

St. Therese Parish  
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee  
Minutes from Meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2009  
at 7:00 at St. Therese Parish

*Members present:* Shirley Donnelly, Chuck Edwards, Haley Hunhoff, Louise Johnson, Jim Lacasse, Louise Oven, and Jean Rasmussen

Louise Johnson, co-leader, opened with prayer. Louise invited each member to offer comments about themselves and how/why they came to be members of the committee. From that discussion it could be summarized:

- 1) that an offering of food is an excellent way to gather people  
It follows the pattern that Jesus used with his disciples.
  
- 2) that the single members of St. Therese be brought to the parish family as a part of the greater St. Therese family

We see the singles as having a definite role in social outreach ministry.

Louise J. then outlined the work of each ministry that falls under the heading of Social Outreach. The contact person for each ministry and a brief description of the work of that ministry was covered in discussion.

The goal of each committee in the newly reorganized Stewardship Ministries is to communicate more thoroughly the work of each committee to the Parish Council. This information is then written up on a simplified form and given to the Parish Council for their monthly meeting. Louise Johnson and/or Sue Williams, co-chairs, will attend the Parish Council meeting and bring the information to the Parish Council. They request one member of the Social Outreach Fellowship committee attend with them, each member taking a turn. Jean Rasmussen will attend the March meeting with the co-chairs. The deadline for reports is before our regularly scheduled SOF meeting, which is the *second Thursday of each month*. The reports are given (sent or e-mailed) to Louise Johnson. The next Social Outreach Fellowship meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 7:00. This is a change from the regularly scheduled time because Holy Thursday falls on April 9.

*Some new business was brought up...*

- 1) \$75.00 was given from the Elizabeth Ministry to the Prayer Shawl Ministry from the bake sale that was recently hosted by Elizabeth Ministry. The money will be used for yarn. Two prayer shawls were taken out on Thursday evening, 3/12/09.
- 2) Bev Christopherson, our parish nurse, will be offering blood pressure screenings after weekend Masses on March 21-22.

Louise J. led the committee in reciting the mission and vision statement and closing prayer. The committee was in agreement that all the work they hope to accomplish would be only that which the Holy Spirit inspires. Homework for the committee includes diligent prayer to the Holy Spirit for inspiration to do His work. Also, bring ideas to next meeting.

In His service,  
Jean Rasmussen, scribe