

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
**Report to Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Committee: Worship and Liturgy**  
**Date: February 2019**

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**Committee Members:** Fr. Woods, Mary Wiczorek (chair), Rita Schurger (vice-chair), Ollie Doherty, Becky Bishop, Jim Auckland, Eric Wheeler, Sandy D'Alessandro, Diane Treanor, Ellen Suddith, Jane Wicker, Norma Hall, John McMenamain

**Report of meetings and/or activities conducted by your committee since your last report:**

We met on January 16 in Father Woods's absence. 436 were present at the Christmas Eve liturgy. Many thanks to all who decorated and un-decorated, to Jean Sohnly who made the wax crosses, and all who ministered during the Christmas season. 46 red and white roses were purchased for the Sanctity of Life weekend. Father did a wonderful job of calling for prayer for an end to abortion. Also Father truly celebrated Holy Family Sunday so it did not go unnoticed. The Advent penance service was well-attended. With Sheehan Hall open it will be more comfortable during Lent. Attendance was also impressive on January 1.

**Report of activity(s) to be conducted in the future:**

Mary met with Father upon his return to get decisions on the following: the Holy Family picture obtained by the Knights of Columbus will be displayed in the Narthex until Easter upon which time the resurrected Jesus will return. Note that that Risen Christ is becoming very fragile. Stations will be prayed every Friday during Lent as usual, adding a noon celebration on Good Friday presented by the Faith Formation Committee. Requests were sent to the various committees who have led the Stations in the past. W&L, CCW and FFC are the only ones to respond so far. There will also be a 5 p.m. liturgy on Good Friday. The Easter Vigil will be at 7 p.m. with one new member joining the church. There will be a reception served by W&L. The Lent Penance Service is April 4 at 6 p.m.. Holy Thursday Mass is at 5 p.m.. Eric will present a Lent Prayer Service, date TBA. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited daily at 7:40 a.m. during Lent. Blessing of food will be done on Holy Saturday in the church. Time TBA. Blessing of Throats will be done the weekend of Feb. 3 in addition to doing Bishops Appeal registration. We will encourage parishioners to sign up for Best Lent Ever based on the book that the Faith Formation Committee handed out at Christmas

**Date, time, and place for next committee meeting:**

February 20 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

**Request for consensus action by the Council:**

Budget request has been turned in for approval. Sandy D'Alessandro is willing to chair a "Home Improvement" committee to spiff up the Narthex and sanctuary (maybe get a new statue for the Sacred Heart altar).

**Submitted by:** Mary Wiczorek, Chairperson