

St. Therese Liturgy Meeting Notes
Jan. 20, 2011 – 6:15 p.m.

Members present: Fr. David Stevens, Tom Wingert, Dennis Feterl, Shirley Donnelly, Shiloh Oorlog, Rose Smit, Deacon Mike Conrads and Becky Basche

Not Present: Lisa Gully

Meeting began with prayer.

Minutes of 11/18/10 were approved.

Upcoming Liturgical Changes – The Diocese is discussing how to start the 16 month plan for the conversion to the new Roman Missal. We should know more at the next meeting. Father discussed some ideas about what St. Therese can do to promote the changes. We all agreed that we should have a **theme: St. Therese – “September to September – Year of the Mass”**. Motioned passed with 100% approval. Ramp up the discussions to help everyone ease into the changes. Maybe talk more about catechesis, what is the difference and why, Feast of St. Therese, Corpus Christi, etc.

Confirmation – Fr. David has a beautiful altar cloth for the weekend. Flowers will be ordered for in front of the altar and by Mary. Environment committee will put up banners with the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit. The red will be kept up for the whole weekend for the whole parish to celebrate Confirmation of our St. Therese children. Father discussed having flowers on the altar for special occasions in the Church year, perhaps offer parishioners an opportunity to make a monetary donation for flowers in memory of a loved one.

Theme for Stewardship weekends – We brainstormed some ideas to have parishioners notice the people involved in the ministries. Discussed having a visible tool such as an arm band, stole, something on this order. Maybe ask the people who are involved in ministries to stand and suggest that people ask them about the ministries. More discussion will come later.

Feb. 24th Meeting – We will meet again to discuss Lent. We will have more in depth discussion about Holy Week, Stations of the Cross, KC fish fry on Fridays, Living Stations during Holy Week (Tom will visit with Bridget), etc. Vigil of Easter will be at 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. Note: KC fish fries have historically been from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Preliminary discussion about having Stations and then the fish fry - involve KC's in discussion (5:45 pm Stations; 6:15 pm meal)

End of Mass discussion – Deacon Mike brought up that some parishioners had provided input about additional standing/sitting/standing when we have the announcements. During Lent, the lector will read the announcements prior to the beginning of the Mass and if Father has more to add he will talk at the end of Mass. We will see how this goes.

Totals at Masses – In Nov. – 844, Dec. 762, Jan. 840 so the average is 815. In comparison to 2008, 2009, and 2010 we are about the same. Holding our own!

Upcoming Dates – Feb. 9th is the Anointing Mass, Feb. 16th – Mass for the personal needs of St. Therese parishioners.

May 1st – Divine Mercy – Holy Hour where we will say the Divine Mercy Chaplet. May crowning (we usually have the 1st Communicants do this).

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Becky Basche

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 24th at 6:15 pm