

**Approved Worship Minutes
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
December 1, 2015**

Members Present: Dennis Henrickson, Katie Jadin, Tom Murphy, Fr. Walter Stumpf, Anne Thelen, Deacon Gary Vanness

Approval of November Minutes: approved.

Discussion:

Pastor's Comments: (1) Saint Nicholas celebrations: Sock Collection December 4 – 6, we have already exceeded our goal which was to stuff the sock; School Mass on December 4th and Weekend Masses will have a special Saint Nicholas Hymn (words by Father Walter); Freedom Christmas Parade – with a Parade Party for Crozier Society members at Father's house on the 5th; Behold the Lamb Concert on December 6th for a Saint Nicholas family event. (2) Additional altar server training was completed in November. An enrichment class for the servers is being offered this Saturday (December 5th). Active altar servers are receiving a \$5 Culvers scrip card with a thank you card for their services. Father would like to do some sacristan training for 8th graders and up. (3) Father is enjoying teaching psalms to the middle schoolers – in Spanish. (4) Parish Reconciliation Service is this Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 6:00pm (not 6:30pm).

Reflections for Stewardship Weekend (November 7/8), Christ the King Masses (November 21/22) and Thanksgiving Day (November 25): All went very well. Very good response to the reverse collection. Everyone appreciates the bread and apples.

Examination of Conscience booklet distribution: Distribution completed to the congregation members.

Advent Reconciliation Service: Set for Thursday, December 3rd 6:00pm

Server Training update: Enrichment class for new and experienced servers set for Saturday, December 5th at 9:30am.

St. Nicholas Feast Day – Sock Collection has been a huge success. We have already exceeded the goal. There will be a collection of socks at the school mass on Thursday, the weekend masses and the "Behold the Lamb" concert.

Immaculate Conception: December 8th 11:00am and 5:45pm

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve services are 4:00pm (Father Walter), 7:00pm (Father Binu) and 10:00pm (Father Walter), Christmas Day services are 8:30am (Father Binu) and 10:30am (Father Walter). Readings are: Mass at Midnight (Christmas Eve – all three); Mass at Dawn (8:30am mass) and Mass During the Day (10:30am)

Christmas books: Are here. Entitled Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly. Still need to be wrapped, but the paper has already been cut for that project.

Christmas Ornaments for children: Mary Murphy will look into getting them for distribution at the Christmas services. Deacon Gary has magazines in his office to review for possible ornaments to give

Holy Family Masses – December 26/27: Deacon Gary will preach at the weekend masses

Solemnity of Mary – December 31st at 4:00pm: Just be aware that there is a wedding that afternoon.

Catholic Schools Week – first week in February: Will end with a mass on February 7th at 10:30am

Ash Wednesday, February 10th: 11:00am mass (with the school children); 4:00pm and 7:00pm will be Liturgy of the Word with Ashes so that the New Evangelization students and their teachers can attend (and their parents too!). St. Edwards has services at 8:15am and 6:30pm.

New Hymnals in the Pews: Maybe look into corner protectors for the books themselves?

Delayed to the January meeting: Decide on a date for a prayer seminar with Dr. Carol Masuga; discuss whether we should standardize funeral and wedding music selections

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:30pm

Respectively submitted by Anne Thelen.