

Approved Minutes

St Nicholas Parish Worship Committee

August 13, 2025

Members in Attendance: Jim Newhouse, Father Judah Pigon, Karen Court, Glenda Sayler, Joel Powers and Vicky Wolf.

Members not Present: Kelly Bekkers-Graham

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

Opening Prayer: Jim Newhouse led the opening prayer.

Review of the minutes from the April meeting: Motion to accept was made by Karen Court and seconded by Glenda Sayler. Motion passed.

Review of the Agenda: Motion to accept was made by Vicky Wolf and seconded by Joel Powers. Motion passed.

Pastoral comments: Fr. Judah is happy to be working with our committee. We welcomed Fr. Judah and each committee member gave an introduction.

Old Business:

New Lectionary: Jim gave an update to Fr. Judah about the need to replace our current missals. Fr. Judah explained that the revised translations are not available yet. We are dependent on the Church Scholars to complete this work before the new lectionary can be updated. We will continue to repair our existing missals as needed to extend the life until new missals are purchased.

Ministries Scheduler (MSP). Fr Robert was the administrator of MSP and we are wondering how it is working since he has left. Jill and Nikki are working on learning the APP, however they have limited time to spend on it. Vicky Wolf offered to help do administration of the MSP app; Karen will let Jill know. There was also a possible issue with people being in multiple ministries that we need to make sure it works appropriately for.

New Business:

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15. Mass times are Friday at 8:15am and 5:45pm. Musicians, Cantor, Sacristans and Readers are scheduled. If an EMHC is needed, our committee should help Fr. Judah distribute the Eucharist.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) commissioning. Jim explained the commissioning was completed at a mass in June, but unfortunately not all EMHC could attend. Another commissioning mass needs to be scheduled. Jim will work with Fr. Judah to get this scheduled. Also, the list of EMHC that were commissioned were not recorded. Jim will send an

email to EMHC to find out who were commissioned. Also, Fr Judah would like an EMHC to return the Eucharist to the Tabernacle after communion. Jim will include this change to the EMHC in the email he is sending to them.

Ministry Coordinators. Fr. Judah asked for a list of the worship committee contacts for each ministries to help him know who to go to if there are questions or changes. The contacts are:

Altar Servers: Karen Court

Readers: Karen Court

Sacristans: Jim Newhouse

EMHC: Jim Newhouse

Ushers: No one on the committee (but Seth Ponshock is the coordinator)

Music: Kelly Bekkars-Graham

Grandparents/Elderly day is September 7th. We would like to have a social/luncheon after all three masses on that weekend. After the 4pm and 7am masses, we would only need a social. After 10:30, we would like to have a luncheon. We would combine this with a “welcome to Fr Judah”. Glenda will talk with the hospitality committee to see if they would be willing to host this event.

Digital Piano from Sister Carol. Sister Carol reached out to Jim to let St Nicholas know that she is selling her digital piano. The piano matches our electric piano we use in church. Jim announced that Deacon Don Newhouse family will be purchasing this piano for St Nicholas in remembrance of him. It will be put in the music room in the school.

August trial of adding a Sunday at 5:45pm mass. Fr. Judah reported at the first mass there were over 100 parishioners in attendance. An email has been sent to all people helping with ministries asking to sign up to help at these masses. Since the attendance is high, we will look to add this evening mass during the summer next year.

Worship Committee Member Needed. Unfortunately, Ron Koepke needs to resign from the worship committee. We are in need of a new member. We should prayerfully consider possible candidates to our next meeting. We would like to ask an usher to attend so they are represented on the committee.

Advent Booklet. Advent booklets need to be ordered in September in order to be here for Advent. We reviewed some sample books and the committee recommended the book “Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy” by Matthew Kelly. Jim will coordinate with the parish office to get the book ordered.

Closing prayer was led by Karen Court

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm

Upcoming meetings:

*Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30pm

*Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Wolf