

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES 5/23/16 ST. JOHN PAUL

Members present: Barb Armata, Mary Ann Wojtaszek, Mary Whitman, Robin Loughman, Pat Clairmont.

Opening prayer was given by Mary Ann.

Previous meeting's minutes were accepted.

Mary reported on plans for the day trip pilgrimage scheduled for August 27th. The two destinations are Lourdes in Litchfield (CT) and St. Ann's Shrine in Waterbury, CT. The bus will leave Adams at 9 am, arriving at Lourdes in Litchfield later morning. There will be time to explore the grounds and visit the smaller shrines to the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Michael, and St. Louis de Montfort. Visitors can also do Stations of the Cross and visit the gift shop. A catered lunch will be served at 12:30.

After leaving at 1:30, the bus should arrive at St. Ann's Shrine by 2 pm. There will be a guided tour, and then Father Steve will celebrate Mass at 3 pm. The bus will return to Adams at approximately 7 pm.

The price for the trip will depend on how many participants there are. For 30-35 it will be \$92 per person; for 36-40 it will be \$84; for 41-46 it will be \$78, and for 47 -56 it will be \$72. The price includes the catered lunch, tips, and donations to the shrines. Information will be in the bulletin this weekend and sign-ups will begin immediately.

Upcoming events: May devotions continue on Fridays at 6 pm in St. Stan's. Memorial Day Mass is scheduled for 9 am at the St. Stan's cemetery, weather permitting. If inclement weather, Mass will be held in St. Stan's Church.

A parish Polish Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 31 at the Polanka grounds. 10:15 Mass will be switched to the Mill Street grounds at 11 am. A flyer was passed around with the details, including a blurb about our relics of St. John Paul

and St. Faustina. After minor adjustments, the flyer will be printed up and distributed. If anyone can work the picnic or help with set up and clean up please contact Tim in the parish office. The food will be pierogi, kapusta, galobki, and possibly pasta.

Year of Mercy events: Divine Mercy Veneration continues Fridays at 2:30 at St. Stan's, Wednesdays after Morning Mass at Notre Dame. First Wednesday Mass resume June 1st at St. Stan's, 6 pm, preceded by confessions at 5:30.

St. Maximillian Kolbe relics will be in Chicopee and Holyoke in June; information has been in the bulletin.

Notre Dame organ update: This project is on hold for now.

New business: The roses in memory of mothers at the churches has done very well. June roses will be for fathers. This year roses were displayed at St. Stan's for the first time.

Mary Ann brought up that sometimes it's difficult to hear the lectors in church, and suggested that there be some kind of refresher for lectors, and let them know it's okay to adjust the microphone.

The parish mission coming up in September will be led by Father Gary Caster. Mary said the communications committee will be putting together a flyer with a picture of his book and a short bio.

Kudos to our dedicated "Manor on the Hill" volunteers who are cleaning and maintaining the property. This has been a very successful source of funding to help pay down the parish debt.

In light of the mission coming up in September, it was decided that our committee really needs to meet in August. Therefore,

**THERE WILL BE NO JUNE OR JULY MEETING.
INSTEAD WE WILL MEET AT 6 PM ON MONDAY,
AUGUST 29TH.**

This meeting will be focused on the parish mission.

Mary Ann gave a closing prayer and the meeting closed at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Loughman