

**Approved Minutes**  
**St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee**  
**February 7, 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, Glenda Sayler

**Opening Prayer – Fr. Chinnapan**

**Review of Previous Minutes -- Approved**

**Review of Agenda --**

**Discussion Items:**

- Pastor's Comments -- None

**Old Business:**

- Family Mass to begin during Lent. Will be held the last Weekend of the Month.
- Sunday Social – Plenty of volunteers to help with the event. The last social was well attended after the 7:00 and 10:30 services. Pictures will be taken during the event to publish in the bulletin and on-line (members present will submit pictures to Jill in the office). The hope is to better promote our social events.
- Blessings of the Candles Service (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) – Only a few parishioners brought candles to this service. Next year a better explanation of the mass will be provided to promote attendance. We discussed possible having religious education and school children prepare or decorate candles to be blessed during this service.

**New Business:**

- One by One Fundraiser is underway. The first meeting was held at the Grand Meridian. Ongoing meetings will be held at 6 pm on Thursdays to discuss. A letter regarding the orientation meeting to be held on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm was sent out this week.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday – St. Nicholas Parish will have a 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm service. Ushers, lectors, and servers are needed for the services.
- Lent Preparations – Lenten booklets were ordered and are here. Rice bowls will be available in church gathering space. Stations of the Cross will be held after 10:30 am services during Lent. Joe Hinshaw will talk to confirmation students about leading the stations of the cross for two of the six weeks and Bob Schommer will contact Ron Hardy about leading the services the remaining weekends.
  - There will be a procession starting in the St. Therese Hall at the 4:00 pm Saturday mass and 10:30 am Sunday mass for Palm Sunday.
  - Holy Thursday Service will be at 6:30 pm. Jim Newhouse and Deacon Gary will seek out 12 parishioners to have their feet washed during the service. The church will remain open until 11:00 pm after the service for prayer.
  - Good Friday Service – Kelly Bekkers and Jodi Roskowski will sing the reproaches during the veneration of the cross.

- Easter Vigil – Four lectors needed for the reading of the passion. Deacon Gary will contact Paul Jochman regarding the bonfire outside of church for this service. We will continue to work with our IT person for get sound and video coordinated for this service. Detail will be finalized at March meeting.
- Easter Sunday – St. Nicholas services will be at 7:00 am and 10:30 am.
  
- Music Ministry needs – Kelly Bekkers discussed mass settings for Lent and the Easter season. Lent: Mass for American Martyrs. Easter: Mass of St. Anne. During Lent the Sanctuary song and “O Sacrament Most Holy” will be omitted from the service to promote a more somber/silent feel during the Lenten season.
- Letter from Anne Thelen regarding music concerns, organ repair will be addressed at March meeting.
- Mass of Anointing will be held on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at the 5:45 pm service.

**Closing Prayer/Blessing -Fr. Chinnapan**

**Respectfully submitted by Carol Vosters**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm  
(Mtg may be delayed d/t Anointing mass)**