

Church of St. Mary  
*Sacramental Life and Worship Committee Meeting-Minutes*  
Tuesday, August 25, 2008 6:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Megan Gilles, Larry and Beth Wepplo, Kay Johnson, John and Georgia Robino, Gary Hartman, Claire Houchens, Doug and Loydene Bernhagen, Fr. Steve Verhelst, Jean Masters, Scott Strutz, and Steve Weitzel.

**Absent:** Larry Fujan

**Meal** was shared by All Parish Committee members including SL&W committee members.

**Opening Prayer** was read at the All Parish Committee meeting followed by comments from Fr. Steve in which he explained the newest program for the parish this year. Growing In Faith Together....GIFT.

**May Meeting Minutes** were approved without change by the group

#### OLD BUSINESS

Committee reviewed modified guidelines for Gift Bearer, Sacristan and Funeral Altar Server Ministries.

Suggested changes were made and Megan will reprint and redistribute.

Group was joined by Patti Tschida who is now organizing the Gift Bearer ministry. She had several ideas and made some changes to the Gift Bearer guidelines. She stressed the need for ministers to check in and identify themselves and for subs to make sure they let the sacristan know who they are and who they are subbing for.

Budget was submitted to the Administrative Council and, pertinent to our committee, the proposed budget for accompanists in the area of Music Ministry was reduced as the council felt the remaining budget for that area was sufficient.

#### CONTINUING BUSINESS

Much discussion centered on the Parish Fall Festival which will be on Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed all the areas connected with the outdoor bilingual Mass. It was felt we were making good progress and would be ready.

#### NEW BUSINESS

New Ministry Schedules will be sent out week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. There will also be an Area Faith Community Lector Workshop and New Altar Server training coming soon. On September 7<sup>th</sup> the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass time will change to 8:00 a.m.

The Growing in Faith Together, (GIFT) group discussions and mini seminars will be discussed and introduced to the Parish in weeks to come. These will be designed to pull all parishioners together to discuss our Faith before or after Sunday Masses.

Music Ministry update. Childrens Choir on Tuesday may be discontinued because Faith Formation classes are being changed and won't meet that night. May only offer Wednesday Children's Choir. Adult Choir starts September 8. Need to ask others to join the adult Choir in singing at the Fall Festival. Handbell Choir begins Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Funeral Choir will sing for All Souls Day which falls on Sunday this year. Spanish Choir recently held appreciation dinner for members and will practice with adult choir to get ready for Fall Festival. Youth Choir will start Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School Choir will concentrate on a Christmas program.

Request was made for members to share any comments they may have heard from other parishioners concerning things at St. Mary's. Some shared comments about bi-lingual songs and why so much attention is being given them. We discussed and as a committee and felt the attention was appropriate in order to make our Spanish speaking congregation more comfortable rather than ignore or exclude any part of our parish family that may need help and acceptance in continuing their faith journey.

*Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. A light meal will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. The opening prayer will be led by Larry Wepplo. The Continuing Education will be led by Loydene Bernhagen*

Respectfully submitted by:

John Robino