



Ministry Report from: Mark Keller – Liturgy
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1. What have you accomplished this month? What activities have you sponsored?

Over this past month, we have celebrated the three Scrutinies for our RCIA/RCIC Elect and Candidates. The past Sunday, we were honored to have Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark preside at the 10 AM Mass and Third Scrutiny. The Day of Penance and Mercy on March 14th went smoothly, and was well attended.

Throughout the afternoon, we had 93 people come in to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. Special thanks to Donna Moll, Donna Walker, Nancy Giordano, Margaret Lennertz, Sr. Karen Dietz, and Pattie Burns who were present at various times throughout the afternoon to greet our guests and answer questions.

The palms for Palm Sunday are in, as are the Paschal Candles for all three churches. The Easter flowers are ordered for all three churches. We have nearly completed the rosters for liturgical ministers for the Triduum and the Easter Sunday Masses.

In an effort to avoid having too many consecrated hosts on hand, we have been providing the sacristans with the Mass attendance numbers for comparable Sundays for the previous 2 years, as well as the prior Sunday.

2. What are the plans and dreams you're currently discussing??

The Liturgy Committee is still in the planning stages regarding an assessment of our liturgies. The next step is to get key staff members involved in the conversation to determine exactly what kind of information we want to glean from the effort.

Starting this fall, we would like to make the Anointing of the Sick regularly available to the parishioners. Much like the Blessing of Expectant Parents, we would choose one Sunday per month to make this sacrament available after Masses. Sr. Karen Dietz has provided some educational material which we will publish in the bulletin prior to the start of this initiative. The concern is that too many people still consider the sacrament to be “Last Rites,” and more people could benefit from receiving it.