

This week I was supposed to focus on some more long-term goals that I have for music ministry. Specifically, starting to think more about the Christmas tree lighting and the logistics for that. I, admittedly, did not spend too much time on that this week. I did mention it to my group of volunteers and gave them the date so they could put it in their calendars. I also told them that if they had any suggestions for carols for us to sing, they could let me know. But I still need to figure out how many songs we are going to sing, pick them out, and start planning when to integrate them into rehearsals.

Something that took a lot more attention from me this week was the fact that J. Paul was out this Sunday. I asked Brother Apollo to play the organ for us, and I had to adjust my song choices accordingly. I also led rehearsal on Wednesday all by myself and so we didn't have any accompaniment when we were practicing the songs. I had to do more of the heavy lifting when it came to setting up the music equipment, but thankfully I got some help from Eric and Bogie. Overall, I think everything went pretty well considering. It would have been better if Apollo had been able to join us for both rehearsals and not just the one before Mass on Sunday, but I took what I could get.