

Approved Minutes
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
January 3, 2023

Members: Fr. Robert Chinnapan, Deacon Gary Vanness, Joe Hinshaw, Melanie Lewin, Jim Newhouse, Bob Schommer, Judy Ver Bust, Carol Vosters, Karen Court, Kelly Bekkers-Graham, (Peggy Conrad present for Glenda Sayler)

Opening Prayer – Deacon Gary Vanness

Review of Previous Minutes -- Approved

Review of Agenda --

Discussion Items:

- Pastor's Comments -- None

Old Business:

- Christmas and New Year services were well attended. Compliments on decorations received, "job well done". Discussion about whether we should keep three services for the Christmas vigil. Fr. Robert will present to the pastoral council.
- Children's liturgy of the Word leader. Per Judy Ver Bust, some interest, but no one committed to taking on the task. Fr. Robert mentioned that perhaps we could incorporate one family mass into each month. This service would include the involvement of children and their parents.
- Social Sunday was 12/18/22. Due to the holidays, not many people stayed for social to talk about the worship ministries. Per Peggy Conrad, there was good turnout after 10:30 mass. It was brought up that in the future, members of the ministry being spotlighted could help with preparation of the social. Peggy Conrad would be willing to show members what needs to be done prior to and following these events.
- New Evangelization Coordinator was hired. Jenny Jochman took the position.

New Business:

- Photo of the Worship Committee members was taken following the January 3rd meeting.
- Upcoming One by One fundraiser to begin sessions this Friday, January 6th. Fr. Robert would like parish members to attend meetings and assist with talking to other parishioners about the event. Some of the needs for the money raised would include an updated boiler system and some church maintenance.
- St. Nicholas Catholic School week would begin the last week of January and end with a mass celebrated with the school children the week of February 4th and 5th.
- An e-mail from a parishioner was received regarding the need to revisit mass times at St. Nicholas Parish. Per e-mail, younger families would prefer an 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. service on Sundays. An additional priest would be needed to cover this time since Fr. Robert is at St. Edwards for 8:45 a.m. service. This topic will be brought up at the next pastoral council meeting.
- Celebration of Blessing of the candles will take place at the school mass of February 2nd at St. Nicholas. Parishioners will be allowed to bring candles to be blessed for their homes. Fr. Robert will mention this in mass announcements prior to this weekend.

- Celebration of St. Blaze “Blessing of the throats” on February 3rd will take place at the school mass at St. Edwards. Parishioners will also be able to receive this blessing prior to the weekend services during February 4th and 5th. Fr. Robert will announce this at services prior to this weekend. This will also be published in the bulletin.

Closing Prayer/Blessing -- Fr. Robert Chinnapan

Respectfully submitted by Carol Vosters

**Next Meetings: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm**