

SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA
Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Planning Meeting for October 2025 – January 11, 2026
TUESDAY, September 23, 2025 • 1:30 PM • St. Dominic – Aquinas Room

HOST / FACILITATOR: St. Dominic Parish / Beth Munns

MEETING LOCATION: Aquinas Room

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Mary Petrie

PRAYER: St. Dominic Parish

PRESENT: Jeannine Battalgia (SC), Fr. Nick Baumgardner, Fr. Dennis Beltré, Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Julie Engman (HN), Laura Graney (SD), Jan Herman (SC), Donna Karr (HN), Mary Matzdorf (SC), Jo Mlsna (SD), Beth Munns (SD), Mary Petrie (SNCP); Lulu Torres (SC-sp), Frank Trcka (HN), Judy Wilsing (SC)

Our New Permanent Deacon – Dcn. Jim Hall

Fr. Nick reported that the Sheboygan North Parishes are pleased to now have a Permanent Deacon assigned to our parishes – Deacon Jim Hall. Dcn. Jim comes to us from Rockford Illinois where he served as Deacon for 15 years. He has been in Sheboygan for 1 ½ years serving at the Sheboygan South Parishes, and on request has been assigned to the SNCP.

Dcn. Jim will preach one weekend per month; as well as when he is at Mass, he will be a minister for the Body of Christ.

As a Permanent Deacon, Dcn Jim will celebrate Baptisms, Weddings (no communion), and Funerals (Funeral Homes) outside of Mass. A schedule will be prepared on a monthly basis and shared with the appropriate scheduling ministers.

Fr. Dennis – Visa update | Scheduling

Fr. Dennis reported that he is scheduled to go to the Dominican Republic from October 6 through the 27th to visit family and attend to some administrative visa paperwork. The Committee asked if he would please take pictures of the areas or activities that have been impacted by the Lenten Two Priests donations that were given to the La Sagrada Familia-St. Vincent de Paul so we can share with our parishioners to see their donations at work..

Advent Sundays: November 30 – December 21

I. Cycle A Readings:

- November 29/30 - 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 6/7 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
- December 13/14 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (**Gaudete Sunday | Bambinelli Sunday**) *We will encourage families & Art & Environment to bring their Baby Jesus to Masses this Sunday for a Blessing. This is a Vatican-based tradition started by Pope Paul VI. This was designed to help families focus on the true spirit of Christmas and strengthen faith within homes. The OCIA Rite of Welcome/Acceptance has also been scheduled for the 10:30 Mass at St. Dominic on this day,*
- December 20-21 – 4th Sunday of Advent

II. In the Liturgies:

Advent Wreath

- Blessing – Week 1 – *The Blessing of the Advent Wreath will take place before the start of each Mass*
- Lighting of Candles – *The lighting of candles will take place each week before the start of Mass. The first week, lighting will be incorporated into the Blessing. Subsequent weeks, the families will be called by name to come forth at the end of the announcements to light the appropriate week's candle. Will put an announcement in the bulletin requesting families (all different types of family configurations to do the honor of lighting the candles.*

I. Church & Take-Home Activities & Outreach

- a) Tree of Hope – *Donna & Laura briefly discussed the process & agencies benefiting from each week's donations.*
 - Wk 1 – November 29/30 — *Nursing Homes*
 - Wk 2 – December 6/7 — *Mary's Room | will also distribute Reverse Food Pantry slips this week*
 - Wk 3 – December 13/14 — *North Side Christian Food Pantry*
 - Wk 4 – December 20/21 — *Catholic Charities*
 - Flyer in bulletin – **November 22/23**
- b) Advent Reflection Books — *As a result of the availability of on-line daily prayers & reflections through Halo, Formed, and other venues, it was decided that we would reduce the quantity of Little Blue Advent Reflection Books that we order this year. We will see how fast they go, or how many we have left over after this season. Mary P will work with Lulu to see if there is a Spanish alternative.*
- c) December 14 - *Bambinelli Sunday | Gaudete Sunday | OCIA Rite of Welcome/Acceptance*
- d) Christmas – *“Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy” by Matthew Kelly – This is the Dynamic Catholic Book to be distributed this Christmas. Same quantity of books will be ordered in English & Spanish.*

