

**Approved Minutes
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
November 3, 2015**

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

Approval of October Minutes: approved.

Discussion:

Pastor's Comments: (1) Saint Nicholas has a Strategic Plan in place, with five year and one year objectives set by the Pastoral and Finance Councils. With the one year plan, committees are to be formed to reach the objectives set. Worship Committee is to improve and perfect the Eucharist Homebound Ministry and to establish a commitment to perfect worship ministries. (Need to write up goals in the next few months and report to the Pastoral Council by June 2016). (2) Mass attendance counts will occur November 7/8 and 14/15. (3) Weekend of November 7/8 will have Nominations made for Stewardship, Living Justice and Hospitality committees. (4) Stewardship weekend has been moved to November 14/15. (5) Prayers of the Faithful are being written by Father and proclaimed from the Deacon chair or Ambo. (6) Entrance Antiphon was used this past weekend, worked well – continue in the future. (7) Wedding Anniversaries – Father has been providing flowers, Freedom Foods (Ginny) cakes – been well received and he has received thank you notes for the nice job. (8) Doug Barry presentation was very powerful, about 104 people attended. (9) Candle-holders have been adapted to accommodate larger Altar candles (using up stubs). Thank you to Paul Jochman for making these. (10) Thursday, November 12th is First Reconciliation and Thursday, December 3rd is the Advent Parish Reconciliation Service. (11) Reminder that the December 8th Holy Day Mass is at 11am not noon. (12) We will begin pre-filling the cups for masses and put the larger flagon into storage.

Reflections for World Mission Sunday, Anointing of Sick Mass, All Saints Day, All Souls Remembrance Service; All went very well.

Server Training update: 4th and 5th graders in Faith Formation seem interested, the 6th/7th/8th grades training is coming up this month. Father has worked with the school children already. Families seem hesitant to commit to a schedule.

Stewardship Weekend: Changed to November 14/15 – will do the Stewardship prayer in front of the misslette.

Christ the King Masses – November 21/22: Crown will be placed on a side table left of the altar.

Thanksgiving Day: Katie Jadin will find out what the Freedom Food Pantry needs and a reverse collection will occur. Baskets sent into the pews with slips of paper with the Pantry's needs the weekend before Thanksgiving. Ms. Jadin will also check into the bread – provided by Freedom Foods? Prayer on bag – where did that come from?

Examination of Conscience booklet distribution: The Jochman Family will either distribute and/or find another family to assist in the booklet distribution on the weekend of November 28/29. It was decided to hand these out to the congregation members.

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

St. Nicholas Feast Day – Large Sock will be available at Masses to collect socks for the Homeless Shelters. Mary Jochman is working on a sock display – to hang it in church. St. Nicholas Athletics is doing a sock collection at their afternoon basketball games.

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

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve services are 4:00pm, 7:00pm and 10:00pm, Christmas Day services are 8:30am and 10:30am. Extra priests are still be arranged.

Christmas books: Are here. Entitled Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly.

Christmas Ornaments for children: Mary Murphy will look into getting them for distribution at the Christmas services.

Delayed to the December meeting: Holy Family Masses – December 26/27, Solemnity of Mary – December 31st 4:00pm, Catholic School Mass – January/February

St. Ann Mass Insert: Will put copies in each of the new books. Need to arrange people power to replace all books/inserts before the Saturday 4:00pm mass after the Thanksgiving Day mass (Anne?)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1. 2015 at 6:30pm

Respectively submitted by Anne Thelen.