

December 2025 - Liturgy Meeting Agenda

Planning for Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve 4PM Mass / 6PM Mass

Could we have ushers please?. Not sure where they will come from, but they are needed. This mass is usually at or near capacity, so seating assistance is very helpful. Also, the offertory collection is significant and a mess because of the number of people. The chapel (used as a place to hide with kids) is always at capacity. Margaret will try to reach out to Rob and others on a list to see if we can have help for this Mass.

For music... for rest of the Christmas Season

No Kyrie

Using Form A for the penitential rite

Mass of Creation acclamations

Heritage Gloria

Readings are the Midnight Mass readings (Luke's gospel) the psalm 96 : Today is Born our Savior

Christmas Day 9:30AM -Sung proclamation used here by the Paulus group.

12/27 Feast of the Holy Family

1/1/26 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Thursday) 9:30AM

1/4/26 Epiphany

Discussion Items

1. Feedback on the new crucifix: Many have expressed they like that it's up, and they like the one we chose, curiosities center on why it is not hung on the back wall. Reasons include not fitting into the back wall space visually (its size would put it too low over the tabernacle), having the cross closer to and among the people and not fading into the back.
2. Communion in both forms update on traffic patterns
Can we get people who are unable to get in line to receive Communion, to please sit in the 2nd row of the first section on the presider's side. (Nobody sits in the front row, so we'll go with the 2nd.) Start transitioning to this at the next ordinary time season. Put in the bulletin first on the 10th, then start announcing it on the 18th and start doing it on the 24th/25th. ***"To more reverently and safely serve you, please sit in this reserved section for those who need Communion brought to them."***

In the absence of ushers, we need signs and also to make sure the greeters know.

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3. Environment

-Christmas Set up on Sunday, December 21st after Mass (the heavy stuff) - nativity set up, tree up, grapevine wreaths up, pillars in, change altar cloths, altar front Holy Family set up and Advent wreath take down.

-Tuesday the 23rd, set up the flowers, greens arrangements and evergreen wreaths

-Grapevine wreaths for the chapel and/ or under/beside the crucifix (environment will decide what goes best where at the time). There was a request to put one or 2 wreaths in the chapel.

-Future consideration

- Painting contrast color in recessed area(s) behind crucifix in order to highlight it. - Repurposing some of the banners we have to be used as smaller wall banners throughout the Worship Space for each Liturgical Season.
- The recessed area behind the crucifix may be one of the prime spots to incorporate sound absorption materials, so we may want to consider something other than paint. Possibly one of the fabric covered panels covering the entire area.
- Consideration is dependent on the Sound System improvements below.

4. Sound System improvement plan

-Reposition 2 of the current speakers and replace the 3rd with 1 or 2 smaller new ones once they become available

-The musician's area was carpeted for sound absorption.

-Install sound absorption panels around the worship space covered with fabric to blend in close to the wall color. Do we have a vendor for these to consult with for size, materials, manufacture and installation? Not yet.

Thoughts about ordinary time and Lent 2026? **This is our homework for January 13th**

Late Lenten Taize prayer service - invite the Deanery and or the Diocese to this so that it's open

Change Mass acclamations to the Alonso Mass (in Gather) and use the sung kyrie when we enter Lent

Ministry updates

- Parish Council- musician plan update info, retreat planning will start up in January to be held during Easter Season
- Parish Life - parishioner appreciation celebration after masses this week
- Greeters - we have some new greeters and are trying to schedule 2 greeters per Mass
- EM's - Communion for the Sick regulars at Brackenville, Brookdale and Cadia
- Sacristans - binder/book with set up guidance for Masses
- Lectors - Suggested to go back to 2 lectors per mass, but not sure if we have enough to do so. Perhaps start with Lent.
- Musicians see above.
- Altar servers

What is the minimum age (5th grade)? Should we reach out to the youth and see if more are interested (sure)? What is the minimum number of youth needed to get the ministry going again? (Not sure, but how about getting enough for Sunday morning Masses? So enough servers to have 1 or 2 at the Mass. You don't want once a month, that's not often enough for the kids to get comfortable with the routine, but you don't want every week either because it gets onerous. So, maybe every other or every third week. We also said Sunday because not a lot of children attend on Saturday evening. So enough for 1 or 2 for Sundays. Ken Tulenko has offered to train the kids.