

Prayer and Worship Committee Discussion Summary

Date: 11/28/2018

Members present:

Carol Weiland, Bill Lieven, Carol Machulak, Cathy Starck, Bill Rettko, Fr. Philip, Maggie Pernice, Nancy Krebs, Sarah Masterson

Absent: Bethanne Mazurczak, Tina D'Alessio

New Member: Welcome to Sarah Masterson representing the Parish Ambassadors

Evaluation:

- a. All Saints day Mass schedule- Well attended. Would be helpful to have a daytime mass and put nearby parishes' mass schedules.
- b. All Souls day-Held at Christ King, special invites sent to those who lost a loved one this year, but all parishioners from both parishes were also encouraged to attend. It was well attended. Next year falls on a Saturday. A number of options were discussed. Possible do during Sunday services. Or hold on another date, it would then be at St. Bernards.
- c. Feast of Christ the King – Great attendance
- d. Name tag Sunday-held on Christ King Sunday went very well. Next possible time could be Jan27 for last big push of Capital appeal. A social will be held that day after mass.
- e. Appeal Prayer- will continue to Jan 27. Will not be done at Christmas masses. It was noted that some Ambassadors were not always handing out prayer cards and were stating this is the last time. They will be instructed to continue handing out with a smile.

New Awareness:

- a. Advent: Vespers at 5:30 on Wednesdays, Lasts about 20 minutes. Outside signs did bring people in last year. Will do again.
- b. Christmas Masses
Dec 24- 4:30 pm- Children's choir will give a short concert
Dec 24 – 10:30pm- Bells will ring
Dec 25 – 9:30 Adult choir, UWM Brass Quintet
Suggest advertising who will be singing/playing.
- c. Mass of Healing-Anointing of the sick at weekend masses with tentative dates of Feb 9/10, 2019
- d. Kneeling posture after the Lamb of God-a number of parishioners have wondered why we do not kneel at this time like we used to. A number of people attending mass do kneel.
Discussion included how the change occurred- Bishop gave pastors the option. Both Christ King and St. Bernard's chose to stand. Many parishes do kneel and many people feel it to be more reverent. A document from the US conference of Catholic Bishops was looked at as to why we need to have uniformity. It states: "Over and over again the prayers of the liturgy and the norms of the General Instruction emphasize this fundamental concept of the unity of the baptized, stressing that when we come together to participate in the Eucharist celebration we come, not as individuals, but as united members of Christ's Body." " .. The significance of unity in posture and gesture as a symbol of our unity as members of the one body of Christ should be the governing factor in our own actions."

We realize that some education on unity of participation is needed. At the Jan 16 meeting further discussion and discernment on whether a change will be made and how to implement will occur. Both Christ King and St. Bernard's will need to agree.

Continuing Awareness:

- a. Organ Update: is up for sale, infrastructure being looked at to see if can install something for handicapped.

\Next meeting: Wednesday January 16, 2019 6pm dinner, 6:30 prayer