

APPROVED MINUTES
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
November 6, 2018

Members Present: Mary Jochman, Bob Schommer, Anne Thelen, Deacon Gary Vanness

October Minutes: Approved.

Pastor's Comments: unavailable

Reflections for Blue Mass, World Mission Sunday, All Saints Day, All Souls Remembrance

Service: The Blue Mass went very well and always is well received; World Mission Sunday – seemed to come out of nowhere – should we be promoting this ahead of time (a week or two); All Saints Day children's mass – went very well; All Saints Day/All Souls Remembrance Service – went well overall. However, some people thought the reading and singing of the names was too much (very emotional). Deacon will call [REDACTED] to discuss same. Would be nice to have music in the cemetery – ipod/speaker(s)? – explore for next year.

Anointing of the Sick Masses: Tuesday, November 13th at the 5:45pm mass at St. Nicholas; Wednesday, November 14th at 8:15pm at St. Edward; 10:30am at Country Villa (and mass intentions are available for County Villa masses)

Stewardship Weekend: Father suggested November 17/18? Youth mass at 10:30 on the 18th Re-introduce Mass journals this weekend too. After a short discussion, we decided to table this discussion for further consideration. If the Social Gatherings are occurring every month – should we coordinate with Peggy Conrad?

Thanksgiving Day: 9am mass; collection will be for latrines again this year; Blessing of Bread (yes); and Apples will again be available

Décor for the seasons: Like last year; Father would like a smaller Advent wreath – to mirror what the congregation can do in their own homes; Mary has already ordered a new arrangement which was okayed by a number of people in the office.

Christ the King Masses: November 24/25

Advent books: Are in Cortney's office

Christmas books: Are not being done this year

St. Nicholas Feast Day: Thursday, December 6th 8:15am mass with the school children. There is not anything scheduled for the New Evangelization children the day/night before. Worship Committee was wondering if a 5:30pm mass and supper for the Middle and High Schoolers would be appropriate? Would need Father's input – and is there enough time to organize and schedule it?

Immaculate Conception: Saturday, December 8th 8:15am mass at St. Nicholas, 6:30 on the 7th at St. Ed's; Anne has e-mailed the songs to Father and Deacon. Dennis will cantor.

Advent Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, December 11th 6:30pm – Reading is Isaiah 40:1-11, no psalm – Anne will select an opening song. Four priests will be available.

2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation Service is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 6-8pm. Four confessors will be available.

Christmas Services: 4:00pm (Father Dan); 7:00pm (Father Walter) and 10:00pm (Father Walter) on Eve – all use the readings from the Mass at Midnight; 8:30am (Father Dan) – use the Mass at Dawn; and 10:30am (Father Walter) – use the Mass During the Day. Use the Christmas Gloria and the Mass of Christ the Savior for the other mass parts – through/including the Baptism of our Lord Sunday.

Solemnity of Mary: December 31 4:00pm only

Catholic School Mass: February 3rd 10:30am mass – note – this is the weekend of St. Blasé – the blessing of the throats

Any other Business: From last month: Father's responses are underlined. (1) Do we need a music director? Yes, one is in our strategic plan. Worship Committee believes we need to discuss this further – tabled until January's meeting. (2) The song Sanctuary – could this be changed to using only on weekend masses/Holy Day masses? It seems to take up too much time on those smaller masses (such as weekday) when there are not a lot of people in attendance. I am flexible here. Who will communicate this to Jack Nienhaus? (3) When we sing "O Sacrament Most Holy", it has been requested that the tabernacle be left open so that Jesus can hear us singing to him. Consider the logistics here. Close it after the song is completed. After further discussion, the Worship Committee agreed to leave the tabernacle closed. (4) Regarding Kelly's questions from last month: Father will not give immediate feedback.

New Business: (1) When there is a scheduled mass, but Father is out of town, could we have a prayer service? Tabled discussion until January. (2) For Feast Days – we need an assigned schedule for the lectors, servers, ushers, sacristan and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:30pm

Respectively Submitted by Anne Thelen