

St. Dominic Prayer & Worship Committee: via Zoom

January 10, 2022

Meeting Notes

- Present: Rebecca Rupnick, Ann Scharrer, Jo Mlsna, Jeanne Bitkers, Beth Munns
 - Opening Prayer shared by Rebecca Rupnick, chair of tonight's meeting
 - Minutes: November 8 minutes reviewed: Jo shared that a parishioner commented on missing the hard binding covers for the Breaking Bread books. Also it was noted that the paperback copies do not stand as well on the book shelf. A possible option was discussed: adding a few hard covers to some of the books in each book shelf may help the situation.

Calendar:

- January 31st- SNCP Seasonal Planning Meeting will have 4 representatives from each parish: Liturgy, Human Concerns, Music, Environment
- February 19th at 2pm The Gospel Music Workshop will be held in conjunction with 5pm Mass and the Chili Cookoff which follows. Beth is getting posters and advertisements out to many Catholic parishes beyond the SNCP.

Headlines and Concerns:

- Evaluation of Advent/Christmas; The theme, Empowering Our Holy Family, was present in the environment, homilies and various parts of the Mass. However, at times it was difficult to know if the focus was on our Sheboygan Catholic North Parishes as a Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph or our own families. The Church environment was beautiful throughout Advent and Christmas. When the first Sunday of Advent is on Thanksgiving weekend it is hard to make the transition so that everyone is informed of the "Cause" being addressed each week, but it went well. The Blue Meditation Books were a preference over the Magnificat Book. Christmas Mass attendance was up from last year making the church feel much fuller. Kym Leibham did a nice job regarding the number of Advent Enrichment opportunities. Jeanne recalled the use of a postcard mailing to parishioners with the Christmas Mass schedule on it used in another parish. (See Action Steps, for further information)
- input on Lent/Holy Week- The Living Stations will resume this year on March 13th and 17th. For Ash Wednesday, there was discussion regarding St. Dominic having both a 12:10 Ashes Service and an Evening Mass. This and other Holy Week schedules will be finalized at the SCNP Planning Meeting on January 31st.

- Grand piano-A Shout Out of thanks to Judy & Steve Straus was on the screens for several consecutive weeks. Beth has also ordered a plaque to be attached to the piano recognizing the generous donation from Judy and Steve Straus. In addition, a formal thank you from our pastor will be sent to the Straus', and a bulletin article will be prepared. (See Action Steps)

Other:

Beth noticed in another city that a church's outdoor sign stated, " In memoriam of Parishioner's name: Funeral date and time.". (See Action Steps)

Extra Musicians were much appreciated at the Christmas Liturgies. In the future it would be nice to have an occasional Mass with music provided primarily by the music team that did the Life Teen Masses. (See Action Steps)

At the next staff meeting Beth will be reviewing the latest Covid Update suggested by the Diocese, so that plans can be made to reflect the update at our weekend Masses.

The Mass of Hope and Healing was attended by 20-30 people this year. The next time St Dominic hosts this Mass, the presider needs to be contacted well in advance.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Beth will share the following with Lori Biebel, Director of Communication; Using a postcard mailing listing the Mass times for Christmas/Easter to personalize the invitation.
2. Beth will share with Lori Biebel the possibility of having a refrigerator type magnet-clip made with our SCNP logo on it. Parishioners would be encouraged to use the magnet for postcards and special parish Notifications.
3. Beth will share the outdoor sign idea regarding Funerals/Memorial Masses, with staff and Director of Communication.
4. Shout Outs: will be included in future agendas encouraging members of this committee to take notice of deserving parish members for whom a Shout Out would be welcomed.
5. Beth will speak with Phil Zastrow suggesting that an occasional Sat 5pm Mass be dedicated to music from the Living Stations or from the Music Team's repertoire.

Next meeting: Monday February 7 at 6:15. Chairperson: Jo MIsna, Recorder: Jeanne

Respectfully submitted: Ann Scharrer ·