



## St. Francis de Sales Faith Community

148 W. Main Street

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Prayer & Worship Committee

Thursday, Thursday, January 28, 2010

Attendance: Greg Buchberger, Sarah Gray, Kathy Melcher, Natalie Dunn

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

**Advent/Christmas Liturgies Feedback/Evaluation:** **1)** Advent Evening Prayer was NOT well-attended... no more than 5 people at any of them. Maybe a need to catechize about what Evening Prayer is, and maybe the Advent Season is too filled with other things for folks to be interested in additional prayer opportunities? **2)** More help was needed for Art & Environment to set up and decorate for our Christmas liturgies. The weather certainly played a role this year. We need to be more pro-active in inviting and reminding people that help is needed. We have had plenty of help in the past. We also had a nice crowd to help take down our Christmas Decorations. **3)** Fr. Terry was not at our Christmas Masses this year, as he was at Sharon helping there. His presence was missed by those in our parish community. Can we request for the pastor to be present for major celebrations at our parish? **4)** Many compliments on the music, especially Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. All of our Christmas Masses went smoothly, and we had a full house. As usually the 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve was packed, both in the church AND in the Parish Center. **5)** People continue to comment that Mass in the Parish Center is very nice, feels very intimate, and that people pray very well. **6)** Our Epiphany Lessons & Carols was well attended, and there was a free-will offering to begin our new Organ Fund. To date we have collected about \$1000. Many wonderful comments and the choir sang wonderfully.

**Upcoming Lenten Season:** **1)** Archdiocesan Season of Mercy. **2)** Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. with Simple Supper (Soup & Bread) to follow. Greg will coordinate groups to oversee the Soup and will schedule Servers and Cantors for each of the nights. **3)** Confessions are encouraged. Additional times are listed in the bulletin and in the Lenten Newsletter. **4)** Fr. Terry will be offering a series of Evenings on the Sacraments on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend! **5)** School students will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays. **6)** Palm Sunday is March 28. Holy Thursday is April 1. Good Friday is April 2. Holy Saturday is April 3. Easter Sunday is April 4. **7)** It is worth noting that the celebration of Triduum (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) is ONE celebration, and all are invited to come for each of those days to pray. The three days are celebrated as ONE liturgy, spanning the course of three days. Once again, Holy Week and the Triduum falls during Spring Break, and so many of our families and students are not here to celebrate the greatest feasts of the whole year with us.

## **New Roman Missal:**

The background information was again presented, and many ideas were shared concerning how to move forward. Some thought that people would be unreceptive to these changes while others felt there was no reason to think that people shouldn't step up and own these new texts, through some catechesis and explanation of course. It seems clear that our priests will all need to prepare and address our assemblies in a uniform matter, so that everyone is getting the same information. It also was discussed that our priests, as our spiritual leaders are the ones who need to present this information to our assemblies, primarily because people do not respect staff and other parishioners in the same way as the priest. Again, all agreed that we need to reach people in as many ways as possible, as people all learn in different ways (i.e. some people would sit down and read 5 pages about the changes and have it, others are aural learners and need to hear the changes and the explanations, some might learn best from a study or a discussion group). In all of this, as we move forward, we hope that people will remain positive and see these changes as something to help us deepen our faith and come together with Catholics around the world.

**Background Info:** It is important to note that this Roman Missal was completed in Latin in 2000 under the direction of Pope John Paul II. We are just now getting to the point where the translation of these texts into English is almost complete. The US Bishops have finally approved the last section of texts which has been sent to Rome for approval. The Roman Missal has been revised a few other times since Vatican II. It must be made clear that this is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to dig deeper into our faith, and to enrich our prayer through deeper understanding and knowledge!! This translation in no way takes us to pre-Vatican II or toward a Tridentine liturgy. This is simply an attempt to preserve the deeper meaning of the words that we pray when we gather for Mass. This is the same Mass that we have now, simply a new translation of the same text. This translation will not affect any of the songs/hymns sung at Mass, other than the ritual texts of the Glory to God, Sanctus, and Memorial Acclamation.

## **Upcoming Dates/Events**

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- Monday, February 15 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Decorate for Lent
- Wednesday, February 17 – ASH WEDNESDAY
- Saturday, March 27 – 10:00 a.m. Decorate for Palm Sunday
- Wednesday, March 31 – 1:00 p.m. Decorate for Holy Thursday
- Thursday, April 1 – HOLY THURSDAY @ 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 1 – 8:30 p.m. Decorate for Good Friday
- Saturday, April 3 – FOOD BLESSING @ 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, April 3 – 10:30 a.m. Decorate for Easter Vigil & Easter
- Saturday, April 3 – 7:30 p.m. EASTER VIGIL
- Sunday, April 4 – EASTER SUNDAY!
- Wednesday, April 21 – CONFIRMATION with Bishop Sklba

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.