIATION'S 75th ANNIVERSARY - Biebel's will serving 100 dinners at \$10.00 each Saturday, August 11th from 4:00 - 6:00pm. Small bottles of Holy Water, blessed at the 6:00pm Anniversary Mass, will be given to those attending. Also, a brochure on the Parish history and special features of the church building. After Mass, cake with a picture of Annunciation on it, will be served to everyone. Any left over cake will be sold at the picnic on Sunday.

ASSUMPTION - August 15th. Annunciation and St. Joseph's Ministry schedules complete. St. Jude and St. Patrick's still need some. Mass schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 14 - St. Jude 6:30pm, St. Patrick 7:00pm
Wednesday, August 15 - Annunciation 8:00am, St. Joseph 6:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES REVIEW - We are asked to prayerfully listen and record comments or suggestions on attendance, ministry scheduling concerns... Whatever would be helpful to us regarding our present Parish Mass schedules for future evaluations.

NEW BUSINESS

AREAS OF IMMEDIATE NEEDS - Worship Commission members are invited to attend some weekend Masses at the other Parishes this summer. Although the Mass itself is the same, there may be little variations in the procedures for various Ministries, assembly participation and reflective silence which we observe.

For example, the PLACEMENT OF THE GIFT TABLE, where Gift Bearers sit in church, and timing of participation in the Presentation of the Gifts Procession to the Altar. An exchange of ideas led to the decision to KEEP THE Gift Table IN THE BACK of church. This is the suggested procedure which we will begin at all four Parishes starting the FIRST WEEKEND of SEPTEMBER. The Gift Bearers leave their seats and proceed to the Gift Table when the Ushers go forward to start the collection. When the Collection has been completed, the Gift Procession begins. Those who schedule Gift Bearers in our Parishes can instruct them on the procedures. Should the rare occasion arise when a Gift Bearer has mobility concerns, communicating this to the Ushers so they are prepared to assist them would be helpful.

This weekend, August 11-12, the second collection will take place after Communion. A tape about this collection will be played during this time.

Another observation we wondered about is how the songbooks used at St. Patrick's might be placed in or near the ends of the pew? Would have them readily available in the pews encourage more participation? The welcoming gestures of the Hospitality Ministers presenting people with a songbook as they greet them coming into church is wonderful too. It was suggested they can address this at a future Parish Council meeting.

Also, our Parishes need more people serving in the various Ministries, especially Altar Servers and Sacristans. How do we educate and interest our Parishioners' participation in these Ministries? Could it be the length of service requested? Lack of appreciation shown them for their service? Uncomfortable being on a set schedule? Would it be helpful to show volunteer slots on schedules that people can fill as available? Ideas and suggestions welcome.

ADVENT - We should begin reading the Gospel of Matthew, looking for symbols and theme ideas. A Resource Book will be ordered for each parish to assist us in planning for Liturgical seasons. Each of us should jot down some notes on how we celebrated or a tradition in our Parish for Advent.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS - Robin will be ordering them soon. St. Jude and Annunciation would like workbooks for all their Lectors. St. Joseph would like six books, and St. Patrick's undecided.

MEMORIAL SERVICE CELEBRATIONS - We are suggesting separate services held at each Parish on Thursday, November 8th, 7:00pm. Each will be led by Prayer Leader from Pastoral Staff or Parish.

The meeting closed with Robin leading us in prayer.

NEXT MEETING is Tuesday, Sept. 4th, 6:30pm St. Jude classroom.