

PPC Spiritual Life Commission

Susan Collins, Chairman

Liturgy Committee

Art and Environment - Assistance is needed to prepare our environment for Advent and Christmas. Contact Susan at 639-9382 to offer your assistance.

Children's Liturgy at Christmas Vigil – Coordinator needed to work with young people for the reenactment of the nativity at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Sign up sheet for play parts and ministries is located in the hall for all young people who will be attending this Mass. Indicate which ministry you are interested in or play character.

Ministry Training - Training will be held for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion for Mass and for homebound, altar servers (for Mass in English and Spanish - 5th grade and up), and readers on Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Application forms are in the parish hall for those interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. They must be turned in to the parish office for verification prior to training.

Advent Penance Service

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. just before our vigil Mass of Sunday liturgy or by appointment. Twice a year, our Church offers the opportunity to receive this sacrament at a penance service held during Advent and Lent. Visiting priests, along with our own priest, will be available to listen to your confession. The date is set for Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Music Ministry

Dr. Fred Ricker, Director

Preparations for this year's Madrigal are well underway. Tickets are now on sale, so contact Susan Collins at 639-9382 to purchase your tickets. We need more youth to help serve the food. If you can help in this capacity, please let Susan know. We will be having performances on four nights instead of three: December 3, 4, 5, and 6. Be sure and mark your calendars!

A BIG thank you in advance to the choir for their hard work and extra practice sessions, to all those involved in making all NEW costumes for the cast, those who will be feeding us every night, servers, juggler, minstrels, magicians, musicians, and anyone I've left out.

Regular rehearsals continue for the weekly Masses. If you are interested in being in the choir, just show up on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. There is always a need for cantors, and there are many in our assembly who are capable of filling this position. Please prayerfully consider using your talents for the Lord in this manner. Just let Dr. Fred or Wanda know of your interest.

Holy Days of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary – Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 8, at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Christmas – Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. for our Children's Liturgy and 10:00 p.m. for Mass in Spanish on the vigil of Christmas, Wednesday, December 24; Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25.

Mary, Mother of God - Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. and bilingual at 10:00 p.m. on the vigil of Mary, Mother of God, Wednesday, December 31, and at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 1.

First Holy Communion

The date for First Holy Communion will be Saturday, May 2, at the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass followed by a reception open to everyone. Fourteen students are preparing to receive the sacrament. They are Laura Bustros, Gloria Bustros, Jennifer Carreno, Jonathan Cortes, Madison Dudley, Sarah Fillers, Jennifer Gonzalez, Amairam Jardinez, Ryan Kells, Daniel Kindle, Caleb Smith, Matthew White, Cristian Vazquez, and Chenoa Wimberley. Instructing these students are Sandy Alter and Alicin Sahr assisted by Irma Vazquez. First Reconciliation for this class is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow for the candidates and their families sponsored by the Parish and Family Life Committee.

Confirmation

The Rite of Enrollment for our high school confirmation class will be on the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Sunday, November 23, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Twelve students are preparing to receive the sacrament. They are Dierdra Bailey sponsored by Karin HagenBurger, Stefania Collins sponsored by Belinda Fenter, Samantha Durham sponsored by Candy Beets, Justin Goehring sponsored by Elaine Wagner, Emily HagenBurger sponsored by Jean HagenBurger, Brice Hebert sponsored by Andrea Robinson, Kaitlyn Horner sponsored by Jennifer Hollowell, Dylan Jones sponsored by Peggy English, Meghan Kiehna sponsored by Wayne Kiehna, Ethan Lott, Virginia Nagy sponsored by Margaret Ayers, and David Place sponsored by Lisa Loewenkamp. Instructing these students are Wes and Lauren Lott. Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for Ascension Sunday, May 24, during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. A luncheon will follow for the students, sponsors and their families by the Parish and Family Life Committee.