

SNCP PRAYER & WORSHIP PLANNING MINUTES
First Half 2026
January 20, 2026 – 1:30 pm – SD-Aquinas Room

2026 LENTEN PLANNING MEETING – Hosted by St. Clement Parish

Opening Prayer: Led by Mary Matzdorf

Invited: Kay Armstrong (HN), Fr. Nick Baumgardner (SNCP), Jeannine Battaglia (SC), Fr. Dennis Beltré (SNCP), Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Julie Engman (HN), Laura Graney (SD), Jan Herman (SC), Donna Karr (HN), Mary Matzdorf (SC), Jo Mlsna (SD), **Beth Munns (SD)**, Sue Reiter (SD), Mary Petrie (SNCP), Lulu Torres (SC-Sp), **Frank Trcka (HN); Judy Wilsing (SC)** – *those in bold print, were **NOT** present.*

- I. **Candlemas/Presentation of the Lord – February 2 | SD | 5:30 PM** – *Fr. Nick will preside at this Mass at St. Dominic. Parishioners will be encouraged through announcements, bulletin, and social media to bring candles from home that they plan to use this year, for a blessing, alongside those that will be used in church.*
- II. **St. Blaise – February 3 | 8:00 AM | Holy Name of Jesus & Seton | Blessing of Throats** – *The Feast of Saint Blaise will be celebrated at the Seton School Mass at Holy Name’s Tuesday morning Mass. A Lay Minister of the Mass will assist Fr. Nick with the Blessing immediately following Mass.*
- III. **Catholic Stewardship Appeal** – This will be the outreach for our Parishes for February. We will launch the appeal via video and audio presentations from the Archdiocese the weekend of February 14/15.
- IV. **Retiring of the Alleluia Banners | February 15 – St. Clement** will place the Alleluia letters in the Sanctuary for the children to take out in the recession at the end of Mass. **Holy Name** will process out with the Alleluia Banner at the end of each of its Sunday Masses the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. This tradition is not part of the **St. Dominic** culture.
- V. **LENT:**

- **Ash Wednesday | February 18** – There will be ONE Mass at each church with the exception of St. Clement who will also host the Spanish Mass. **There will be NO 8:00 AM Mass at SD on this Day.**
Special Note: Fr. Nick noted that decorating for Lent will need to take place AFTER the Tuesday Masses.

HN: 8:00 AM | Public Mass with Seton School – NB

SNH: 12:00 PM Mass – PR

SC: 12:10 PM Mass – DB

SD: 5:30 PM Mass – NB/JH

SC: 5:30 PM Spanish Mass – DB

Distribution of Ashes will take place within the context of the Mass. Individual Reps for Nursing Homes can receive Ashes to distribute in Nursing Homes (Sheboygan Senior Community, Morningside, Lake House) but no ashes will be given to individuals to take home. Will make a statement in the bulletin advising parishioners accordingly.

Inclement Weather: If School is cancelled – will consult with Fr. Nick to determine if some or all of the Masses will be cancelled.

- **Words for Distribution of Ashes** – “Repent & Believe in the Gospel”
- **Collection of Previously Blessed Palms** – Will begin collecting the week of Feb 7/8 - Feb 14/15 – need to put in bulletin February 1.

- **2026 Liturgy Format** – Fr. Nick, indicated that there are three options for the Confiteor. We usually use Option 1. For Lent, he would like to use Option 2. He will write about this option in advance of the First Sunday of Lent, referencing the words in his bulletin article, along with the page number. St. Dominic can put the words on the screens, and Holy Name and St. Clement will put the BB Page number on the song boards beginning on February 22. Reference to the page the prayer is on should be included in the announcements for the first week

Welcome - ANNOUNCEMENTS - Intro
 Procession - To a sung Gathering Song
 Confiteor – Option Two
 Sung Kyrie
 Liturgy of the Word
 Apostles Creed (during Lent)
 Sung/Chanted Response to the Petitions
 Liturgy of the Eucharist
 Prayer over the People
 Recession: To A Closing Song

A sheet delineating the chosen format for Lent will be prepared for help out priests during Lent.

