

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES ST. JOHN PAUL II 01/22/18

Members present: Deacon Greg, Karen Ketcham, Mary Ann Wojtaszek, Pat Clairmont, Barb Armata.

Opening prayer was given by Deacon Greg.

Previous meeting's minutes were accepted via email following last meeting.

Review of Christmas: No apparent problems that needed addressing. The Pageant had the usual crowd attending and went very well with several photos up on the parish facebook page.

Upcoming:

- **February 3/4**, regular weekend Mass schedule - St. Blaise Blessing of throats at each Mass
- **February 4**, Sunday, 11:30 AM - Mass at St. Stan's for Catholic Schools Week
- **February 14**, Ash Wednesday - 10 AM at St. Stan's and 7 PM at Notre Dame
- **February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23** Fridays - Stations of the Cross 2:15 PM at St. Stan's (with the school children from St. Stan's)

- **March 11**, Sunday, 12 Noon - First Reconciliation at Notre Dame.
- **March 24/25**, Palm Sunday - regular weekend Mass schedule.
- **March 28**, Wednesday - Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale), 6 PM at St. Stan's.
- **March 29, Holy Thursday, 7 PM, at Notre Dame** - procession to St. Stan's followed by adoration until 10 PM.
- **March 30**, Good Friday - Stations of the Cross, 2:15 PM at Notre Dame followed by start of Divine Mercy Novena. (Novena continues daily at St. Stan's at 3 PM until Mercy Sunday).
- **Good Friday Services - 7 PM at St. Stan's.**
- **March 31**, Holy Saturday - Blessing of Food, 9 AM St. Stan's School Cafeteria. Veneration of the Cross all day until early evening at St. Stan's. Divine Mercy Novena, 3 PM at St. Stan's (Novena daily until Mercy Sunday).
- **Easter Vigil - 8 PM at Notre Dame (no 4 PM Mass).**

- **April 1, Easter** - regular Sunday schedule.
- **April 8, Divine Mercy**, - regular Sunday schedule; 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Stan's.

- **May 6**, Sunday, 12 Noon - First Communion at Notre Dame.
- **May 8**, Tuesday, 7 PM - tentative Confirmation at Notre Dame.
- **May 9**, Ascension Vigil Mass - 7 PM at Notre Dame.
- **May 10**, Ascension Mass - Holy Day of Obligation, 10 AM at St. Stan's.

New Business:

The possibility of some sort of special event for Lent was discussed. Deacon Greg suggested a Lenten "typical Third World Meal (rice? beans?)" evening to remind us of what much of the world survives on. He will investigate this and check with some of his contacts on how to do it.

A Lenten Retreat was brought up. *(Note: at the Parish Council Meeting, Fr. Steve reported that he was attempting to line up a Speaker for Lent. He would hope for it to be in early March, but he was awaiting replies to his requests.)*

Extra Confession times for Lent were brought up. *(Note: at the Parish Council Meeting, Fr. Steve scheduled extended Lent Confession times on March 10th and March 17th, 2 PM to 3:45 PM at Notre Dame. When this was done during Advent - it worked out very well.)*

Pat reported that the April trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania to see the production "Jesus" is full.

An International Rosary with the candle ceremony was discussed for May. Pat offered to speak with someone from the Rosary Sodality.

The September Mission was brought up. It was felt to be too early for us to be doing anything yet, since we do not have any information on who Fr. Steve will be getting this year. *(Note: at the Parish Council Meeting, Fr. Steve shared his ideas for this year's Mission to focus on service and volunteerism as it relates to Spiritual life. He is working on arranging a Speaker.)*

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23rd, 6 pm in Kolbe Hall.
Closing prayer was given by Deacon Greg and the meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Armata