

Spiritual Enrichment Ministry

The Spiritual Enrichment Ministry meets on a regular monthly basis via ZOOM. The last meeting was October 12, 2020. Members of the committee are: Lori Melton, (chairperson), Jeanne Clancey, Bobbie Bossert, Jim Ruck, Patty Manilla, Sister Joyce Hylazewski. Dante Romito and Lois Campbell couldn't attend, but provided input before the meeting.

On Sunday, October 25th Father Matthew Hawkins will speak on "Finding Hope Through Community and Spirituality". The Ministry finalized the details of the event at their last meeting. The event will be offered electronically via Facebook live as well as in-person attendance at the St. James Campus. One does not need to have a Facebook account to join into the event. People will be able to submit questions during the talk by typing them into the comment section. A video of the presentation will be put up on YouTube after the even has taken place.

In an effort to encourage parishioners to attend Father Hawkins talk the members of the Ministry thought that in addition to the publicity in the bulletin that personal invitation was needed. Besides personal invitation by the members of the Ministry; we would like to ask the members of the Pastoral Council to help us in this endeavor. We would encourage the Council members to attend, either in person or virtually and ask them to invite 2 or 3 people they know to attend the event.

The next Chile Saturday is being scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. At the First Chili Saturday, there was one St. Bede attendee and the other attendees were from St. James. In an effort to invite other St. Mary Magdalene campuses to attend, the Ministry thought an invitation to all Pastoral Council members to attend asking them to invite 3 more of their friends to attend would be helpful in expanding social interaction among the campuses. Also, if Pastoral Council members are willing, we would like to have a "Meet the Council" Chili Saturday. Most parishioners do not have faces to go with the names of Council members in the bulletin and this would be a great way to be seen. There would be no business discussed just social interaction.

Tentatively the first week of the month is scheduled for the viewing of Pivotal Players. Although the first week of the month was okay with a number of the people who attended the first showing, Dante will get feedback on times that

potentially work best for people as well as gauging if there is an interest in an additional showing each month. Once a date is confirmed, Dante will announce the November St. Thomas Aquinas episode.

The Ministry is planning an Advent Moring of reflection. A short program will be presented by Lori Melton. With permission from the author, Lori would be using a film based on a book called “A Walk One Winter’s Night”. The story follows a gentleman feeling overwhelmed by the typical pressures we feel at Christmas time. He goes out for a walk and passes a Nativity scene in someone’s yard. He experiences the figures speaking to him beginning with Mary whispering “I was real”! the Advent Morning of Reflection would include showing the video and discussing ways we might use our current situation to focus on the real messages of Advent and Christmas. The event is being planned for Saturday, December 12th in the St. James Chapel from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Social Distancing and masks will be in effect as well as no service of food.

The next Spiritual Enrichment Ministry meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.