

## **Spires of Faith Cluster Liturgy Committee**

The Spires of Faith Cluster liturgy committee met Monday 1-2-2012 at 7:00pm in the St. Paul's School Worthington. Present Fr. Noah Diehm, Chris Kruse, Clare Ehlers, Darla Budden, Tami Kelchen, Carol Schneider, Deacon Steger, Grace Feldman, Rose Heid, Ann Dietrich, Rita Rahe, and Linda Begle.

Opening prayer was the *Archdiocese of Dubuque 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer*.

The committee shared some of their favorite aspects of the Christmas season.

The Christmas masses were discussed. In all everything went well. Space was a concern at some of the masses. The schedule will be reviewed for next year. Rose Heid suggested having planning sheets between the priest and choir of what is to be done. Chris Kruse suggested knowing what readings are being used. There was some confusion at New Vienna at Communion with some of the distributors who were home from college and not familiar with the format used. Suggest having some update for Eucharistic Ministers who may not be familiar with changes. Decorations will be taken down after the masses on the weekend of Jan. 7/8 or after the masses on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias should be removed from the sacristy. They may be given away, taken to schools, etc.

The ministry of hospitality was discussed. New Vienna/Petersburg all is good. Earlville has been using greeters for almost 10 years. Worthington currently parish council is doing the job. Dyersville need to work on this. Probably having separate greeters from ushers. Will work on setting up guidelines etc and then try to work out a way to implement this.

Vocation Crucifix Program began the weekend of Dec. 31/Jan. 1. Fr. Diehm organized at Dyersville/Worthington for the first weekend. He requested help for this until signup sheets can be in place for future months. Ann Dietrich will organize Earlville. Linda Begle will organize Dyersville. Darla said that Fr. O'Connor is planning to use the school families for New Vienna/Petersburg. The signup sheet will be placed in a visible location. The committee agreed it would be best to present at announcement time but would leave this up to the discretion of the individual priest.

"Novena of Masses for the Unborn Babies" dates Jan. 14-22, 2012. Parishes will celebrate as they wish.

Important dates info were reviewed.

Next meeting Feb. 6, 2012 @ 7:00pm in church basement Earlville.

Respectfully submitted Linda Begle

## Spires of Faith Cluster Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Spires of Faith Cluster liturgy committee met Monday 12-5-11 at 6:00pm in the St. Francis Xavier church basement. Present Fr. Diehm, Carol, Schneider, Linda Begle, Rose Heid, Grace Feldman, Jane Deutmeyer, Ron Deutmeyer, Judy Vonderhaar, Clare Ehlers, Jim Bonert, Deacon Jim Steger, Julie Leibold, Ann Dietrich, Tami Kelchen, Darla Budden, Chris Kruse.

The meeting opened with *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*.

Brief sharing by the committee of how Advent is going and special things they do to prepare for Christmas.

The committee discussed what the role of the committee is and their leadership responsibilities. Also they discussed what the vision of the committee is and how we will accomplish this. Some ideas of what the committee is were that we are a coordinating or middle man job, we field questions from the congregation and take them back to the individual parishes. We can be a source to relay info but we must remember to keep an open mind when doing so. It was mentioned that it may be good for all parishes to have certain people be in charge of certain ministries to make things flow well. We can be the people who call out the gifts and talents of others and best put them to use,

The Vocation Crucifix Program will tentatively begin the weekend of Dec. 31/Jan 1 in Dyersville, Worthington, and Earlville. New Vienna/Petersburg will tentatively begin the weekend of Jan. 7/Jan. 8. Suggest to have bulletin inserts explaining the program as well announcements at masses to inform parishioners. Most parishes have their crucifixes and Dyersville will need to get 3 more. Fr. Diehm will ask KC or CDofA if they would like to donate them. Fr. Diehm would like to have each parish have a coordinator to take care of this program. The program will run in the months of January, March, May, and October.

The committee discussed the ministry of hospitality and the progress being made in each parish. Darla updated the committee on New Vienna/Petersburg. A workshop was held for ushers with 17 of 33 ushers attending. A set of guidelines was sent to all ushers. Worthington and Earlville currently have greeters at the main doors and are doing a good job in their roles. Dyersville may need to look at having separate greeters besides the ushers at masses.

Christmas decorating will take place after the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent masses. Dyersville will decorate on Dec. 19 and Dec. 20. Worthington and Earlville will decorate after the mass on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. New Vienna and Petersburg will follow a schedule as in the past years. Most parishes already have their outdoor decoration set up. Decorations will remain up until after Jan 8, 2012. Poinsettias should also come down at this time.

The pastors will review the readings for Christmas and decide on one set of readings for all masses. They will inform the musicians which set will be used.

Next meeting Jan. 2, 2012 @ 7:00pm in St. Paul's School, Worthington.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Begle