

Agenda

RNP and BSP Liturgy Committee Potluck & Meeting

Mary Ellen Hauptert's home: 1632 Ferry Street, La Crosse, WI

August 2, 2022

A. Potluck; Introductions

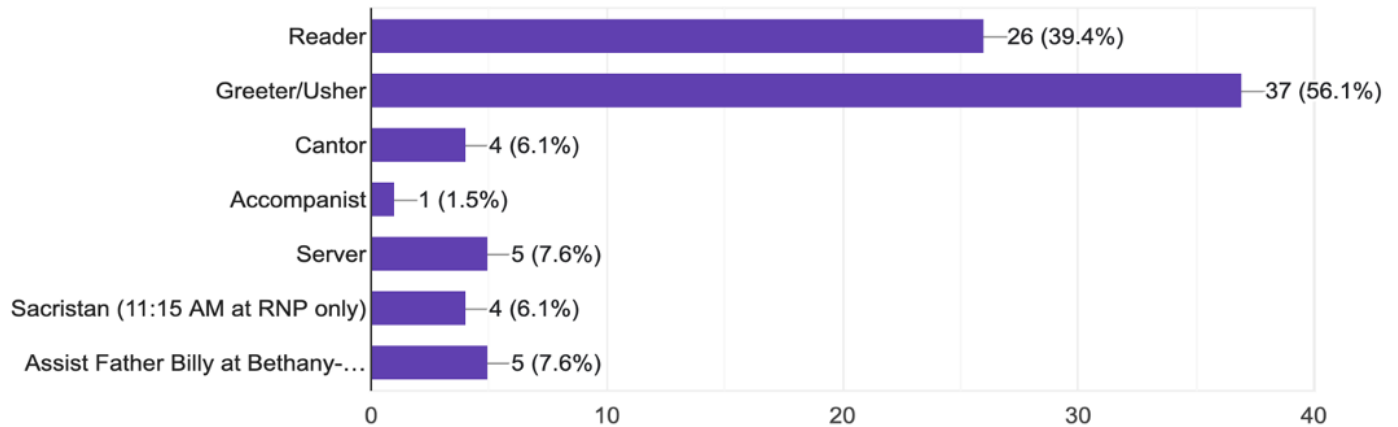
Fr. Billy Dodge, Fr. Sam McCarty, Mary Ellen Hauptert, Mary Blaha-DeBoer, Jennifer Kulzer, Carol Doberstein, Mike Mader, Carol Mader, Mike Porter, Rose Porter, Mike Vanderploeg, Bernice Lansing, Cindy Sjolander, Maggie Bjorkquist, Sandy Schulteis, Ollie Schulteis, Ginny Kreyer, Kathy Running, Mary Kerrigan, Sandy Johnston, Jean Kachel, Sheila Momont, Kathryn Keppel, Michael Wodzak

B. Call to Order; Prayer – Fr. Sam; Sheila Momont - minutes

C. Action Items and Quick Reports

1. Liturgical Ministry Survey – update

- 103 responses; 35 – BSP, 68 – RNP (Send MEH a request for full report.)
- Which Masses do you attend? 4:30 PM - 43 (41.7%); 9:00 AM – 48 (46.6%); 11:15 AM – 55 (53.4%)
- What liturgical ministries would you like to participate in? (Check all that apply.)



- Intercessions – Mike Porter and Mike Mader- alternate weekly and share ideas with each other. ME reviews. Send to Sandy for printing.
- Rosary before Mass/Music practice – (email to BSP parishioners 7.31.2022)- will try to rehearse earlier. Could the adoration chapel be an option for the rosary - difficult for those with disabilities.

Greetings and good evening! My intent is to follow up after this weekend's Masses regarding music practice and the Rosary. Know that I ask cantors to come 45 minutes before Mass for practice. They get the music in advance, so we usually only need to look at the psalm and some of the trickier music. If they've done their job, we should easily be finished before the Rosary starts. If they haven't, there might be some overlap between the end of practice and the beginning of the Rosary.

Please know that I'm doing my best to accommodate your needs but also make sure that our music for Mass is well prepared. I will need you to be flexible in the event that someone comes late or is unprepared.

I appreciate your patience.

Peace and all good,

Mary Ellen

- Server Training and Recruiting – BSP only? At RNC usually waited until at least middle school to start. BSP has younger servers with the school adjacent and they are trained for the school mass. Pre Covid RNC had servers. Open for girls and boys to serve. Training will be slightly different at BSP and RNC. MC's at BSP will do their training. Possibly do training two weekends in Sept. Should the training be the same at both parishes?

D. Discussion Items

1. Group Discussion:

- Parish Identity – What do you like most about your parish? What would you hate to lose? What do you hope to gain? (Louise and the Orange)
 - a. RNC - Love knowing everyone we worship with. Love the space in the round and bright ambiance. Space lends to a homey, close feel. Appreciate the greeters at the doors. Concern about the different architecture and space. Miss the congregation singing at BSP - the music director can't hear the singing. Miss the mentoring of college kids at the 9am mass. With the addition of FOCUS much of that has fallen away. Suspect that many students will come to BSP as many prefer a more conservative church. The Sunday evening liturgy students in general are less engaged. Consider prayer partners.
 - b. BSP - like the formal, reverent church feel. Ushers need written instructions on what to do. Haven't usually had greeters. The ushers would stand in the back but not greet. Their formal ministry instructions have not been revised in years. No greeters at the side door usually. Appreciate the Masters of Ceremonies. The size of the parish has been dwindling. Concern for leaving their golden members behind. Sound improvement is greatly needed. The St Michael prayer?
 - c. Considering listening sessions involving both parishes.
 - d. Consider a prayer for vocations
- Worship Aid – Questions? Music choices?
 - a. RNC - like the worship aids; encourage coming prepared by having read the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Fr. Billy said that with improved sound system the need for missalettes diminished greatly at Newman.
 - b. BSP - some have a hard time reading. Some struggle with having to flip between the WA and the missalette. They had used "Word and Song" hymnal before. Many of the older folks do not have access to computers or phones for the readings.
- Communication – MSP, website, emails; effective or not? Suggestions? Concern for those that are technically challenged.

2. Liturgical Ministry Similarities and Differences – Recommendation for one shared document or separate documents?

- a. Readers – Caryl Doberstein, Mike Porter, Rose Porter, Carol Mader
- b. Greeter/Ushers – Bernice Lansing, Mike Mader, Sandy & Ollie Schulteis, Maggie Bjorkquist, Cindy Sjolander
- c. Musicians – Mary BD, Mary Ellen Hauptert, Jennifer Kulzer, Ginny Kreyer, Sheila Momont
- d. Servers/Sacristan/MC & Eucharistic Ministers – Father Billy, Father Sam, Jean Kachel, Kathy Running, Mike Vanderploeg,
- e. Environment and Art – Bernice Lansing, Mary Kerrigan, Sandy Johnston

3. Weddings and Funerals – Personnel and Protocol

4. Ministry Scheduler Pro - next comes out Oct 1

- a. Advantages of the program
- b. Ministries that are currently on the schedule: readers, greeter/ushers, servers, cantors, accompanists, Bethany-Riverside volunteers, sacristan/MCs
- c. Current scheduling cycles – October through January; February through May; June through September
- d. Training Sessions – beginning of each semester (September and February); volunteers to train at both parishes? Need documents for readers, greeters, eucharistic ministers, MC's, sacristans.
Sept 17-18 weekend - who can facilitate?

5. Sound System – Metro Sound from Milwaukee; other suggestions?

E. Agenda items for next meeting

1. LC meeting dates and times for 2022-2023; separate committees? subcommittees?