- **Almsgiving plans (Human Concerns decisions)**
 - Sheboygan North **Food Pantry Collection** on March 7/8 and April 12/13
 Will print suggested items in bulletin and/or on slips of paper / Reverse Food Pantry is planned for March. Slips will be distributed Feb 28 / Mar 1.
 - **Lenten Priests Charities – “Three Churches • Two Priests • One Community”**
 - Distribute Envelopes and Information Flyer, Feb 28/Mar 1 weekend – Collect throughout Lent
 - Priests’ charities: Fr. Nick – SNCP Mission Trip for High School Students
 Fr. Dennis – Working on a couple opportunities
- **Prayer/formation activities:**
 - **Lenten Booklets:** Little Black Lenten Reflection Books. Will order same quantity as 2025 – English & Spanish for 2026. Will prepare signs suggesting “Freewill Offering” to help defer the cost of the books and shipping. Will offer before Lent on the weekend of February 7/8.
 - **Adult Faith Formation and Soup Supper (4 Tuesdays during Lent)**
 - Venue: St. Clement Parish & Dominican Hall
 - Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17 – four sessions
 - 5:15 PM Bilingual Mass – Readings all in English – Prayers for the Mass will be in a booklet, in English & Spanish, to be used weekly throughout the Soup Suppers
 - 6:00 PM Soup Supper - Hosts
 - Feb 24 – Holy Name
 - Mar 3 – Pastoral Council / Stewardship Committee
 - Mar 10 – St. Clement
 - Mar 17 – St. Dominic
 - 6:30-7:30 PM – Speakers. The presenters for this year are:
 - Feb. 24: Dr. Paul Monson (VP of Intellectual Formation & Academic Dean, Associate Professor of Church History, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology)
 - Mar. 3: Fr. Nick Baumgardner
 - Mar. 10: Dcn. Jim Hall
 - Mar. 17: Jason Kotecki

- *Title of their presentation and brief synopsis will be included in a flyer to be distributed throughout the County Catholic Churches the beginning of February.*
- *There was a discussion about **disposable bowls and plates** for the soups. It was the consensus of all present that we will use real bowls for the soup, but paper plates for the breads. Donna will be working with less students so there should be less noise nearer the kitchen than in previous years.*
- *The host church each week will be responsible for Soups, Breads & Butter, the Lector for the Mass, as well as an Eminister. Mary Petrie will handle or secure the Sacristans.*
- **Freewill offerings** for the Sessions will benefit our **Northside Christian Food Pantry.**
- *Evening's Itinerary*
 - *Adoration: 12-5:00 pm*
 - *Bilingual Mass: 5:15 pm – (Readings in English – Prayers & Liturgy of Eucharist Bilingual)*
 - *Reconciliation: 5:45 pm*
 - *Soup Supper: 6:00-6:30 pm*
 - *Speaker: 6:30-7:30 pm*
 - *Benediction: 7:00 pm*
- **Stations of Cross services – in 2026**
 - **St. Dominic:** *5:00 PM Monday's of Lent before 5:30 PM Mass*
 - **St. Clement:** *Stations Through the Eyes of Mary – Sat., March 7 – time 11:00 AM*
 - **Living Stations:** *HS Faith Formation - Sunday, March 15 & Wednesday, March 18 at St. Dominic at 7 pm*
 - **St. Clement: Hispanic Community – 2026:** *Friday evenings of Lent at 6PM at St. Clement.*
- **Archdiocesan Lenten 12-Hours of Reconciliation**
 - Thursday, March 26 – 8am – 8pm
 - St. Peter Claver will again host the event.
 - St. Clement ADORATION – Noon to 5 pm, BENEDICTION at 5pm, MASS at 5:15 pm,
CANCEL – 5:45pm Reconciliation on Tuesday; recommend attend Thursday Reconciliation at St. Peter Claver. Will provide times that Fr. Dennis will be there for those who need Spanish.
 - Fond du Lac County is Scheduled for Wednesday, March 25

