

**Approved Minutes
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
November 7, 2017**

Members Present: Marny Clark, Fr. Walter Stumpf, Anne Thelen, Deacon Gary Vanness

Approval of October Minutes – and seconded

Discussion items:

Pastor's Comments: Jayne Vosters' presentation is Thursday at St. Edwards; Blue Mass next week Tuesday, New Server Albs will not have hoods, want to invest in two albs in each size and keep the best looking "old" ones to be used as needed (esp. when we need more than 2 servers per mass) – cost will be about \$750 for all (cost is \$59 per alb).

Reflections for World Mission Sunday, Anointing of Sick Mass, All Saints Day, All Souls

Remembrance Service: All went well, had about 50 people at the anointing mass (and most were anointed), All Saints Day was very nice and the Van Camp's lights near the cemetery were beautiful for All Souls Remembrance service. Did note that the 2nd graders had a mandatory meeting that night for First Reconciliation – consider doing that on a different night so people could have gone to the remembrance service.

New members: No names came up this month. Keep looking, would like to add two more people.

Parish Meeting: Father presented:

- **Accomplishments of this past year:** We are continuing to move forward in the selection of a new Corpus to enhance our worship space. This is in-line with the Ralph Rohn suggestions we began looking at last year. Our EMHC (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) are becoming closer to being commissioned. We introduced a new mass setting and new songs out of the St. Augustine hymnal. The windows are nearing completion. Lectors were provided workshops in proclaiming the Word.
- **Plans for the future:** Expansion of the music program – musicians and singers; continue working on enhancing our worship space with a new Corpus and cross; replace server albs and cinctures; continue work with lectors, servers and EMHC's.

Pastoral Council and Worship's Strategic Goals:

- **Investigate plan to expand music and choral skills in Parish Community.** Worship Committee will work together to explore options to expand our musician, cantor and small group cadre. This will include reviewing current abilities, discussion of including young and aspiring musicians, exploring a plan to train our own parishioners, brain-storming ideas of using the resources we have to inspire new people to share their talents with our congregation by February 2018.
- **Identify activities to manifest a living faith using themes of Catholic Social Teaching.** This is an area which the Worship Committee is on top of. We honor our dead – at the All Souls Remembrance Service (prayer and recognition); the Blue Mass (honoring the dignity of labor; respecting the work & service and recognizing those in any type of uniform); and the Anointing of the Sick masses (recognizing those who are ill or infirm). These are just three of the services we promote to manifest a living faith.

Blue Mass, Tuesday, November 14th @ 5:45pm: Everything set up for this. No Gloria, sung psalm and sung Alleluia response

Thanksgiving Day: Dominican Republic latrine collection will be done again this year. Apples are donated by the Pynenberg's if they have extras (they don't this year) and Ginny & Larry's daughter calls

from Freedom Foods right before Thanksgiving for the number of buns needed. Stephanie will print off the prayer to be attached, but Freedom Foods takes care of the packaging.

Christ the King Masses – November 25/26: Chad Krueger is being received into the church at the 10:30am mass, full Communion and Confirmation. There is also a baby baptism during this mass.

Advent books: Ordered and in.

Christmas books: “Beautiful Mercy” is the name of the book.

St. Nicholas Feast Day, December 6th 6:00pm mass: New Evangelization children will be participating

Immaculate Conception: December 8th 11:00am (school mass) and 6:30pm

Advent Reconciliation Service – December 12th 6:30pm: Reading and songs selected already. Extra Priests are lined up

2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation Service, Thursday January 11th 6:00pm ?? children – how many extra priests are needed?

4th Sunday of Advent services: 4:00pm and 10:30am, NO 7:00am

Christmas Services 4:00pm; 7:00pm and 10:00pm on Eve – all will use the “Mass at Midnight readings”; 8:30am (use “Mass at Dawn”) and 10:30am (use “Mass during the Day” on Day

Holy Family Masses 4:00pm and 10:30am, NO 7:00am

Solemnity of Mary: December 31 4:00pm only

Catholic School Mass: February 4th 10:30am mass

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Anne Thelen