

Liturgy Committee Meeting
July 28, 2021
7:00 PM - 7:35 PM
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In Attendance:

Fr. Schueller, Krystal Smith, Lynn Kluesner, Trish Erzen, Dianne McDermott, Bonnie Hancock, Mindi McDermott, and Linda Wolf.

Meeting Notes:

- The main objective of this meeting was to discuss the various ministry roles and whether or not we are ready to modify what is currently being done (i.e. number of lectors, taking up the collection, altar servers, gift bearers, etc.) and share any other thoughts, concerns, or suggestions.
- **Discussion of Liturgical Ministries:**
 - Having a minimal number of ministries scheduled is more than okay. Having a smaller number to work with is easier all around. Increasing it would take greater coordination, especially since we have grown accustomed to our current schedule.
 - Lectors: We will continue to schedule one lector for each liturgy. This simplifies the scheduling process and also seems to make things easier in general.
 - Altar Servers: We will continue to allow interested kids to be altar servers on a volunteer basis.
 - Gift Bearers: Still no gift bearers at this time
 - Ushers / Collection: As soon as it is possible, we would like to have our ushers pass the collection baskets during the preparation of the altar. There is no need for them to bring the collection forward to the altar at this time, but our finance committee would like to see a return of taking the collection baskets to the pews once again.
 - This can be done as the presider prepares the altar. Some parishes do not have any music at this time and that can still be the case. If musicians wish to provide music at this time, it is suggested that it be kept brief.
- **MUSIC - Singing the Gloria & Eucharistic Acclamations:**
 - A discussion took place on whether or not more singing could be done. As of now, it is preferred to continue to keep with brief liturgies therefore, still no singing of the Gloria or Eucharistic Acclamations. It is advised to keep gatherings to a lesser amount of time.
 - The Gloria **should be sung** on August 15th - the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 - Music during the preparation of the altar remains optional. If anything is sung, please keep it brief.

- **Liturgy Schedule**

- As of now, there are no foreseeable changes as long as we can continue to be blessed with priests to assist.
- The 9:00 AM mass time in each parish continues to help with natural distancing
- Epworth's 7:30 AM mass time is very popular, there have been requests for the return of Peosta's 5:30 PM mass
- Should Epworth remove their 9:00 AM mass? Not yet -- attendance may be low right now, but it is also incredibly warm there.

- **Other items:**

- Confirmation will take place on November 3rd at 7:00 PM in Peosta and November 7th at 3:00 PM in Farley. There are 85-90 students preparing for confirmation)
- The important thing for us to focus on is trying to get people to come back to church. However, we must also remember that we are continuing to provide something great for our parishioners and the pandemic will still hold some back. We mustn't take it personally.

NEXT MEETING will be held later this fall to begin planning for Advent/Christmas.