

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LITURGY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF MEETING ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; it is also the source from which all its power flows. (SC #10)

Reflect

We reflected on

- Fall Ordinary Time so far
- Rite of Welcoming the Candidates, October 26, 11:00 Mass. The ritual was celebrated well.
- All Saints Day, Saturday, November 1. Forty-six were in attendance.
- All Souls Day, Sunday, November 2. It might be better to do the remembrance ritual before the announcements rather than after.
- Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, November 9.
- Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate, November 9, 9:00 Mass. The ritual was done well, but at the Dismissal, the Book of the Gospels was handed off too soon.
- Music, environment, homilies, ministries for all celebrations were carried out beautifully and reverently.

Plan/Celebrate

- Christ the King, November 23
 - Incense at 11:00 Mass only.
 - There will be a blessing of liturgical ministers at the end of each Mass.
- Thanksgiving, November 28
Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., as on weekdays.
- Immaculate Conception Novena, November 29 to December 7, at 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 - Bulletin announcements are being included during the month of November.
 - The committee reviewed the Novena booklet which Paula revised. There were only a couple minor edits needed. It is beautifully and professionally done.
 - Cantors will lead the music where needed.
- Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Music and liturgical ministers as for Sunday Mass.
 - Fr. Antony and Fr. Reddy will renew their religious vows following the homily.
 - Incense will be used.
 - We need to schedule two Altar Servers.
- Advent / Christmas
 - Advent wreath – Frank Conway will purchase the Advent wreath.
Blessing of Advent wreath following the procession at both Masses on November 30.
 - Creche – Marlene will organize the gradual decorating of the Creche during Advent.
 - Decorating for Christmas will take place following 11:00 Mass, December 21.
 - Bulletin announcements re decorating will be included during December.
- Christmas Eve Mass, at 5:00 p.m.
 - Martyrology to be sung from ambo.
 - A corporal will cover the Baby Jesus, and Fr. Antony will remove the corporal during the *Gloria*.
 - Incense will be used.
 - Readings for the Vigil Mass will be used.

- Christmas Day Mass, at 10:00 a.m.
 - Call to Worship as at Sunday Mass.
 - No incense will be used.
 - Readings for Christmas Day will be used.
- Mary, Mother of God, Thursday, January 1, Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Music and liturgical ministers as on Sunday.
Incense will be used.

Lent / Holy Week / Triduum Schedules

- Ash Wednesday Mass, February 18, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Environment: table covered with purple cloth near altar for ashes, water, and aspergillum.
 - Blessing and distribution of ashes will follow the homily.
 - Extraordinary Ministers will assist with distribution of ashes.
- Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 2, 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday, Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 3, 3:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 4, 9:00 p.m.

Other Things to Consider

- Morning of Reflection Schedule
 - 8:30 – Light refreshments in church hall
 - 9:00 - 9:30 -- Solemn Exposition of Holy Eucharist with Morning Prayer
 - 9:45 - 11:15 – Presentation in church hall
 - Liturgical Ministry: Practical and Spiritual Perspectives
 - 11:15 - 11:45 – Practicum with revised liturgical ministry guidelines
 - 11:45 - 12:00 – Announcements / Prayer / Dismissal
 - Stipend for Emily Strand, presenter; we suggested \$150.00. Father approved.
- Having Mass or Communion Service while Father is away in January.
He said “no” because there are so few people at weekday Masses.
- Training of liturgical ministers to go back to Sacristans.
We need to speak with Pat.
- Theresa asked if a bulletin announcement might be needed for the Immaculate Conception Novena on November 30.
Father said yes, both for November 30 and for December 7.
Renee will prepare the announcements.
- New members of the committee are Frank Conway, Niqui Beckrum and Adriana Gambach.
They will begin their tenure in December.
- National Gathering on Christian Initiation, August 5-6, 2026, in Chicago.
We asked if the parish might pay the registration fee for this event for five participants.
Father said to make a proposal to the Finance Council.

Schedule of meetings (second Tuesday of the month)

December 9, 2025

January 13, 2026

February 10, 2026 (week before Ash Wednesday)

March 10, 2026 (third week of Lent)

April 14, 2026 (second week of Easter)