

APPROVED MINUTES
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
December 4, 2018

Members Present: Bob Schommer, Fr. Walter Stumpf, Anne Thelen

November Minutes: Approved.

Pastor's Comments: October Server of the Month: Sydney Peterson; November Server of the Month: Meghan Meulemans; Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this weekend – two masses; Parish Advent Service is this week Tuesday; Stewardship Letter and contributions statements are being worked on

Reflections on the Anointing of the Sick Mass (Tuesday, November 13th): Good turnout at all three available masses; about 100 people were anointed

Reflections on Thanksgiving Day: Dominican Republic home repairs collection and blessing of apples; Father matched the gifts that were collected

Reflections on Christ the King weekend masses: Went well, good attendance

St. Nicholas Feast Day – Will be celebrated December 6, 2018 @ 8:15am at the school mass

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: December 8th 8:15am
Anne e-mailed the song selections to Father and Deacon last month; December 7th 6:30pm mass at St. Edward's is also available.

Advent Reconciliation Service: December 11th @ 6:30pm, four priest are scheduled

Christmas Services: Eve: 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.

Christmas gift for children: We selected a Christmas tumbler with a beautiful Nativity scene and a scripture verse on the other side. Gift is offered to those children who have not made their First Communion (Second grade and younger)

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Mass will be December 31st 4:00pm; It is a Holy Day of Obligation

First Reconciliation for 2nd graders: Thursday, January 10th at 6:00pm readings will be decided soon; Four (4) priests will again be available.

Stewardship weekend: Tabled from November's meeting. If the Social Gatherings are occurring every month – should we coordinate with Peggy Conrad? Re-introduce Mass Journals? Tabled discussion until January; Maybe schedule during Lent?

St. Blaise Day: Blessing of throats, first weekend in February (February 2 & 3, 2019)

Catholic School Mass: February 3rd, 10:30am

Bishops Appeal: Kickoff is also the first weekend in February (February 2 & 3, 2019)

Ash Wednesday: March 6th, 2019 11:00am Mass; 4pm & 7pm Liturgy of the Word

Lenten gift: Should we consider the Little Black Book?

New Business: (1) Music director (further discussion is needed, definition of same needs to be clarified) – tabled until January; (2) Could a prayer service be held when Father is out of town and cannot conduct Mass during the week? Yes, Liturgy of the Word with Communion can be offered; Tabled for further discussion – Vespers; (3) Need for assigned minister (lectors, ushers, servers, EMHC's) schedules for Holy Days, Feast Days, Special services, etc. This is becoming a point of stress for some of our Sacristans.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30pm in the School Library

Respectively Submitted by Anne Thelen