— **Spring Break is March 22 to March 28, 2026** —

- **Adoration**
 - 24 Hours of Adoration at Holy Name of Jesus **March 19 | 9am – March 20 | 8am – Mass | 8 am – Benediction | 9 am**
 - Lent Adoration: Saturday Morning Adoration at Holy Name and Saturday Afternoon Adoration at St. Dominic will continue, as well as Tuesday Adoration at St. Clement, except for on Tuesday, March 31 due to the Chrism Mass – St. Clement Church will be open for prayers.
- **Readings: Year A throughout Lent – 4 Catechumen (unbaptized) / Scrutiny's at St. Dominic weeks 3-5. There will be a full complement of individuals in OCIA being Baptized, Received, and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil.**

- **Other:**
 - **Catholic Schools Week Mass** – *Wednesday, January 28 CSW Mass at Immaculate Conception at 9:30 AM. Seton will still do Morning Mass at Holy Name on Tuesday, January 27, and attend the CSW Mass on Wednesday.*
 - **OCIA Rite of Election:** *Rite of Sending, February 22, 2026 | 10:30 Mass | SD*
 - **Hispanic Lenten Talk – 2026** – Several talks are planned for the Hispanic Community on four Saturdays in Lent – Feb 21 thru Mar 21 from 9am-1pm in Dominican Hall.

VI. HOLY WEEK –

- **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 29 –**
 - **Processions:** SD – will begin in the PAC; SC – Will begin in Dominican Hall; HN – Will begin at the Rectory garage, unless weather is inclement.
 - **First Gospel:** SD – In the PAC; SC – In Dominican Hall; HN – at the Rectory Garage
 - **Palm Orders:** Orders for all churches will remain the same as last year. HN + SC will be ordered by M. Petrie, while J. Mlsna will order for St. Dominic.
- **Holy Week Masses/Services/Activities - times & locations:**
 - Tuesday, March 31: Chrism Mass at Cathedral** – *St. Clement Church will be open from Noon to 5PM for prayer. Otherwise, all events at St. Clement this day (Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation) will be cancelled so priests can attend the Chrism Mass.*
 - Wednesday, April 1: Tenebrae Service** – *at Immaculate Conception | 7:30 PM | Chanting of Martins and Lauds of the Divine Office on the final three days of Lent leading up to Easter*
 - Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday Mass:** *6:30 PM (SD); 6:00 PM (SC-Spanish). **Feet washing** will take place at both locations. SD - Will need 4 representatives from each Parish for the feet washing; **Holy Oils** - need one representative from each church to carry in procession – OI-Sick; OC-Baptism; SC-Confirmation; **Lector** – one from each of the three churches for the Liturgy of the Word. SC-Spanish Community – will need to fill all positions from the community.*
 - **Adoration** – *Will have Adoration at all three churches, from the end of Mass to a 10PM close. Fr. Nick will close both HN & SD, while Fr. Dennis will close SC.*
 - **Reconciliation** – *Offered on Good Friday at Holy Name after Service.*
 - Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Services:** *12:10 PM (SD); 1:00 PM (HN); 6:00 PM (SC-Spanish)*
 - **Reconciliation** – *after the service at Holy Name.*
- **Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday Mass:** *HN – 8:00 PM (Bilingual)*
 - **Bilingual Readings** – *to be determined by Fr. Nick*
 - **Choir** – *hopefully members from all three parishes will participate*
 - **Lectors** – *all three parishes will have at least one reading responsibility*
 - **Servers** – *will seek servers from each parish / will ask Aiden to be MC*
 - **Deacon Jim** – *will connect with Deacon Jim to confirm his participation in the Holy Week Masses/Service, which will affect the number of ministers needed for those Masses. Will advise schedulers of his responsibilities as soon as confirmed.*

- **Easter Sunday, April 5:** *Regular Sunday Mass Times*
- **Publicizing Mass / Service Times** – *Lori B will handle this year same as last year – to include the Beacon and Sun Times.*

