

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES ST. JOHN PAUL PARISH 9/18/17

Members in attendance: Tim Rougeau, Pat Clairmont, Barb Armata, Karen Ketcham, Robin Loughman, Deacon Greg, Father Steve, Mary Whitman, and Mary Ann Wojtaszek.

Opening prayer was given by Father Steve.

Last meeting's minutes were accepted.

Elections: Unanimously re-elected were Mary and Barb as co-chairs and Robin as secretary.

MISSION: Preparations are nearly complete. The big banners advertising the mission are up. It has been in our bulletin and sent to area churches for their bulletins. It's running on channel 22. Scripture readings for the mission will be in the bulletin and also available as handouts at the sessions.

Father Bill will be preaching at all weekend Masses. Evening sessions will be at Notre Dame. There will be a Rosary at 6:30, then the evening session (not a Mass) from 7 to 8 pm, and then confessions at 8 pm. The morning sessions will be the usual morning Mass at 8:30 at Notre Dame, followed by confessions.

There will be a prayer of renewal for the last night, and prayer sheets will be handed out. Free-will offering envelopes will be placed in the pews (unless Father Bill says otherwise), and will be left through the weekend.

The basket will be passed on the last evening session as well.

The hospitality committee will set up a social gathering with some goodies in the back of the church under the choir loft. High school CCD students will be passing out programs and selling Father's CDs.

Upcoming events:

October Rosary Devotions: will be moved to WEDNESDAY evenings, 6 pm, at St. Stan's.

Pat brought up that October 13th is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's last apparition at Fatima. There was discussion on recognizing this occasion. Father decided he will do a special Mass on that morning, as a prayer of entrustment to her Immaculate Heart, as she requested, so that peace may reign in the world. The Mass will be at 8:30 am at Notre Dame. Pat thanked Father for being willing to do this on a Friday, his usual day off.

All Saints vigil Mass will be 7 pm on Tuesday October 31st at Notre Dame. All Saints Mass will be at 10 am at St. Stan's on Wednesday November 1st. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on November 2nd, All Souls Day, 7 pm, at Notre Dame. This will be similar to previous years, where the names of parishioners who have passed away in the past year will be read. Tim will print up a program with the names. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mary strongly suggested that we do an International

Rosary next May. We did it before and it was well-received.

Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9 am at Notre Dame.

There was a discussion of possibly having a blessing of the animals this year but since it would be on the weekend of the Fall Fest (closest to St. Francis feast day of October 4th) it was decided it would be too hectic and not possible.

Closing prayer was given by Deacon Greg.

Next meeting will be October 23rd at 6 pm in Kolbe Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Loughman