

March Liturgy Report

Pastoral Comments – The school is working on their security plan in case of an Active Shooter. Father Jim mentioned the ALICE which may offer a program to train Ushers and Greeters. Father Jim gave an update on the Collabarium Committee presentation to the Pastoral Council.

Communal Reconciliation during Lent – Deacon Gary reported there was around 120-140 people there. Also, Gary mentioned there are some who arrive late and most leave early.

Lent season – Bob decided to use Communion Antiphons throughout Lent, the ICEL chants, and rest the trumpet players.

Holy Week –

Passion Sunday - A procession from the gathering space to the Church will take place at the 10:30 Mass. Incense will be used. Everyone will be seated at the 5pm and 8:30am and the gathering rites will take place in the inner vestibule. Bob will send the Passion reading to Diana.

Holy Thursday – Bob with the help of the pastoral staff will recruit people for the Foot Washing and Holy Oils presentation. Bob will need to recruit someone to do 'bucket duties'(Randy) and to check people in (Jo Anne). Ushers will move the cross into the Sanctuary after the Holy Thursday Liturgy. Easter flowers will arrive Thursday morning.

Good Friday – Usher will assist with the Veneration and move the cross back to the gathering space following the Liturgy. Bob will recruit people to bring the flowers from social hall to altar area.

Easter Vigil – Ron and Mary Smith will assist in preparing the Baptismal Font, Fire pit, and Easter Vigil candles. Fr Jim and Jerry Mace plan to prepare the altar area and cross in gathering space. Bob passed on the chosen Old Testament reading to Diana. Bob will handle the Church lights after the Exultet. Ushers will need to pick up the vigil candles after main Church lights are turned on. Father Jim related the problems with Easter candle shipments this year.

Easter - Masses at 7am, 8:30am, and 10:30am. Overflow chairs will be set up after Easter Vigil. Additional chairs may be needed for the 10:30am Mass. Extra volunteers will be recruited through ministry scheduler.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will place at St. Thomas Aquinas this year due to Confirmation at St. Cecilia. Diane Hustedt is coordinating.

Maria Schneider will be coordinating the Corpus Christi procession this year.

Liturgy committee – OK'd the Strategic Planning initiatives for Liturgy for the upcoming year.

Ushers – there has been some progress with the 10:30 Usher rotation for March, July, and November with the help of Kevin Hively, Ryan Grandgenett, and Jason Neigsch.

Dorothy is assisting Julie Haas in finding some more EMHC Homebound ministers.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 22 at 2:45pm in the North Social Hall.