Looking back – Feedback on Joint Activities

Calvary Cemetery (May 26) - *Lovely Mass at the Cemetery. Tom Engman played taps at end of Mass in the Mausoleum.*

Eucharistic Processions (June 21/22) – *Great participation this year, even considering it was so very hot! Thanks to those who went ahead to block the cross traffic and hand out water. Need more music next year.*

Little Lourdes Day Mass & Anointing (August 20) – *200+ people present; 8 priests from County concelebrating and anointing; very spiritual. Perfect weather!*

New Member Welcome Weekend (September 6/7) – Good participation – very spiritual and uplifting to see so many present in church and for the social and blessing!

Fr. Nick Bi-lingual Installation Mass & Celebration (September 14) – Absolutely beautiful! Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, musicians, servers, and lectors from all three parishes; Bishop Jeffrey Haines with Fr. Nick & Fr. Dennis concelebrating, and our new permanent deacon, Dcn. Jim Hall assisting for this Bi-Lingual Mass. A lot more people joined Fr. Nick at the Fall Festival held at St. Dominic for more fun and great food. Fr. Nick was very pleased with the ceremony, the people attending, and the fellowship following Mass – what a great community event for the SNCP.

Looking Ahead: October 2025 – January 12, 2026 (Baptism of the Lord)

1. Weekday Mass Schedule – Rosary 30 minutes before all weekday Masses

- Mon – 5:30 PM @ SD
- Tues – 8:00 AM Seton School Mass at HN (*new day of week*)
12:00-7:00 PM @ SC - Adoration
5:15 PM @ SC Mass (Spanish)
5:45 PM @ SC – Reconciliation
7:00 PM @ SC - Benediction
- Wed – 8:00 AM @ SD
- Thurs – 8:00 AM @ SC
- Fri – 8:00 AM @ HN

Adoration will continue during Saturday Reconciliation (9:30 a.m./HN. and 4:00 p.m./SD)

2. All Sundays In October – Rosary 1/2 Hour Before Masses (4 Sundays)

Sign up for Rosary prayers for each of the four Sunday Masses is filled. Signs, Prayer Cards and blessed rosaries will be available at each parish for prayers. Instructions have been sent to all prayer leaders for the set up and storage of all October Rosary supplies.

3. October 4 (Saturday) Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Blessing of Pets

Seton School Playground | Fr. Nick | 11:00 AM

4. October 5 – Respect Life Sunday

Intercessions to be included for weekend. Will also do a blessing for Expectant Parents and Grandparents at the end of Mass.

5. October 19 – Laity Sunday

Subsequent to the meeting, the Pastoral Council, at their September 25th meeting, determined we will have Volunteer Recognition activities in April. Fr. Nick determined that we would have the Blessing for all volunteers of the parishes at the April 18/19 weekend Masses. More details will follow, as the Council develops the plans for Recognition Events.

6. November 1 (Saturday) – All Saints | Not a Day of Obligation

*- 8:30 AM Mass | Holy Name of Jesus | prior to Reconciliation & Adoration
- Music | Collection | Servers | Lectors | Ministers – Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined this WILL NOT be a Bilingual Mass. Will work with host church to determine ministers needed from SNCP churches to support the Mass.*

7. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

WHEN: November 1/2

Memorial Celebrations of 2024-2025 Deceased

- SD: Sat. Nov. 1 – 5 PM; Names of the deceased are read after the homily at the 5PM Mass. Candles are lit for the deceased. Sunday the names are read after the homily at 10:30 AM Mass. St. Dominic will have their 1st Weekend Social in conjunction with the Memorial Celebrations.
- SC: Sun., Nov. 2 - 9 AM; Names of deceased are read and candles are lit at the 9am Mass.
- HN: Sun., Nov. 2 - 10:30 AM; Candles are lit and names of the deceased are read after the homily (Creed & Intercession – 2025). The Funeral Ministry assisted by the Human Concerns Committee will sponsor a social after the 10:30 Mass to celebrate the lives of those lost. For the 7:30 AM Mass candles are already lit for the deceased and names will simply be read after the homily.
- Books of the Dead – The Book of Remembrance at each of our Parishes will be set out the first weekend in October for parishioners to enter names of their loved ones. Books will remain out on display through the end of November
- Art & Environment – Day of the Dead Altars will be set up in the week before the Memorial Celebrations on the November 1/2 weekend. Will ask Lori B to put something in the bulletin soliciting photos for display on the altars, and some history behind the displays.
 - Faith Formation – St. Dominic Church
 - Seton School – Holy Name of Jesus
 - Hispanic Community – St. Clement

