

## **Sacred Worship Committee Minutes**

**November 4, 2022**

**Present:** Fr. Jeffrey Hennes, Mary Davidson, Deb Frisch, Kris Hansen, Ellen Miskowski, Kathy Tetzloff, Tari Wallner and Jean Bablitch

**Prayer:** Tari Wallner read a prayer for Anne Swenson

Prior to the start of the meeting Deb Frisch apologized to all she offended at the last meeting for her behavior, tone, and things she said.

**Featured Discussion: Advent** - Decorating for Advent will be done on Saturday, November 26 at 10:00 AM. Not much help is needed. Father will light the first candle on the Advent wreath. Volunteers will do the lighting for the next three weeks. There will be no Gloria during Advent except on December 8 - The Immaculate Conception.

### **Review / Preview All Saints Day to January 1st**

**All Saints Day - November 1** - School Mass was great. Attendance was good. Children were awesome.

**All Souls Day - November 2** - Attendance was good. Names of deceased were read.

**Memorial Service - November 5** - Will be held tomorrow at 9:00. No Gloria during the Mass.

**Thanksgiving - November 24** - Mass at 9:00 with Fr. Todd at St. Joseph. Tari will be decorating for Thanksgiving on Monday, November 14 at 9:15. White will be used.

**Immaculate Conception - December 8** - Vigil Mass on December 7 at St. Stephen at 6:30 PM. with Religious Education children. December 8 morning Mass at 8:00 AM at St. Joseph and 9:00 AM School Mass at St. Stephen.

**Advent Reconciliation - December 15** - 6:30 PM at St. Stephen

**Kids Noel Rehearsal - December 17** - Time has not been set.

**Christmas Eve - December 24** - Pageant starting at 4:00 PM with Mass to follow. Adult choir will sing.

**Christmas Day - December 25** - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

**Mary Mother of God - January 1st** - Regular weekend Mass schedule.

**10:00 PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve -- Anything to report from St. Steve's.** Meeting at St. Stephen was cancelled. There are late Mass opportunities at other churches in the area. There will be no 10:00 Christmas Eve vigil Mass at St. Joseph. Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10:30 at St. Joseph.

**Decorating for Christmas -- help** - Help will be needed with the Christmas decorations. Date and time have not been set. Penny Clark will be contacted as she had signed up as a decorator.

**Thanksgiving Mass** - Tari will be decorating for Thanksgiving on Monday, November 14 at 9:15. White will be used.

**Possible change in weekday mass schedule -- any update from St. Steve's -**

The week day Mass schedule will change the first week of Advent. Mass will be at St. Joseph on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mass at St. Stephen will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. The school Mass will stay on Wednesday at 9:00. Office hour days will change according to the Mass schedule. There will be a notice in the bulletin regarding the change. Those who scheduled Mass intentions can stop in the parish office to make adjustments or you will be contacted by a phone call or letter.

**Goal of a Welcoming Parish** -There has been no word from anyone on this.

**Mass Count / Sign-up -- How did it go?** Mass counts have been done. Numbers are up slightly from 2021 but still not where they were in 2019 (pre-pandemic). A copy of the counts is attached. Sign ups have been completed also. We are fine with Communion ministers but short on readers for the 4:00 Saturday Mass. Ellen and Jim Krueger will fill in when needed.

**Christmas / Easter Cards** - Father brought proofs for the Christmas and Easter cards to be sent to ministers. They were very lovely and approved by all. He will put in an order for the Christmas cards so they can be signed by our committee members at or December meeting.

**Committee Paragraph for Bulletin** - This has been drafted. Ellen will make

**Lockbox for office** - This will be discussed with the Buildings and Grounds Committee when they next meet.

**What are we hearing?**

A Memorial Wall be created for parishioners who have passed away. Each parishioner will be represented with a cross with their name, picture and an abbreviated obituary. These will be incorporated into the Memorial Service in November.

A variety of books will be purchased for Christmas for the parish library. They may be placed a shelf near the counter or near the coat racks. Please e-mail Father Hennes or Conner Franz with suggestions for books.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday - December 1 at 1:00

**Prayer Leader for next meeting:** Anne Swenson

**Closing Prayer & Blessing:** Fr. Hennes

**Respectfully submitted by:** Jean Bablitch