

Catholic Education Committee Meeting - Eastside Parishes

Tuesday January 3rd, 6:30 pm St. Michael's Gathering Space

- Opening Prayer - Deacon Peter,
 - Discussion by Fr. Grevatch

- Attendees: Lee Ann Lella, Dave Suelzer, Tom Schneider, John MacDonald and Glenn Sowinski

- Parish Mission Update
 - Dates January 22 - 24th
 - Fr. James Sichko
 - Great speaker, story teller and professional vocalist

- Film Night
 - “Entertaining Angels”
 - A film about the life of the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, Dorothy Day
 - Thursday January 19, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 - For all ages
 - More films coming

- The “Catholicism” DVD package has been checked out of the library and is being seen.
 - There is a training to be a facilitator for the series in Stevens Point coming up in later in January.

- How is the New Roman Missal Translation going?
 - Overall very well
 - A work in progress

- Faith Formation
 - First time Sacrament of Reconciliation for the youth - January 28th

- Youth Ministry
 - Giving Tree very successful this year
 - We filled over 225 tags at the Neighbors Place and Salvation Army plus we had over 200 gift cards for parish families.
 - Big thank you to Denise Sullivan
 - Youth Christmas Carol

- Lenten Planning

- Spiritualizing food as part of Lent
 - There is a program set up with 6 different sessions
 - Reading, reflection, consumption, sharing food, discussion and prayer.
 - Gathering at nightly meals as families
 - Discuss fasting and abstaining
 - Action steps for following
 - Put in the bulletin
 - Encourage people at their family meals share a prayer to have an awareness of what we are eating and why we do fast
 - Our bodies are temples from God and we should treat them in such a way to respect our bodies
 - We did something similar 2 years ago
 - Sr Jane Chittister - 'The Gift of Years'
 - The 'Catholicism' Series (a gather approach)
 - We need a facilitator
 - would like at least two or three people to attend the workshop on Monday January 16 from 6-9pm at St Joseph's in Stevens Point.
 - Looking for discussion/training topics for future possibilities

- Discussion on community building and ministry programs
 - Building relationship within the church
 - How to build to a community
 - Tom shared his experience with starting a mens bible group
 - 'This Man is You" Jeff Heinzen
 - Research and discuss at next meeting
 - Look at models at other parishes

* Notes submitted by Glenn Sowinski