

St. Isidore Cluster Liturgy Committee
Thursday, August 7, 2025 1:30 PM
Sacred Heart Meeting Room, Osage, IA
Approved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Barb Brumm, with opening prayer by Fr. Peter Dery.

Attendance: Father Peter Dery, Deacon Paul Brown, Linda Stefl, Annette Uker, Anita Adams, Marilyn Coonradt, Deb Popp, Barb Brumm and Julie Brumm

Absent: Karen Brumm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 8, 2025, were approved by consensus.

Old Business:

1. Retraining/training Communion ministers/lectors

Barb shared information she received per her contact with the Diocesan Office of Worship and General Instruction of Roman Missal regarding blessing at Communion: The Director of the Office of Worship commented: "...I don't think the General Instruction of the Roman Missal or Roman Missal addresses such a blessing, either way, and am not sure if the Archbishop has any sort of a statement or formal stance." The Director will follow up with the Archbishop. Checking the GIRM, there is no statement addressing blessings at Communion. If the Pastor approves blessings at Communion, only the Priest or the Deacon is allowed to give blessings. Eucharistic Ministers can acknowledge communicants (i.e. welcome) but not lay hands on them.

Reverence the Tabernacle and/or Altar: Before entering the Sanctuary, before you step up onto the steps of the Sanctuary, from the left, right or center, you genuflect or bow from the waist. When you depart from the sanctuary, you go down the steps, turn and genuflect or bow from the waist. Father Dery will be generating new instructions.

Consume the Precious Blood in the sanctuary facing the tabernacle. If you do not consume the leftover Precious Blood, the chalice should be put on the altar rather than the credence table. Cleaning the instruments by Eucharistic Ministers: Father Dery will be generating new instructions.

Eucharistic Minister in place of Deacon: credence table with vessels for the Mass will be placed by the altar when there is no Deacon or servers, or vessels will be placed on altar.

2. Update list of ministers available for funerals completed

3. Update and approved hymns/songs for funerals – copy provided.

NEW BUSINESS;

Welcome of Father Peter Dery

Mass servers: Guidelines: Barb checked with Archdiocese Office of Liturgy and USCCB for guidance. **"...Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out with appropriate reverence. They should have already received Holy Communion for the first time and normally receive the Eucharist whenever they participate in the liturgy. Servers should receive**

proper formation before they begin function. The formation should include instruction on the Mass and its parts and their meaning, the various objects used in liturgy (their names and uses, and the various functions of the server during the Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Servers should also receive appropriate guidance on maintaining proper decorum and attire when serving Mass and other functions..." (Guidelines for Altar servers, nos. 3-4). Therefore, we can consider offering instructions to our 3rd grade Faith Formation children.

Questions were considered as to the age when children can become altar servers. USCCB states that children in 3rd grade can become altar servers. Fr expounded on this by stating that those who have received their First Holy Communion may be servers. An announcement will be put in the bulletin asking for anyone interested, children and adult, in serving.

Problems with servers' behavior, (Sacred Heart) discussed and solutions for handling situation were discussed. Updated Mass Server instruction sheet will be generated by Father Dery and Deacon Paul prior to training and retraining of Altar servers. Tammy and Barb will coordinate a date and time for training. It was suggested that Father Dery visit with the Mass servers prior to the Mass that they will be serving at.

Music ministry: Marilyn reported. Questions regarding choir (Sacred Heart) to receive Communion before or after the congregation; reported they feel rushed to end the music to receive and sometimes have been forgotten completely. No final decision was made. No decision on reception of the Eucharist, by choirs, at both Visitation and Sacred Heart will be made until Fr. Dery approves the guidelines on Communion music and reception of Eucharist which will be presented at our next meeting. At this time, continue as we are all doing.

Responsorial Psalm and Gloria: to be sung by choir/cantor; to begin as soon as possible

Liturgy update: Fr., Dery: Updating and generating guidelines in all areas of Liturgical ministry for St. Isidore, which will be presented at the next Liturgy meeting.

Sacristan report by Linda and Anita: Sacred Heart is looking for a couple more Sacristans.

August 15th Mass Feast of the Assumption Mass Schedules:

8/14 Thursday SH 8:30 AM – regular daily mass

SH 6:30 PM – vigil

8/15 Friday VIS 8:30 AM – solemnity

VIS SH 6:30 PM- solemnity

Closing prayer led by Fr. Dery with blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM by consensus.

Next meeting October 7, 2025, will be held at Visitation Faith Formation Center, Stacyville, at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Brumm, Secretary