VII. EASTER SEASON

- **April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday**
- **1st Eucharist – 4 Masses at 3 Churches with roughly 63 students**
April 26 – SC @ 9:00 am
April 26 – HN @ 10:30 am
May 3 – SD @ 10:30 am
May 3 – SC @ 12:15 pm (Spanish)
- **Seton School Grandparents Day / First Communion Students (April 28)** – *Seton School Students having received their First Communion on Sunday will attend School Mass in their First Communion clothes to receive Communion the first time at a School Mass. This will also be Grandparents Day.*
- **Priests' Spring Assembly – Mon. – Wed. (May 4-6) @ Osthoff**
 - *St. Dominic – NO Monday evening Mass*
 - *Holy Name – 8:00 am Mass on Tuesday*
 - *St. Clement – Can have church open for Prayers from Noon to 5PM – will ask Dcn Jim to expose Jesus in the Eucharist & Repose at 5PM, but NO Mass – Reconciliation – Benediction. If Dcn Jim is not available, will simply have church open for prayers*
 - *St. Dominic – 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday, May 6*
- **May 5 – Seton School May Crowning**
 - *8:00 AM School Mass at Holy Name will be followed by May Crowning Ceremony.*
- **Mother's Day Blessing (May 9/10)** – *Petition, and Blessing of Mothers/Grandmothers. Most present appreciated the Prayer Card that was handed out at Holy Name & St. Clement. St. Dominic distributed flowers to moms/grandmothers. Will discuss at individual P&W meetings, and share with Kym to see if she can assist in design. If we do, each parish Human Concerns will be responsible for the distribution of the Cards or flowers at the end of Mass.*
- **Ascension of the Lord:**
 - **May 14** – in the bulletin under "Mass Intentions" it should read "St. Matthias" | Readings for this Feast Day
 - **May 16/17 – print** in the bulletin as "Ascension of the Lord" with Readings for the Ascension
- **Seton School Spring Concert (May 12 or 19)** – *in Seton School Cafetorium. Julie noted that the date still needs to be confirmed.*
- **Pentecost (May 23/24)**
 - **- "Empty Chair" Reading** – *Question was raised about the reading of the "Empty Chair". It was determined that since the Reading is BEFORE the Mass this is okay to do. Each Parish will secure the person to set up, read, and take down.*

- **Memorial Day Mass @ Calvary Cemetery** - May 25 at 8 am in the Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum
There will be *no 5:30 PM Mass at SD this day.*
 - Music – HN: *Mary P or Julie will secure a musician for the Mass*
 - Sacristan – HN: *Mary Petrie will be sure the sacristy work is handled*
 - Cantor – HN: *Mary P will follow up with Mary Kullmann*
 - Presider/Priest – *Fr. Dennis*
 - Lectors- SD: *will talk with Tim Eirich to secure a lector*
 - E-Ministers – SC: *Jan Herman will take responsibility for an EMinister / no wine*
- **Seton 8th Grade Graduation Mass** – Friday | May 29 | At Holy Name 8:00 AM Mass – The students and families really liked having the 8th grade Graduation Mass at a weekday Mass last year, so they decided to do that again. 8th Grade students will do the readings and other Mass parts. The Tuesday Mass this week will be supported by the other grades at Seton.
- **Most Holy Trinity** (May 30/31) | **High School Graduation Mass** - See note below regarding decision of date, time, and location for the High School Graduation Mass.
- **High School Graduation Mass** SASD High School graduation is Sunday June 7. This again presents a conflict with Corpus Christi and with the experience we have had with moving the graduation time around due to weather, it was decided to do the Graduation Mass honoring our SNCP graduating seniors to the week before graduation – May 31. The Graduation Mass will be at St. Clement Parish at the 9AM Mass. St. Clement will work with Jennifer for all the details for the Mass.
- **Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi** (June 6/7) – The processions last year were great. Route from SD to HN also worked well. Will plan for a similar event for 2026, but will plan for music on the leg from SD to HN, similar to the route from HN to SC. The water, as well as the security “crossing guard” that was provided by volunteers was truly appreciated. Will be sure we are covered in these areas, especially if the forecast is for warm weather.
- **Father’s Day Blessing (June 20/21)** – Petition, and Blessing of Fathers/Grandfathers. The Old Wisconsin Sausage sticks were a huge success among the men of our parishes, which were at no cost to the parishes thanks to a parishioner who works at Old Wisconsin. Will work to find something special for our Fathers/Grandfathers this year.

