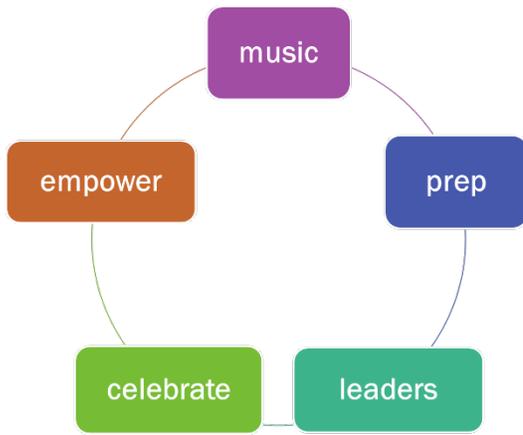


## Worship Music Hospitality



"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows." (S.C. 10) Our goal is to assist in leading all ages to 'that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations.' (SC 14) By recognizing the giftedness and holiness of each person, we strive to see the presence of Christ in all we do.

## Initiatives

### Assembly Driven Worship

- Through catechesis, music and through example - develop the singing and prayer of the assembly to 'fully conscious active participation'
- Develop communication for liturgy-integrated with already existing parish communication – better parish awareness of weekend activities and liturgical content

### Develop and Grow WLT and Liturgical Leadership

- WLT – expand membership to include parishioners from all areas of ministry
- Empower assembly – formation for Liturgical Ministries and new liturgical leaders
- WLT sponsored prayer, enrichment, networking

### Welcoming Hospitality

- foster the growth of ministries of greeter and information minister
- continue process for contacting new parishioners, while recruiting more 'ambassadors' for follow up

### Music Ministry

- Continue to develop an overall vision/plan for Music Ministry, especially through catechesis and Sunday liturgy modelling
- Cantor/Choir formation
- Organ recitals, monthly

### Sacramental Preparation

- Emphasize community building at group sacramental preparation sessions -- connecting those celebrating sacraments and engaging them at Mass
- Engage in connecting to families who have celebrated sacraments, especially Baptism

## Worship Leadership Team – PAST June Report for Pastoral Council—June 2016

### **How is the team doing?**

In general, the Worship Leadership Team is functioning well and open to others joining ministries directly related to liturgy and the weekend. Our worship leaders always have a positive outlook and welcoming spirit. We have a good number of volunteers who do their work behind the scenes in preparation for the Mass.

### **What are your best practices?**

We prepare well and organize for the weekend liturgies, communicating all known information to clergy, pastoral staff and volunteers. When all who are involved in the Mass understand the process and know what to expect, the expectation is that we are then able to go beyond the details to prayer and praise to God. Our hope is always that the focus is on the liturgy, itself, rather than on the ministers and the process.

Our formation for liturgical ministry is personal and welcoming, attempting to involve the new minister as soon as possible in the actual ministry.

Our music ministry leads us in song very well and inspires us with their individual choral contributions. Our pastoral musicians understand well that music is integral to the ritual and not just a showcase of talent. This inspires the assembly in the belief that the song is theirs.

Sacramental Preparation with First Reconciliation and First Eucharist has become an opportunity for family faith sharing and networking. More of our families get an opportunity to find out about our parish and ways to become involved; our hope is that we can help our young families find new ways to serve as a family and individually.

### **What are your struggles?**

Our team is by nature and thankfully very detail and task oriented. While we are gifted with very strong leaders within all of our various ministering communities/areas, we struggle with bringing forth visionary leaders who can commit to a regular meeting. Alternatives to regular meetings will be discussed at our final meeting of this year.

What advances have been made on succession planning?

We continue to use the mentor model for bringing on new people to our groups and ministries; we need to do better at finding ways to encourage visionary leadership.

### **Do you see the need for change to our ministry organization?**

Throughout the year, the Worship Leadership Team and its members have the opportunity to interact and collaborate with other team areas. We would hope that we can find new ways to attract new members to all of our teams. Maybe a group who is specifically managing volunteers. Mainly, our hope is that we always remember and project to the parish that we are all still one team, intending to bring our best to parishioners in all ministries and have fun doing ministry!