

Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes
(9/15/11)

Attendees: Stuart Selewski, Fr. Pat, Cathy Buchele, Nancy Davidson, Brandon Gauvin, Maria Granados, Ron Funke, Toni O'Farrel

Opening Prayer - All

Parish Mission Statement read

Roman Missal: (Brandon) – There will be 5 informational sessions discussing the New Roman Missal on the following dates and they will be open to all parishioners:

Mon. Oct. 24th at 7:30pm

Tues. Oct. 25th at noon

Wed. Nov. 2nd at 7:30

Thurs. Nov. 10th at noon

Sat. Nov. 19th at noon

-A "slow" Mass will be held on Tues. Nov. 20th at 7PM to slowly walk through all the changes occurring in the Mass text as Mass is held.

-The Youth Group will have training regarding the new Mass texts and will act out the changes for the Children's Faith Formation Classes.

Officially the Liturgical changes begin the first Sunday of Advent (11/27/11)

Ambo (Maria) – Announcements at the Ambo should be moved to another area since the Ambo is considered a sacred space for the readings only. Many voiced a concern that the announcements are getting too long again, and are delaying the start of Mass.

-A lack of space makes it difficult for STAB to accommodate another Lectern for the reading of announcements.

-A recommendation was agreed on by the Worship Commission members present to once again request a reduction in the number of announcements at the Ambo, and to instead have announcements posted in a prominent area on the display rack in the gathering area.

Special Needs Mass (Fr. Pat) – Fr. Pat was approached in regards to trying a special needs Mass for children who are mentally disabled and their families.

-The Mass would be very simple with very little or no music and would occur separately on Sunday afternoons on a quarterly basis.

-Fr. Pat is willing to give this a try and everyone agreed it would be a great opportunity for the children and their families to receive God's grace together as a family.

-An article will be placed in the Chancellor to see if there is any interest

Healing Mass (Toni and Maria) – Hold a "Healing Service" or a "Healing Mass" to provide both emotional and physical healing to parishioners at STAB.

-Maria, Toni and Fr. Pat will be exploring options and determining if there is someone who is experienced in providing this kind of Mass or Healing Service.

Picnic Recap (Nancy)-The parish picnic was considered to be successful over all, but some changes will be considered for next year:

-Shorten the picnic time

-Adjust amount of food ordered and size of condiment containers

-Other changes will be considered as well

Parish Pastoral Council – No report

EM's/Ushers (Ron) - Complaint that the sign-in table for Ushers and EM's is too small and in a poorly lit area making it difficult to see. There was a request to make the sign-in bigger and place it on the wall above the table.

-Suggestions were made to try keeping the same format of the tables with the sign-in sheets, but try to make the font slightly bigger, use a pen rather than a pencil to sign-in, and possibly provide a small piano lamp or book light on the table to improve the lighting

Greeters/Sacristans – (Sue) Brandon reported for Sue that she is looking into replacing the Altar candles. She would purchase four candles with two placed on either side of the Ambo and two placed on either side of the Alter. The new candles would have a sturdier base and globe. The two candles placed on either side of the Ambo would be extinguished by Alter servers after Liturgy of the Word.

- Ask Sue to find out more about the candles and discuss at our next meeting.

Music (Brandon) – Considering having Taize Services scheduled a few times within a liturgical season and possibly offered at different times of the day.

-Provide two Taize services on Friday evenings during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of Advent. Attendance might be greater on a Friday evening if adults don't have to go to work the next morning and children don't have school the next day.

-Possibly combine Taize Service with the Healing Service.

Lectors/Youth Group – No new information

General (Brandon) — A parishioner requested that when a National Holiday falls on a Sunday, a flag should be hanging in church

-It was suggested this be put on next month's agenda and discussed.

Children's Mass- (Fr. Pat and Brandon) STAB will be celebrating a Children's Mass one Sunday a month at 10:00am Mass. The Mass will include readings from The Children's Lectionary, Children's Choir, Ministry in Motion, and possibly Youth Group members as Lectors, EM's and Ushers. The whole Mass will be geared toward children and the Homily will be addressed to the kids, but still meaningful for adults.

The following dates were set for the Children's Mass at 10:00am only (with the exception of the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00):

Oct. 30th

Nov. 20th-Christ the King

Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass only

Jan. 29th

Feb. 19th

March 25th

April- No Children's Mass due to First Eucharist Masses held this month

May 13th-Mother's Day

-Cathy will write an article to put in the Chancellor announcing the first three Children's Mass dates and possibly determine a Children's Mass "logo"

-Talk to Kirste Moline about adding information about the Children's Mass to the church website.

-Talk to Stephanie Tierney about possible Youth Group involvement mentioned above.

-CLW will be cancelled on the dates Children's Masses are scheduled

Closing Prayer - All