



ST. ELIZABETH PASTORATE

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Liturgy Committee Meeting

May 2, 2022

MEETING NOTES

In attendance: Fr. Schueller, Krystal Smith, Dcn. Nick Elliott, Karen Snyder, Greg Lambert, Kari Feldman, Ellen O’Connell, Dcn. Dan O’Connell, Dawn Klostermann, Trish Erzen, Kathy Lahey, Linda Wolf, Dianne Fassileus, Connie Wilgenbusch, Bonnie Hancock, Karen Loney

I. Prayer

II. Lent overview

- Perhaps the biggest difference this year was the fact that there was no sung response to the petitions; a welcome change.
- The worship aid content was good
- Leaving in silence can be a little awkward, even though Lent is supposed to be treated differently and be more solemn. Perhaps include in the worship aid *why* we are asked to leave in silence. Instrumental music is nice to have for the recessional.
- Attendance for Holy Week liturgies were good for all parishes.

III. Holy Communion: Offering both species

- Pleasantly surprised with how well-received the cup was at Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil, which is an encouraging sign: there’s a desire for it.
- Committee seems all in favor of bringing back the cup. The biggest issue is a lack of EMs.
- The return of the cup depends on the individual parish and whether or not they have enough ministers. Fr. Schueller will announce that it will be slowly reintroduced among our parishes in the very near future.

IV. Additional ministry volunteers needed

- Ministries needed: Sacristans, Lectors, EMs, Ushers, and altar servers
- Getting previously trained ministers back is nice, but now the goal is to get several more new ministers to enlarge our pool of ministers.
- Best way to recruit new ministers: personal invitation.
- Continue liturgies without gift bearers at this time
- Let’s work together to personally invite people to become trained in new ministries
 - Krystal will share updated lists of ministries for each parish. Please reach out to people you feel would be a great new minister of any of the needed roles.



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V. Current Mass schedule

- May 29th will be the last weekend for the 9:00am Mass in St. Patrick, Epworth.
- All other Mass times will remain

As of June 4th / 5th, the Mass schedule will be:

- Saturday, 4:00pm at St. Joseph, Farley
- Saturday, 4:00pm at St. John the Baptist, Peosta
- Saturday, 4:00pm at St. John the Evangelist, Placid
- Sunday, 7:30am at St. Patrick, Epworth
- Sunday, 9:00am at St. Clement, Bankston
- Sunday, 9:00am at St. Joseph, Farley
- Sunday, 9:00am at St. John the Baptist, Peosta
- Sunday, 9:00am at St. John the Evangelist, Placid

VI. Use of David Haas music

- Continuing to use music written by David Haas is insensitive to those who have been victims of abuse. Please refrain from using his music. It is not strictly prohibited; if a family specifically requests the use of his music for a funeral, for example, it is ok.

VII. Other

- Keep Easter decorations up until Pentecost (June 4th/5th, 2022)
- Yes, sing the sequence for Pentecost