**MINUTES**

**SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Jan. 8, 2019**

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

**Excused: Jim Vogenthaler**

**Minutes of the Nov. meeting approved.**

**Old Business:**

**Advent booklets were well liked. Having individual families light the Advent Candles at the beginning of mass was a great idea. The new song during the candle lighting was good.**

**Advent Wreath sales went better than expected. Diane has a few leftover for next year.**

**Christmas—Groups need to get together beforehand to discuss who will be decorating what area of the church, so everything is covered. Churches looked beautiful.**

**The following was inadvertently missed during the meeting. Will put on the agenda for Feb. meeting. A recommendation to update the list of the homebound Communion Distributors was made at the Nov. meeting. This update will be done after Christmas.**

**New Business:**

**Diane was going to introduce our new committee member, Ann Hanke from St. Andrew’s, but she couldn’t make the meeting because of illness. Hope to see you next month, Ann.**

**Lent preparations-- Each of the parishes will host Stations of the Cross. Prayer and Soup Supper sessions are tentatively scheduled for Mar. 21, St. Theresa, April 11, St. Mary, Seder Meal on Apr 16 at St. Andrew. Kathy will get a schedule in the bulletin the weekend before Ash Wednesday. More discussion and brainstorming at Feb. meeting.**

**Pastor’s Report:**

**Fr. T. brought his new book club choice to the meeting. He will order copies after this coming weekend when people have a chance to place their orders. The name of the book is “The Daniel Key”.**

**Fr. Bill is booked for our parish mission from Mar. 30 – April 4th. A member asked what his theme will be so that committee can work our Lenten theme around that. Fr. T. will inform us at our Feb. meeting.**

**Parish Council Report-**

**Nothing new to report on security for the parishes.**

**The website coordinator is Greg Petri from St. Theresa’s. Any questions or concerns can be directed to him.**

**Worked on a 3 year extension of Fr. T’s contract. Has to be OK’d by Diocese now.**

**Other Business:**

**Evie will prepare the prayer for the Feb. meeting.**

**Mystery of Faith Booklet- Page 77 was discussed at Jan. meeting. Pages 78 & 79 will be discussed at Feb. meeting.**

**Next Committee Meeting: Feb. 12, 2019 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.**