8. **November 8 – Confirmation SATURDAY, November 8 – 11:00 a.m.** at St. Dominic church with Bishop James Schuerman presiding. Bishop's MC is Dcn. Mark Jansen. Fr. Nick and Fr. Dennis will concelebrate. There are 32 students scheduled to be confirmed from our three parishes.

9. Veterans Day is TUESDAY, November 11:

- All weekend Masses (Nov 8/9) need Intercession for veterans
- We will also do a **Blessing for Veterans** on the November 8/9 weekend. A veteran recommended that, since only Active Duty Military can wear their uniforms, we recommend if they have been on an Honor Flight, that they wear their Stars & Stripes Honor Flight Jackets to Mass that weekend. Will talk with Lori B in this regard.
- Art & Environment – US Flag can be outside of the sanctuary – side altar, etc. not in the sanctuary proper.

10. Thanksgiving Food Box Project – November 22 – PAC

Flyers for the Thanksgiving Food Box Project will be in the October 4/5 bulletin. Cost of each box will be the same as last year. Committee is securing volunteers and bakers, as well as corporate donors for butter, cheese, potatoes, bananas. Working with Piggly Wiggly to secure discount on all food stuffs we need to purchase for the box. Will again fill 350 boxes of food for delivery and pick up.

11. November 22/23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Feast of St. Clement

- **Christ the King** will be the regular Solemnity Celebration at all Masses November 22/23 weekend.
- **Feast of St. Clement** – Since the Feast of the Patron Saint of St. Clement is on November 23, it was discussed and agreed that this year we will have the FEAST DAY Celebration on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 at ST. CLEMENT with a Bilingual Mass at 5:30 PM. There will be NO evening Mass at St. Dominic on this date – a worship aid will need to be prepared.

12. November 27 – Northside Thanksgiving Celebrations

- November 26 (Wed) – *Regular 8 AM morning Mass. No evening celebration.*
- November 27 (Thurs) – 9:00 AM | Holy Name of Jesus | Bilingual

Collection – at Masses will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Envelopes should be stuffed in bulletins or in pews the week before, along with their Financial Statement

Ministries – Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Readers, Ushers, Servers, Musicians| from all parishes. Will be sure all ministry heads communicate with their counter-parts

13. Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe –

Wed – Dec 3 @ 6PM	Thr – Dec 4 @ 6PM	Fri – Dec 5 @ 6PM
Sat – Dec 6 @ 6PM	Sun – Dec 7 @ 6PM	Mon – Dec 8 @ 5PM **
Tue – Dec 9 @ 6PM	Wed – Dec 10 @ 6PM	Thr – Dec 11 @ 6PM

14. December 8 (Monday) – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HN: 8:00 AM – Community & School Mass
SC 12:10 PM – English
SC: 6:00 PM – Spanish
SD: 5:30 PM – English

15. RECONCILIATION :

Advent Citywide Reconciliation Services

- Sheboygan Advent Day of Reconciliation: St. Peter Claver // Thursday, December 18 – 8am-8pm
- Lent Citywide Reconciliation is March 25 (Milwaukee/FDL) | **Sheboygan March ___ ???**

Seton School Reconciliation

- Dates not yet determined – but will be during the school day – *(early Dec 4,5 or Dec 11,12)???*

16. December 12 – (Friday) // Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- *Mañanitas – Friday Morning | 5-7 AM*
- *Mass – 6:00 PM*
- *Art and Environment*

17. December 14 – Sunday | 10:30am | OCIA – Rite of Welcome / Acceptance – This will also be the weekend we celebrate Bambinelli – children will bring in the Baby Jesus from their home manger scenes to be blessed for the upcoming birth.

