Weekly Commission Action Plans— Week 4 of 7 (June 5, 2011)

Lifting up our Parish Strengths—Liturgy Commission
Church of St. Patrick-Edina

The Purpose of the Liturgical Commission is to advise, oversee and implement all aspects of communal liturgy as they pertain to the worship life of the parish, in accordance with the Church's documents and teachings on liturgy and worship.

This is done by attending monthly Liturgy Commission meetings, organizing and scheduling the various liturgical ministries, research various topics and tasks pertaining to liturgy, planning and coordinating Feast Days during the Liturgical Year, and implement new or different rites and practices.

The various ministries that are represented on the Liturgy Commission are:

- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment
- Choirs
- Clergy
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Member-at-large representing the Assembly
- Sacristans
- Ushers

Our focus for this coming Fall Season will be the education of the parish and implementation of Third Edition of the Roman Missal which begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. The Third Edition of the Roman Missal has been in the working stages for over ten years. The main thrust of the new edition is the closer and more literal translation of the Mass from the Latin texts. Many prayers and responses will be changed to reflect that literal translation, including some of the sung parts of the Mass, such as the Gloria and Holy, Holy, Holy, and Memorial Acclamations. With these pending changes it will give us all a chance to examine our practices in liturgy and give us a greater understanding in regards to what we do and why we do it in the Mass. It gives us a great opportunity to learn and understand our Roman Catholic Worship, its history, development, that with a greater understanding, give it relevancy in our lives as we live out the Gospel message.