Liturgy Commission Meeting - September 5th, 2017

Formalized commissioning rite of liturgical ministers at mass
- Target date: weekend of October 28/29
- Completion of Protecting God’s Children (upcoming dates at St. Ignatius: September 17, October 15th) and a limited CORI a prerequisite for ministry
- Long gap between signing up ministers and completion of PGC is a barrier to ministry

Make a pre-mass announcement before September 10th advertising PGC
- At the moment of signing up, give prospective ministers the following:
  - Training date
  - PGC date
  - Commissioning Rite date

Building a master list of liturgical ministers from each of the different masses
- Compiling data of who serves where/when
- Better communicate with ministers and cover holiday liturgies
- Improving communication between this commission and the other ministries between masses
- Getting ministers into the habit of checking in with coordinator, especially when at an “unfamiliar” liturgy: do you need help?
- Maybe building toward a universal schedule?

Schedule a meeting with coordinators to establish their scheduling practices - to discern an optimal policy of rotation of ministers

A one-page sheet explaining each of the ministries to prospective candidates
- To help recruit, explain the requirements, meaning of the ministry
- Including explanations, cheat sheets, guidelines, potential time commitment
- Deciding to minister requires discernment - we need to express, continually, our needs in terms of manpower - encourage people to think about, have information to make an informed decision - this effort takes time to percolate - looking for serious ministers
- Typical weekend: 18 lectors, 40-50 eucharistic ministers

Parish Open House - September 24th
- Talking points to help start dialogue with prospective ministers

Next time
- Continue discussion ministry volunteering
- Day of the Dead mass/prayer service
- Bread baking report