18. Dec 15 (Monday) thru 23 (Tuesday): Las Posadas (DH)

- *Posadas in Dominican Hall each evening | Dec 15-23 | 6-8 PM | Church first and then Hall*

19. December 16 – Seton School Christmas Concert | Holy Name Church | 6PM

20. December 23 – Tuesday Adoration – 12-5 PM | Mass – 5 :15 PM | NO CONFESSIONS

21. December 24 (Wed) / 25 (Thr) – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – Spanish & English Masses

- *NO WEEKDAY MASS at St. Dominic on Wednesday – December 24*
- HN: 12/24 – 4:00 PM
- SC: 12/24 – 4:00 PM
- SD: 12/24 – 4:00 PM
- **SC: 12/24 – 5:30 PM (DB / Sp) ????**
- HN: 12/24 – 10:00 PM
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- HN: 12/25 – 7:30 AM
- SC: 12/25 – 9:00 AM
- SD: 12/25 – 9:30 AM
- SC: 12/25 – 12:15 PM (DB / Sp)

22. Christmas Season Liturgy Planning

- a. Readings: Subsequent to the meeting, Fr. Nick decided we will use the “NIGHT” readings for ALL of the Christmas Masses.
- b. General Comment: The Christmas season continues for the full season (through Sunday Jan 12 Baptism of the Lord) with music, lights, candles, etc.

22. Feast of the Holy Family – December 27/28 Mass (Saturday/Sunday)

Regular Weekend Masses – Saturday Eve and Sunday Morning

**23. Dec 31/Jan 1 (Wed) – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God/
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**

Wednesday, December 31: St. Dominic – 8:00 AM Weekday Mass
Solemnity Masses: St. Dominic – 5:00 PM
St. Clement - **5:15 PM (Spanish) ???**
Holy Name of Jesus – 11:30 PM Mass
Thursday, January 1: St. Clement – 9:00 AM (**Bilingual**) ???

24. January 3 (Saturday) – Feast of The Holy Name of Jesus | 8:30 AM | Donuts and Coffee

25. January 3/4 – Epiphany of the Lord – Regular Weekend Masses

26. January 10/11 – Baptism of the Lord – Regular Weekend Masses

27. January 22 (Thursday)– Countywide Mass of Hope and Healing | 5:30 PM | St. Peter Claver

28. Other Business

- Lector Workbooks ordered: Will arrive mid-October
- Trivia Night sponsored by Holy Name of Jesus at SC-DH – Saturday | October 11
- Chili/Tostada Supper / Fall Fest – Sunday, November 9: SC-DH
- Advent by Candlelight – Monday, December 1 at 6:30PM in SD/PAC

- Publication of Christmas Mass Times – Beacon / Sun Times / Constant Contact
- Lenten Soup Supper – 4 Tuesdays in Lent at SC with 5:15 PM Bilingual Mass (no music) (Ash Wednesday February 18) Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17 2026
- Wednesday of Holy Week | The Hearse | April 1, 2026 | Immaculate Conception | Tenebraé – the extinguishing of candles.

29. Items of Discussion

- Liturgical Ministries Recruitment – Stewardship & Pastoral Council directives
 - a.) **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – *September focus*
 - b.) **Servers** – October/November focus – *suggestion was made that Max Mueller attend Faith Formation Classes with Lulu & Jennifer to promote server ministry. Should also consider using Colin &/or Neila O’Keefe to assist Max in promoting the Server Ministry throughout all three parishes in Faith Formation. Parents should be included in this meeting, as they need to make the same commitment the students do to attend the Masses they are scheduled for. Will work with Jennifer and Lulu at a later date to present to middle-high school families. Mary P will get volunteer commitment forms to Lulu for distribution to Faith Formation students when program is scheduled.*
 - c.) **Seton School** is holding server training for 4-8 graders on Friday, October 17 for School Mass servers, as well as opportunities at each Parish.
 - d.) **Ushers**
- 24 Advent Adoration ???? – in 2024 Thr., Dec 12 – Fri., Dec 13

30. Lent and First Half of 2026 Planning Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2025 (*Ash Wednesday is February 18*)
 Location: St. Dominic | Aquinas Room | St. Clement will Host
 Time: 1:30 PM – Lent through Labor Day

31. Closing Prayer – St. Dominic

32. Adjourn to go out and serve our Parishes