

St. Nicholas Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2018

Attendees: Fr. Bill, Ann Daniels, Barb Furdek, Karen Scherrer, Mark Etling, Deacon Gary Mueller, Heather DeVine, Beth Rheaume, Brynn Laverdure, Bob Guithues, Janice Spradling, and Paulette Burns

Opening Prayer: Janice Spradling

Introduction – Mark Etling, Spiritual Life Coordinator (working title)

Review Previous Month Minutes: September – no comments

Guardian Angels Update

- Committee met in October to discuss feedback from members
 - Running smoothly, been able to assist with medical situation at mass
 - Biggest concern is scheduling and seeking substitutes
- Six more volunteers signed up on Sign Up Sunday

Parish Partnership with St. Clare

- Plan to meet 11/13/18 at St. Nicholas
 - Parishes will meet separately first, then together
 - Suggested topics: Partnerships, Mass Schedule and Proposed Gatherings, Guatemala, Deacons, & CGS
- Ann will coordinate times and share
- Still planning to meet separately for regular monthly meeting (11/26/18)

Sunday Evening Mass

- Paulette recapped prior discussion using notes from September meeting
- Fr. Bill shared update on conversations/mixed commitment from other priests
- Further consideration of unintended consequences of changing mass times:
 - When multiplying masses, are we pleasing or serving the community?
 - Smaller congregations in a large space result in a loss of liturgy
 - Who will serve (ministers/guardians) a Sunday evening mass?
 - What happens if a priest is not available?
 - Parishioner commitment to a community?
- Questions to continue pondering:
 - Why are we proposing a Sunday evening mass?
 - What is our focus group: not attending mass, younger generation, attending other churches/masses, and/or combination?
 - What is the motivation to attend mass?
 - Are our parishioners going to other masses occasionally or consistently?
- Focus group
 - Has not met, waiting for commitment decision from leadership
- Topic to discuss at Parish Partnership meeting

- Struggles and complexity of adding a Sunday evening mass at St. Nicholas while also balancing community and liturgy

Sound System

- Mostly fixed!

Closing Prayer – Bob Guithues