



## Liturgy Committee

Webster defines Liturgy as “the rites or body of rites prescribed for public worship.” The St. Thomas the Apostle Liturgy Committee is an advisory group working with the Pastor in planning the Liturgical Celebrations during the Liturgical year.

The Committee meets once a month to coordinate all the ministries involved in our parish worship services. Members of the Liturgy Committee include the Pastor, the Deacons, St. Thomas the Apostle School Principal, the Religious Education coordinators, the RCIA coordinator, representatives from the Music Ministry, Lectors/Eucharistic Ministry, Altar Society, C.L.R.S. Ministry, Altar Servers Ministry, the Guadalupana Society, the Consolation Ministry, the Website Editor, the Youth/Teen coordinators, the Divine Mercy coordinators and the Parish Council Representative.

Whenever we gather as a worshipping community, the form that worship takes is Liturgy. Thus, Sunday Mass is a liturgy, but so is the Rosary before 8:15 a.m. Mass, the Stations of the Cross during Lent, Vespers and other prayer gatherings celebrated throughout the year. For feast days and complicated liturgies like those during Holy Week, the committee is working months in advance on the details. What time are services? What and how many ministers are needed? Do we need special music? When will the Environment in the church be changed and will that task conflict with rehearsals or school activities. The Liturgy Committee discusses these and many other details.

Minutes of the Liturgy Committee are kept as a reference in the Parish Office. This helps us with future planning, as we record what worked and what changes need to be made in future liturgies. Minutes of the Liturgy Committee also aid new pastors in getting to know the parish and its traditions.

The Liturgy Committee is just one of many groups working behind the scenes at St. Thomas the Apostle to keep our community vital and growing. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 530-533-0262.