

Saint Cecilia Parish
Ames, IA

Liturgy and Spiritual Growth Committee
August 23, 2007

Members present: Father Ivan Nienhaus, Bob Hauser, Ron and Regina Rasmussen, Mike Heitzman, Sue Stanton, Cyndi Volcko, Jo Anne Dalhoff,

The meeting began with prayer.

The upcoming Fall Schedule at St. Cecilia was discussed.

1. September 8-9 - Eucharistic Adoration Sign-up Sunday
2. September 15-16? - Catechetical Sunday
3. Thursday, October 4 at 2:45- Blessing of the Animals
4. All Saints Masses - October 31 at 5:30pm and November 1 at 7:00am and 9:00am
5. All Souls Mass - Friday, November 2 at 7:30pm
6. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday, November 21
7. Thanksgiving Service - Thursday, November 22
8. Immaculate Conception Masses - Fri, Dec. 7 at 5:30pm and Sat., Dec 8 at 8:30am
9. School Masses - no longer on Wednesdays
 - a. All School Masses will be the First Friday of month unless there is a Holy Day Feast Day observed earlier in the week.
 - b. School Masses with two classes most likely will be held on Thursday mornings.

Deacon Gary Aitchison will read the names for the All Souls mass on Friday, November 2, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Thanksgiving mass on November 22 will take place at 9:00 A.M. It was noted that the masses for the Immaculate Conception will take place on December 7" at 5:30 pm and on Dec. 8" at 8:30 am.

The Office of Worship, Liturgy Bulletin was discussed. The first article, SCAP Revisited indicated that lay leaders (appointed for a period of three years) and deacons are expected to participate in in-services which will update them about any changes in the rite. "Previously, Archbishop Hanus appointed lay leaders of SCAP to serve in their own parish. Future appointments will *allow the lay leader to minister in any parish of the archdiocese*. This eliminates the need to reappoint leaders when parishes cluster or close." Page 6 of the bulletin noted the availability of resources for liturgical ministers. Bob indicated that he would purchase the Pronunciation Guide to the Sunday Lectionary, mindful of the fact that we need to be watchful of spending since the worship budget for resources had been cut in half from \$3500 to \$1700 for this fiscal year. He also recommended the publication Guide for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Jill and Mike Heitzman will serve as the new coordinators of extraordinary ministers of holy communion. Mike noted three changes they intend to initiate: 1) Bimonthly scheduling by email, 2) Roll call of extraordinary ministers of holy communion to take place in the ushers'

room prior to each mass through a "check off" system, 3) Identification of 9 sacristans (3 per mass time) who will rotate in preparing the gifts for the various masses. He will schedule a date for training and commissioning.

Bob noted that teen masses will not be scheduled on a routine basis. They will be scheduled as times for celebration arise.

The company providing our outdoor banners has changed the type of fabric used from a matte finish to a glossy finish. Therefore, the company will redo our advent banners at no cost. However, the Christmas and Easter banners will combine mat and glassy finishes. Jane Baty will have the graphic for the Christmas season completed in a couple of weeks. Jeff Witt is still working with the banner pole company to find new, easily removable end caps for the banner poles.

Preparations are completed for Eucharistic Adoration Sign-up Sunday. Cyndi reported that the trip to Canada for the Eucharistic Congress has been called off because the drive time would necessitate 31 ½ hours of driving and be excessive for older parishioners and families with children.

Saint Cecilia will host the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, Nov. 21. Barb Gwiasda is forming a committee to handle the details.

Committee discussion of Sacramentum Caritatis was suspended until our next meeting. Please read Part II, paragraphs 34-69.

Speakers mentioned for adult formation in faith included the Faith Matters Conference featuring Scott Hahn and Teresa Tomeo on September 29" and Ralph Martin, sponsored by St. Thomas Aquinas on January 29-30.

The parish vocation committee looked at the parish council recommendations. They will check on diocesan recommendations and then decide on three activities on which they will follow through.