

Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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LITURGY/MUSIC – Notes for Parish Council

November 7th meeting
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- ▶ There were brief informational meetings after each Mass the weekend of October 6th and 7th for all those, grade 5 through adult, interested in becoming altar servers. There was also an opportunity the following weekend to sign up. Of the nineteen who responded, eleven have committed to serving at TOOL. Training sessions will be held between Masses on November 11th and 18th and servers are expected to attend at least one of these sessions. Altar servers will be scheduled beginning the weekend of December 2nd. At this time, it is questionable as to whether we will have enough servers to serve regularly at our Saturday liturgies, but it looks like our Sunday liturgies, in general, should be covered.
- ▶ The feast of All Souls will be celebrated at Mother of Good Counsel at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2nd, and a special invitation has been extended to those who have lost a loved one within the last year.
- ▶ The children's choir is scheduled to sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on November 4th.
- ▶ The children's choir plans to begin rehearsing for Christmas Eve on November 4th and the youth and Christmas choirs are scheduled to begin on November 7th. We are currently hoping to find hand-bell ringers to play on one or two pieces for the 9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve prelude.
- ▶ Our next Liturgy Preparation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 6th. At that meeting, we plan to prepare for the Third Sunday of Advent (12-16-07) through the Baptism of the Lord (1-13-08).
- ▶ TOOL's Liturgy Preparation Committee and liturgical ministry captains and Mother of Good Counsel's Worship Committee are scheduled to meet at TOOL on Monday, November 12th, at 7:30 p.m. Our goal is to get to know each other and to explore ideas for moving towards unity in our liturgical celebrations.
- ▶ We will begin using purchased altar breads for our Eucharistic bread the weekend of December 1st/2nd. A letter explaining the reasons for this change was sent to the TOOL bread bakers on October 1st and they were invited to attend a meeting between Masses on October 14th, in case they wanted to discuss the change in person. Only one bread baker was there for the meeting between Masses and a second came after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Neither of these individuals seemed upset about the change, understanding why we are making it. A sheet explaining the change will be included in the November newsletter and will also be an insert in the November 10th/11th bulletin.

► We are scheduled to change the seating in church around and prepare the worship space for the season of Advent after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 25th.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. David Zorn