Worship Commission Meeting – September 19, 2016

Attendance: Fr. Christopher Lankford, Tom Kaiser, Mary Pat Vanderlaan, Peg Cello, Jim Viola, David McCaffrey, and Joyce Callahan.

Faith Sharing: Jim led us as we read from Psalm 146 “Praise the Lord my Soul!” and the Epistle of St Paul to Timothy 1, 6:11-16. Compete well for the faith as we are here on earth to gain eternal life. The reward is the inapproachable love of God.

Minutes: August minutes were approved.

Parish Council: No report. Next Leadership night is October 24 at 7:00 PM.

IC Fest: The decision was made, because there was a significant chance of rain, to bring the Mass/Fest indoors to chapel and Plunkett Hall. Tom brought up the desire to ensure that we do not lose all the work that went into the planning and that we capture the decisions somewhere. Dave said that he could create a library on our webpage to place various documents, drawings, minutes, checklists, etc.

There was an idea to use the parking lot between the church and chapel next year, and perhaps make a decision to have the Mass indoors regardless of the weather to avoid all the liturgical planning and logistics in the event of rain. We can share this idea with the IC Fest committee and Father Tom.

Year of Mercy:

* Pilgrimage Church – Most days through the end of the Year of Mercy are covered. There was an issue raised about the disappearance of the signs again. Joyce wanted to place them for Baptism and someone had moved them to the basement. Jeff needs to ensure the card table and chair, and the 2 signs are in the narthex Friday nights and ready for the volunteers. Peg will contact Jeff to ensure they are there for Holy Hours and Baptisms.
* Monthly Holy Hours – Mary Pat reported out on the Holy Hour themes and status. August 16 is “workers/volunteers of mercy” and Pam is in the lead; September 20 is “catechists” and Jo B. and Sister Mary Francis are on board; October is “Mary Mother of Mercy”; and November is “for the dead” and Pam is in the lead. Also, all priests of the Diocese of Joliet will be on retreat the week of October 17. Father Chris will find a substitute priest to celebrate the October Holy Hour. (We will also need to reschedule our WC meeting to a time when Father Chris is available). It was suggested that Lisa sing the Ave Maria for the October Holy Hour. Mary Pat will check with her.
* Monthly Saint and spiritual/corporal works of mercy newsletter articles – These are going very well. October – Mary Lou committed to getting the article in by September 20; November – Tom.
* The Taize prayer service was marvelous on September 9 in the Church. Lisa thanked all the singers and volunteers for all their help in a note. The note also described her desire to do this again – maybe with ecumenical theme, or with other parishes. We prefer to not have it an ecumenical prayer service due to the lack of enthusiasm when we tried to implement this last year. We like the idea of having the other churches involved, either the Deanery churches or the 4 (IC, Visitation, MQH and St. Charles).
* The Year of Mercy will end with a ceremonial “Closing of the Jubilee Door” on November 20 at the 7:30 AM Mass. There is nothing special WC needs to plan for this so far.

Ministries

* There is training for liturgical ministers on October 11 at 7:00 PM and October 15 at 9:00 AM. WC is sponsoring donut Sunday on September 25 after the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses. WC also agreed to have an announcement read at all the Masses this next weekend announcing the training and having a table in narthex after all the Masses to invite people to sign up, in addition to the donut Sunday. Tom will make a sign. Maria will have the coffee ready to be turned on and Dave will pick up donuts. 5:15 – Peg; 7:30 - Joyce and Dave; 9:00 - Dave; 11:30 - Jim; and Sunday 5:15 - Tom. Also, Dave will check to see if Maria can get a note out to the parish about this opportunity this week and a focused note to ushers, EMs, etc.

140 Year Anniversary

* The invitations are out to the prior IC priests for the Anniversary Mass. Father Tom agreed that if the WC wanted to, we could sponsor and host a reception after the 11:30 Mass. We all agreed to pitch in. It is on November 6. Tom will ask Maria if she could bring along the materials she had for the IC Fest and that it would be good to have a center piece. Dave will take care of coffee. Jim will bring water. Everyone will contribute for cookies, etc. Tom will reserve the Hall from 10-2. There will be a wide invitation to the parish. Bishop Siegel will be here to bless the new Dyer Center.

Father Chris closed the meeting with a special blessing. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next WC meeting will need to be scheduled because Father Chris is not here on October 17. Tom will send out a note.