

**Saint Mary Parish, Milton, WI.
Liturgy Commission Meeting
May 1, 2019**

Chair: Bob Berger

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Prayer: Lisa Pokel

Place: Ark

Present: Bob Berger, Doreen Houge, Lou Pins, Lisa Pokel, Don Roberts, May Kay Sitter, Lisa Meyers

I. Prayer – led by Lisa Pokel

II. Minutes of April 3, 2019- approved

III. Update Items

A. Holy Thursday

- Mary Kay reported that from the congregation, all seemed to go well. There was confusion as to why Father Luke left the altar after communion with 2 ciborium; it was explained that he was reserving the Holy Eucharist for St. Joe's to use on Good Friday. Other than that, all seemed to go smoothly.
- Bob reported that from the musician's point of view, things went well, with the exception of Fr. Luke not following "the script". There was some guessing when to start songs, but was able to figure it all out.
- Lou reported as a Server that there were a few glitches here and there, but everything turned out fine in the end.
- There was a discussion about a complaint from a person attending the mass, and we will take the "suggestions" to heart for next time.

B. Easter

- The 9:00 mass was packed; all seats in church were filled, as well as all 120 chairs in the center, with people standing. The song leader sang before mass and invited the congregation to join on the refrain. This was very successful at quieting and settling everyone. We will use this strategy for First Communion.
- Lou reported that the sound in the Center was muffled, not easily understood, and could have been louder. However, there were lots of little ones vocalizing their Easter Joy, which contributed somewhat to the sound problem.
- The 10:30 mass was not nearly as crowded, more like a typical Sunday mass.
- The decorations were complimented by many as beautiful, simple and tasteful. The lilies in the shape of the cross in front of the altar were especially nice. The lighted cross outside is stunning, but needs a bigger white cloth draped on it.
- Next year, it would be helpful at the 9:00 mass if the song during Preparation was longer.

C. First Communion

- Msgr. Healy will be the celebrant, with around 18 children receiving First Communion.
- There will also be May Crowning during the Processional song. The first children in will place a crown on the Mary statue that is standing by Joseph on the right side of church. The rest of the children will process in, place a flower in a vase by Mary,

and then be seated. We need to make sure to move Joseph over a bit so that he will not be in the way of the May crowning. We don't want him to break his other foot!

- There was a discussion about how to handle the chattering congregation before mass. In talking with Lisa M, Sabrina stated that this mass is a time for joyous celebration among families, and the "noise" is a result of this joy. We will sing a song before mass starts in an effort to quiet everyone, similar to Easter.
- The children will be receiving Holy Eucharist on their tongues; Msgr. Healy may need to educate the congregation as to why this is happening. The children will also receive the Precious Blood. They all had a chance to taste both unconsecrated bread and wine, so the taste will not be a surprise to them.

IV. New Business

A. Mission Statement

- We all will think about what we want our mission statement to be. We want it to be useful in guiding our meetings. We will ponder this during the next few months and revisit it in August. In the meantime, Lisa M will look for resources that we can use; Doreen recommended using the Diocese of Madison website. If we have ideas during the summer months, they can be emailed to Lisa M and she will make a list to bring to the August meeting.

B. Other

- We will not meet in June and July. After Bishop Hying is installed as the Bishop of Madison, there may be issues for us to discuss, so we will resume meeting in August, rather than September.
- Bob went to Holy Saturday mass at St. John Vianney; it was a very lovely 3 and a half hour long service, with a full-body immersion baptism taking place.
- No changes have been made to the handicapped seating area; we will continue to watch to see if there is actually a need.
- The staff offices have officially moved to the Hammer Chiropractic building due to poor air quality in the rectory offices. Lou reported that this move will allow us time to make informed decisions about how to best resolve the air quality problems.
- We are unsure if we will continue to meet on Wednesdays or change to Thursdays, as Fr. Dave had suggested. We will wait until Father Dave returns and will meet whenever is best for him.

V. Task Assignments for Next Meeting: August 7 or 8, 2019

Chair: Julie Armstrong

Prayer: Father Dave

VI. Adjourn – 7:01 p.m.