

Approved Minutes
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
January 2, 2018

Members Present: Marny Clark, Mary Jochman, Fr. Walter Stumpf, Anne Thelen

Approval of December Minutes: approved

Discussion:

Pastor's Comments: December server of the month – Ethan Roskowski; Spanish/English mass set for Thursday, January 18th; The new crucifix, corpus and arch proposals are being brought to the other councils for their input (noting Mark Vosters may be willing to build the Arch and Crucifix – wonderful!); Father has requested a quote from DeWitt regarding pew frontal and kneelers for the front row, near left and near right chairs – should assist in encouraging people to sit closer to the front – potential June installation?

Reflections on: St. Nicholas Feast Day mass - nice; **Advent Reconciliation Service** – good attendance; **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – nicely done, **Advent Season** – candles will be moved from the pew ends at the back of church; **Christmas Season** – overall went very well – Father has a some questions about the 4pm program (Anne to research further); **children's books** – have enough for next year, **candy cane distributions** – not appropriate for church; and **book distributions of Beautiful Mercy** – seems to be well received

First Reconciliation for 2nd graders: Thursday, January 11th at 6pm Father will get readings, etc. to Anne; Father secured the regular cadre of Priests, plus one!

St. Blaise Day – Blessings to occur February 1st after 8:15am mass; Friday the 2nd at St. Edward's; before and after the weekend masses of February 3rd and 4th.

Catholic School Mass – February 4th at 10:30am

Ash Wednesday – February 14th: 11:00am mass; 4:00pm & 7:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes at St. Nicholas; 8:15am and a 6:30pm masses at St. Edward's.

RCIA - There is one candidate this year

Any special songs wanted for Lent? "Theme" song? – None requested by committee. Anne stated the musicians plan to bring back "This is Jesus #344" for Lent.

Lenten Gift – a Journal – Marny would be willing to introduce the journals to the congregation. Plan to do an invitation and invite people to pick up a journal and try it out before Lent starts. 44 journals will probably be ordered, based on the budget. If parish members see journaling done at a mass, maybe they will be interested in doing the same.

Lenten décor – keep it simple again. Will keep same as last year's.

Too early to discuss Easter Vigil planning, but, a few ideas were discussed regarding Palm Sunday and Good Friday – one single reader to read the whole gospel, or multiple readers with congregational participation as always. Maybe we'll try one reader for either the Palm Sunday or Good Friday – the other one will use multiple readers. Father will decide later. The readers should use the St. Augustine Hymnal to minimize word errors, missing words, etc.

Reading options: Occasionally, there are more than one option for readings at a mass. Father will work on creating a document to select the reading he would like to use for those masses with multiple readings. This will be for Sunday masses only; multiple readings during the week masses should be

cleared with Father (as to which one he would like to use). This document will be available for lectors and musicians (for psalm selection purposes).

Any other Business? – yes – need to clarify Reserved Seat Auction item at the various auctions.

There was some confusion at the 4pm Christmas Eve mass. Better communications are needed between the Golf Outing and Countryfest committees regarding auctioning of the seats. Father and Deacon handled the issue at mass, however, they are too busy before mass to have to deal with that also (and a broken door....). **Therefore, it is in the best interest that whatever committee sells the seat(s) should be responsible for setting it up, getting the parking space marked (if that is part of the item) and labelling both with the responsible party of the item. If two committees sells seats, two committees should be discussing same with each other and take responsibility for their sale.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Anne Thelen