

**Approved Minutes**  
**St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee**  
**October 1, 2024**

Members in Attendance: Jim Newhouse, Father Robert Chinnapan, Karen Court, Kelly Bekkers-Graham, Glenda Sayler, Ron Koepke, Joel Powers and Vicky Wolf

Members not Present: Addy Peterson.

Meeting came to order at 6:32PM.

Opening Prayer: Father Robert led the opening prayer.

Review of last meeting minutes: Motion was made by Karen Court to accept and seconded by Glenda Sayler.

Review of agenda: Motion to accept was made by Vicky Wolf and seconded by Joel Powers.

**Old Business:**

Piano: Nikki is still working on finding someone to clean/repair the electric piano. Suggestions made at the meeting were contact the music department at the local universities or ask other parishes to see if they have any contacts.

Missal replacement: Anne Thelen is looking for possible replacement missals for the choir and music committee to review. Father will be meeting with his companion priests; he will ask them if they can bring a missal from their parish that we can borrow to review. Once a replacement has been identified, it will be submitted for approved by Father and Parish Council.

Rosary in October: Doris Schuh is coordinating the rosary before each mass in October. She is looking for people that would be interested in leading the rosary.

Advent: Advent begins on December 1. Addy is working on getting a white Christmas Candle to add to the Advent wreath this year. Bob Schommer will be hanging the wreath before deer hunting starts.

Pet Blessing: The pet blessing is normally done on Saint Francis feast day – October 4<sup>th</sup>. Since Father is at St Edwards for mass on Friday mornings and there is a wedding at St Nicholas on Friday afternoon, the pet blessing will not be done this year.

All Soul's Day: Mass be on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shannon Helms will be making the scroll with all deceased members of the parish from this year (same as done last year). The parish office is sending a letter to the families that have lost a family member inviting them to attend this special mass. At the end of mass (there will not be a closing song), we will have one candle for every person

that passed away this last year on a table. Vicky will light each of the candles. Monsignor Jim will give a blessing. Karen will ask the lector from mass to read each name of the deceased person and ask them to come forward to get their candle. They will take the candle to their loved one's grave. If a family member is unable to attend, we will have someone else carry it out to place it on the columbarium. The worship committee members attending mass will carry these candles.

Christmas trees for decorating our Church: At our last meeting it was decided to replace the one big tree with three smaller trees. Kelly has a prelit, 7 foot tree that she is willing to donate. She will confirm that the lights still work and they are clear before letting Addy know it is available. Jim is getting will get a message added to the bulletin asking for donations for smaller Christmas trees (about 7 foot tall). Jim to align with Addy on the exact needs.

### **New Business:**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training: Most everyone has attended the training. For the few unable to attend, they will need to take the class next year since there are no more scheduled this year. A reminder will be sent to extraordinary ministers and sacristans not to get/give out necklaces until announcements start unless they know of an open position in the MSP app.

Commissioning the Blood of Christ: Father reported the only day he is aware when the Eucharistic ministers are commissioned is on Corpus Christi in June. He will find out if new Eucharistic ministers can be commissioned on other dates throughout the year.

Reschedule our November Meeting: Our next meeting is changed to Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> since the 5<sup>th</sup> is election day.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Closing Prayer: Father led the closing the prayer.

Next Meetings:

\*Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:30 PM

\*Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Vicky Wolf

