**MINUTES**

**SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Jan. 9, 2018**

Present: Kathy Ritger, Karen Scheberl, Fr. Tom, Scott Frechette, Evie Mather, Diane Vollmer

Excused: Karen Bodden, Jim Vogenthaler

Minutes of the November meeting approved.

*Thanks, Evie for preparing the opening prayer.*

**Old Business**:

Rededication of St. Andrew Hall – scheduled for Apr. 8.

Rededication of St. Theresa Church – Sunday Dec. 3rd at 9:15 AM Mass. Went well. KC 4th degree members was a nice touch. Had a full church. Brunch was enjoyed by about 50.

Advent/Christmas—Churches were all decorated very nicely. Services went well.

**New Business:**

Lent— Fr. T. suggested a Mission again, but with it being too late for this year, he will contact Fr. Bill about a possible 2019 mission.

Readings A will be used for Lent. Committee brainstormed what to use as Lenten theme. It will be “Conversion”. Kathy has some good questions/reflections that will be published each week during the Lenten season.

A Daily Reflection booklet will be ordered and available Ash Wed.

Kathy will again make up a Lenten calendar.

We will host 2 soup suppers with reflection, and a Seder Meal. The dates of the Soup Supper-Reflection and Seder Meal will be:

Soup—St. Mary’s—Thurs., Feb. 22nd Soup--St. Theresa’s—Thurs., Mar. 8th

Seder—St. Andrew’s—Tues., March 27th.

St. Theresa will schedule stations after Sun. mass on Feb. 25 and Mar. 11th.

Fr. T. suggested an evening Stations of the Cross, and that is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16th at St. Andrew’s.

St. Mary’s will hold stations after morning mass on Fridays, and St. Andrew’s on Thurs. mornings.

Kathy questionned if the Women of Christ group is going to host stations on one Sat. as they have in the past. Someone will need to contact Cindy Thomae.

More Lenten discussion at our next meeting. In the meantime members are asked to brainstorm any of their additional ideas and email the committee.

**Pastor’s Report**:

Book Club – Fr. Tom has picked a book and discussions will be scheduled for Tues., Feb 6th.

**Parish Council Report-**

Pastoral council goals have been established. A call for volunteers for the various committees in need will be put in the bulletin, and personal contact with someone could give us better results.

**Other Business**:

Mystery of Faith Booklet was not discussed. Discussion on pages 62-63 will be scheduled for our February meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Feb. 13, 2018 6:30 p.m. St. Theresa’s

Goals:

1. Encourage Prayer & Worship members to attend workshops offered by Archdiocese, LARCSWORC and others that will help us to understand liturgy and effectively plan for the seasons.
2. Environment – continue to work on this to make worship space welcoming and enhance worship experience.
3. Music – continue to develop this ministry
4. Youth – look for ways to include youth in liturgy
5. Commissioning of Ministers
6. Be on top of what’s happening in our world and be aware of the service aspect of reaching out to others, whether in prayer opportunities in church, collections of food, clothing, money, etc.