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VIII. SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- **Last Seton School Mass - TUESDAY, June 2** – This will be a regular school Mass format.
- **Summer Weekday Mass Schedule** – Same as current Schedule
- **Totus Tuus | Vacation Bible School** — Nothing currently planned.
- **July 4 – Independence Day (Saturday)** – We will have an 8:00 AM Mass at Holy Name since this is the 250th Anniversary of our Country. This will precede the regular Adoration and Reconciliation. For the 5PM Mass at St. Dominic, the readings will be the regular 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time readings.
- **Mission Trip – July 12-17: Waterloo, IA** – Fundraisers: Seroogy’s Candy Bars (ongoing), Envelope Fundraiser (Feb 7/8); Pozole & Tostada Dinner (May16); Priest Lenten Charity (April - Fr. Nick). Would like to be sure there is a Mass for send off of the students on Mission Trip.
- **August 8/9 (Saturday) – Feast of St. Dominic** – Feast of St. Dominic readings and celebration. Fr. Nick noted that the Table/Chart of Liturgical Days says that the patronal Feast Day, in Ordinary Time, can trump the readings for the Sunday. That means that SD can celebrate their patronal Saint at both the Saturday and Sunday Masses. The readings for August 8/9 for St. Dominic will be for their Feast Day, while SC & HN will be the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The SD P&W will consider the celebration dates in their subsequent planning sessions.
- **August 12 - Little Lourdes Day:** Little Lourdes Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM with Anointing at HN – logistics will be the same as usual with all three parishes involved. There will be NO morning Mass at St. Dominic on this day.

- **Assumption of Mary – NOT a Day of Obligation: (Saturday – August 15)** – *There will be one morning Mass at Holy Name at 8:30 am before the 9:30 Reconciliation and Adoration. Still need to resolve if we need/want to do a Spanish Mass at SC on Friday evening, or Saturday morning.*
- **Labor Day Mass:** *(Monday, September 7) – Mass at 8:00 AM at SD – NO 5:30 PM Mass at SD.*
- **Welcome Mass:** *The Committee discussed a potential date for the Welcome/Name Tag Sunday Mass in light of how the calendar lays out with Labor Day and the potential of the Fall Festival. It was decided that we would recommend to the Stewardship Committee that the weekend of September 12/13 be considered Welcome/Name Tag Sunday with socials and Name Tags.*

IX. ADVENT/CHRISTMAS Feedback:

- Advent/Christmas/Mary, Mother of God, Other Holy Days and Masses – It was noted that the Blessing of the **BAMBINELLI** (Baby Jesus's from our home mangers) on the Third Sunday of Advent was well received, with the recommendation that we continue this tradition in our parishes.
- The timing and advertising of the 11:30PM **NEW YEARS EVE / FEAST OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** Mass was discussed. It was discovered that Catholics in some of our outlying parishes would love to attend this Mass because timing lends to a nice end to the old year, and a very blessed and reverent way to start the new year. We will work with Lori B to assure that the timing of this Mass is publicized more broadly throughout the county. Fr. Nick suggested that he would like to also do something special at the end of the Mass in 26/27. Stay tuned!
- Jo Mlsna reported that Deacon Jim Hall has worked with Lectors in the past, and has suggested that he might be willing to lead a **LECTOR TRAINING SESSION** in an attempt to increase the Lector Ministry at especially St. Dominic and St. Clement, and a refresher for lectors at Holy Name, who currently has 20 lectors serving its two Masses. We will pursue this and attempt to get something on his calendar, and begin advertising.

X. Next Meeting / Advent Planning:

*Advent Planning Meeting will be hosted by **HOLY NAME**. The start time of the meeting was discussed due to some personal schedule conflicts. It was determined that the 1:30 timeframe works best for the priest, so we will meet on TUESDAY, September 29, 2026, at 1:30 PM in the Aquinas Room at SD This is a fifth Tuesday of the month so this might also alleviate some of the conflicts.*

Closing Prayer: Offered by Mary Matzdorf.