

**Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Worship Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

7:00 p.m. Church of St. Patrick, Kandiyohi

Present: Terry Brunson Tim Cayler, Joan Conway, Bev Egge, Larry Fujan, Larry Gunter, Fr. Jerry Paulson and Fr. Steve Verhelst

Absent: Doug Bernhagen, Tim Macik and David Rivers

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Pastor's Report
 - a. Summer Mass Schedule to begin the weekend of May31 & June 1 and will remain the same as last year:
Church of St. Mary – 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday & 11:30 a.m. Sunday (Spanish)
Church of St. Patrick – 4:00 p.m. Saturday
Church of St. Thomas More – 8:15 a.m. Sunday
Church of Our Lady of the Lakes – 5:00 p.m. Saturday & 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Committee-specific agenda

- IV. Review/Approval of Minutes and Agenda (minutes attached from 03/04/14)
 - a. Minutes and Agenda approved as presented.
- V. Enrichment – Baptism (Fr. Steve Verhelst)
 - a. 1st time parents required to attend a series of 2 baptism classes held at the Church of St. Mary, led by parents, who will also visit the home of these parents before the initial start of the classes
 - i. 1st class gives a history of the sacrament along with a guided tour of the stained glass windows at St. Mary's highlighting the many symbols and stories of baptism presented in them
 - ii. 2nd class is about parenting the child in the church/faith
 - b. Baptisms are performed either during Mass or privately (encouraged to choose during Mass because it is a Sacrament of Initiation that involves the entire assembly)
 - i. This is dependent on the parent's wishes as well as the life situation the couple is living in accordance with church teaching
 - c. Rite of Baptism
 - i. 4 questions
 1. What name has been given to the child? (as we are all called to the universal call to Holiness and God calls us by **name**)
 2. What is asked of the Church for this child?
 3. What is desired for the child?

4. Godparents, ready to help the parents in their Christian duty
 - ii. Cleansing of Original Sin through the waters
 - iii. Anointing of Holy Oil to open the 3rd eye (mind) to see God and His graces
- VI. Discussion/Action Items
- a. Evaluate past celebrations/events
 - i. **Holy Week**
 1. Palm Sunday
 - a. Good attendance at all worship sites, appreciated the attention given to carrying out the details of this liturgy and allowing the assembled to experience Jesus' procession into the city and then to the Passion
 2. Holy Thursday
 - a. Tried a different technique at 2 worship sites with having Small Christian Communities lead the foot washing – seemed to go well, had others outside of Small Christian Communities participate; again good attendance
 3. Good Friday
 - a. Good attendance, why are all of the evening services at the same time? Why not vary start times to afford those who work the opportunity to attend a service somewhere in the AFC
 4. Easter Vigil
 - a. Beautiful liturgy, music was great, around 285 in attendance, many musicians – a bit crowded in the choir area, liked the fire up front on the Altar, allowing everyone to really see it, suggestion that because of the unpredictable weather in MN, could there be a Plan B that would allow the Lighting of the Fire to take place outside if the conditions were exceptionally glorious, appreciated how Fr. Steve made the Rite of Baptism like a full-immersion baptism with only a baptismal font,
 5. Easter Sunday
 - a. OLOL around 850 in attendance (needed more worship aids), liturgy went very well; St. M had large attendance at all 4 Masses, St. P had good attendance, seemed to be issues with the music, St. TM no one present to give a report
 - b. Music Sub-Committee Report – Met to plan music for the Easter Vigil
 - c. Reinforcement of Mission Statement
 - i. Seems to be adequately presented to the assemblies through the greeting, the intercession, the bulletin and the logo on the walls
 - d. Goals and Objectives
 - i. Ministry issues (recruitment, training, etc.)

1. Need to work on recruitment and especially appreciation of volunteers – proposed to be first task when reconvened for the next year at the September meeting
 - ii. Larry Fujan thanked the committee for their work and attention to the tasks set before the committee. Also asked the committee to think about who should chair this committee in the fall, as he enjoys doing it, but feels that maybe others need to take on the leadership role since he has held it for the past few years.
- VII. Adjournment until the fall of 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music