

Lent Planning Meeting
St. Elizabeth Pastorate
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

In attendance: Krystal Smith, Beth Simpson, Sue Kraus, Ellen O'Connell, Linda Wolf, Monica Steinbrech, Carol Heying, Dawn Klostermann, Karen Snyder, Dcn. Nick Elliott, Dorothy Schieltz

- I. Prayer
- II. Open Discussion
 - A. General concerns / successes / suggestions for each parish
 1. More sacristans needed / Deacons can assist with this ministry wherever scheduled
 2. It's nice to have altar servers back
 3. Bankston has issues with ushers reporting for their ministry role
 4. Most scheduled ministries come when assigned
 5. Gloria -
 - a) Remind presiders in weekend notes that the Gloria will be recited at this time. There continues to be confusion and sometimes awkward moments during Mass when the priest assumes it will be sung.
- III. Advent/Christmas recap
 - A. What went well? What could be improved?
 1. The music was all very new; it was difficult to learn in a short time frame. Parishioners commented that it wasn't the easiest to learn. Needed more time to prepare/rehearse.
 2. The longer preparation song wasn't well-received by some presiders.
 3. Christmas had good attendance
 4. Concern that kids were turned away from music ministry; we need to be inviting people of Catholic Christians.
 - a) Discussion was held about how to get youth involved; create an open invitation in the bulletin for anyone to sing at any time. It's all about growth!
- IV. Lent Calendar (Separate sheet for Lent/Holy Week schedule)
 - A. Holy Thursday - Washing of Feet
 1. Those in attendance are indifferent. They feel it should be the priests' decision.
- V. Open Lent Discussion
 - A. Review of readings
 - B. Theme ideas
 1. "Lord, Renew" will be the theme

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- C. Music ideas
 - 1. Gathering song: “Rnew Me, Lord” (Farrell)
 - 2. Responsorial psalm: Psalm 91: Be With Me, Lord (Haugen)
 - 3. Mass Setting: Mass of Renewal (Stephan)
 - 4. General intercessions – **spoken response rather than sung**
 - 5. Preparation: Use the full refrain of “Renew” (Hart/Byrd)
 - 6. Communion: Musician’s choice
 - 7. Closing: Silence/Instrumental
 - D. Prayer ideas
 - 1. Keep prepared prayer by Krystal Smith & Lindsey Krapfl
 - E. Environment ideas
 - 1. Keep it simple
 - F. Other
- VI. Lent Materials for Parishioners
- A. Two devotional/reflection booklets from *All Saints Press* (80 copies of each booklet for each parish)
 - 1. “Turn to God” daily reading reflection booklet
 - 2. “Hope for Renewal” daily devotional reflections by Pope Francis
 - B. There is interest in getting the Nick & Sam - Lent Book
 - C. Prayer Cards
 - 1. Order fewer than Advent due to many leftovers.
 - 2. Mail to homebound
 - 3. Would like to see them mailed to all parishioners/households OR always include the prayer within the bulletin since parishioners cannot take the worship aids home during Lent.
- VII. Music Leaders – will meet on a later date
- A. Easter Vigil Planning:
 - 1. Exsultet / Cantors / Choir members / Instrumentalists
 - a) Music leaders will meet on March 7th @ 6:30pm to plan the Vigil
- VIII. Other
- A. Lent music rehearsal for all pastorate musicians
 - 1. Wednesday, February 23, 7:00pm, St. Joseph, Farley
 - B. Easter Vigil music rehearsals
 - 1. Wednesday, March 30, 7:00pm, St. Joseph, Farley
 - 2. Sunday, April 10, 1:30pm, St. Joseph, Farley