

## Spiritual Life Minutes

November 8, 2017

- Present: Carol Puhlmann-Schneider, Carol Wagner, Shirley Thoburn, Karen Kitchell, Carolyn Baker, Deacon Raymond, Liz Christy, Tom Wagner, Pete Bickel.
- Minutes from October meeting approved.
- 2018 Lenten mission. No updates. Still not confirmed.
- Mardi Gras celebration instead of Valentines dance approved for Saturday Feb. 10, 2018 in Hermann Hall (Saturday prior to Ash Wednesday). Decorations, D.J., food. Discussion about if we can just burn palms or maybe just gather them and burn later. Possibly sprinkle ashes on "Giving Garden".
- Advent prayer handout. Carol created handout, asked for feedback (seemed positive). Carol will see about getting in bulletin possibly Thanksgiving weekend.
- Ministry Marketplace. Two sign-ups for S.L.
- Adoration: Two sign-ups for adoration. Shirley scrubbed adoration list and will be removing some inactive people. There was an Adoration for Vocation day in the diocese that we did not know about. Discussion how we would find out about this type of thing.
- Parents night out: Religious Ed. dropped out. However Mom's group is having "Happy Birthday Jesus" celebration Dec. 3rd, 12:30pm in PAC. This is a family celebration, pot-luck. **Anyone from Spiritual Life interested in helping or participating, contact Amanda Drouillard.**
- Asked to help with religious Education's Family night (like last year). First Reconciliation Nov. 13-14., First Communion Feb. 5-6. Need volunteers to help prepare/serve food Monday Nov. 13 and Tuesday Nov. 14. Carol P. and Shirley can help both nights. Carol W. and Karen will help Tuesday. **Could use another volunteer Monday!**
- Fr. Jim had some issues with adoration article for bulletin. Tom to schedule meeting with Father to discuss.
- Homeward Bound: Pete reported there have been some people (3?) inquiring recently. Pete hooked them up with appropriate people and resources.
- Alpha updates from Liz: Week 7 done, retreat coming Nov. 18. Sign-ups for Jan. open. January Alpha will have Thursday night, Thursday morning (bible study folks plus others) and Wed.
- Next meeting: December 13, 2017 at 7-8pm, room TBD.

--- items below carry forward from previous meetings as reminders of future events ---

- [April 26, 2017 meeting] Remember to advertise Divine Mercy celebration in Catholic Times, etc.
- [March 22, 2017 meeting] Consider for Corpus Christi Sunday, June 18. Request homily on adoration, benefits, how changes lives, Eucharistic miracles, etc.
- [Jan 27, 2016 meeting: carry this minutes item forward] Next year at Christmas : Carol S. Shared a bulletin insert from another parish for prayers/devotions during 12 days of Christmas. Consider this for next Christmas. Also children's hand-out for Baptism of the Lord.
- [March 16, 2016 meeting] Family Faith Night: Possibility for future. Event for whole family: Food, crafts, spiritual talk, etc. Possibly coordinate time with religious education to make convenient for parents to attend. Spoke with M.J., next year religious education sessions Monday and Tuesday. Possibly meal offered before class for parents/students, then parents remain for the faith event during class time. It was mentioned that Jimmy Johns has a budget for freebies for churches etc.
- [March 16, 2016 meeting] Pastor randomly visiting SPY and religious education classrooms or greeting in hallway before/after class.
- [March 16, 2016 meeting] Yearly, consider Valentines dance. Did in 2017, including with wedding vows renewal.
- [December 21, 2016 meeting] Epiphany House Blessing. Carol S. has a prayer for your home where you write on your home with chalk and I completely forgot this year.
- [January 25, 2017 meeting] Next year consider moving meeting day to 2nd Wednesday of month.