

St. John Vianney Parish
Prayer and Worship Committee Minutes
September 14, 2009

Members Present

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| Joe Pottebaum – Cantors/Choir – Chairman | Fr. Ken Knippel – Pastor (portion of meeting) |
| Jill Fischer – Parishioner – Vice Chair | Dave Sanders – Director of Liturgy & Music |
| Bill Beres – Altar Servers – Secretary | Mike Cekanor – Parish Council Chairman |
| Mary Ann Davel – Environment | Kathy Bell – Parish Council Liason |
| Marlene Dutton – Parishioner | Dave Ackmann – Parishioner – Cantors/Choir |
| Mary Lopez – Eucharistic Ministers | |
| Joni Schmanski – Parishioner – Liturgy Coordinator | |

Members Absent

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| Ed Wucker – Lectors | Mary Niebler – Sacristans |
| Tom Pellowski – Hospitality | Matt Lawrenz – Asst. Director of Liturgy & Music |

1. Topics Discussed

- a. Discussion on the possibility of moving “Midnight” Mass from 11:00 pm to midnight effective this coming December. Midnight would follow the true tradition of the church. If a change is made there should be some catechesis provided for the faith community. The committee believes it would not negatively impact the attendance by parish members. The largest concern is the impact on liturgical ministers, particularly the choir and musicians who also lead the congregation on Sunday morning.
- b. Discussion on any new ideas for advent and the start of the liturgical year. Dave noted that music is based on scriptures and he does provide special acclimations and some Latin. Décor is progressive throughout the season. No major changes are anticipated beyond some possible increase in Latin within the music, with inclusion of catechesis on those matters in the bulletin and orders of worship.
- c. Discussion on the elimination of the Sunday 5:00pm Mass. There have been numerous comments from parishioners who believe the Sunday night Mass is important for the parish and members. A group of parishioners presented their positions at the August parish council meeting. Jill and Kathy noted the comments included:
 - it benefits Christian Formation students and those families who wish to attend prior to CF classes on Sunday evening
 - it may be the only option of weekend Mass due to sports schedules of children
 - work schedules may make Sunday evening an only alternative
 - custodial parents in divorce situations may utilize the Sunday evening Mass
 - people were not aware of the shortage of liturgical ministers and parish members offered to help coordinate efforts to have liturgical ministers in place for all Sunday evening Masses using youth

Father commented on his discussions with the Quad parish pastors. The Archdiocese does expect the cluster parishes to operate together. Having a Sunday evening Mass at SJV does draw people from the quad parishes which impacts those parishes and their community.

The quad parish pastors did not initially and do not now support the SJV Sunday evening Mass.

The committee then discussed the comments and the initial reasons for recommending elimination of the Mass and whether any further consideration should be performed by possibly a sub-committee or whether we should stay with our prior recommendation.

- d. Joe noted that he provided committee members a schedule listing our committee goals for 2009/2010. He asked that we review that schedule and our current status for next meeting.

2. Decisions Made

- a. The committee agreed to poll liturgical ministries for any comments on the move to a true "Midnight" Mass and to ask for any comments from the larger Common Leadership group.
- b. No required decisions.
- c. The committee agreed to stay with our recommendation that the Sunday 5:00pm Mass be eliminated.
- d. No required decisions.

3. Follow-up Work – Person(s) Responsible

- a. Each ministry – particularly Cantors/Choir, Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality – should obtain feedback from their ministry members regarding the change to midnight and report them to the Prayer & Worship Committee.
- b. Assumed that the Liturgy & Music office will work some catechesis into the Advent season materials.
- c. The recommendation on Sunday 5:00pm Mass was reported to the Common Leadership group.
- d. Each committee member should review the goals and status as it relates to them and the committee as a whole for the next meeting.

4. Next Meeting and Major Agenda Items

- October 12th on Common Leadership Night
- Review of committee goals and status

5. Notes to Parish Council

- Minutes are for council information.
- No special requests of parish council are necessary at this time.