

ACC Meeting Notes, August 28th, 2019

- Probable start date for ACC merger: July 1, 2020
- Information on Mass time proposals should be announced early so parishioners have time to offer their input
- Fr. Roger had new masstime survey results for HT and HC
- It was suggested that one 4:00pm Mass should be at a handicap accessible location to accommodate the elderly.
- Earle Fisher presented a proposal from Gary Opatz (absent) for a mass schedule based on geographical areas rather than on location of parish churches.
- Fr. Tom suggested that a St. Cloud parish could better pro-vide a mass those who can only attend a 8pm Saturday Mass.
- Mass times discussed at last meeting were readdressed.

Challenges in assigning Mass times:

- Most priests do not want an evening Sunday Mass because it's too late in the weekend.
- With 8am and 10am Sunday Mass times preferred and no one wanting a 7am or 11am Mass, there is not a lot of flexibility.
- Elderly do not want mass at 8:00pm because it is too late and 8:00am is too early, and 10:00am has too many children, which adds a lot of background noise, hindering hearing

Proposed for further discussion:

- Rotate 4:00pm Saturday and 10:00am Sunday Masses be-tween Bowlus and Royalton every six months.
- Change Saturday 8:00pm Mass in Rice to 5:00pm and keep the Sunday 8:00am mass in Rice
- Sunday Mass at 8:00am North Prairie
- Sunday Mass at 10:00am Opole
- ACC representative are to discuss Mass times schedule with their respective councils

Worship, Leadership

- Current Holiday Mass schedules, weekday Mass schedules were recorded by Missy
- We discussed staff and office situation: From a secretarial and staff standpoint it would be easier to have one central office. From a pastoral and ministry standpoint it is better to have a pastoral presence in as many parishes as possible.
- Currently we have the equivalent of more than 2 full-time positions of work among all five parishes

Two Possible Options for Parish Offices:

- 1). For the next two years have the Rice secretary work out of Opole and Fr. Tom live in Rice; have Fr. Roger stay in Royalton with a staff member on site; then reassess with new priest assignments when Fr Tom retires.
- 2). Make one central office now and store all files on site, all operations done through one office.

Next meeting: September 12th Opole 7:00pm.