

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES ST. JOHN PAUL II 04/23/18

Members present: Tim Rougeau, Mary Ann Wojtaszek, Barb Armata.

Opening prayer was given by Mary Ann.

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

Review of Easter: Even though times and places are listed on the calendar- we want to try to remember to get a full page schedule, with large print, into the Bulletin the week before Holy Week - with all of the Holy Week/Easter services listed. We used to do it a few years back, and it seems that it would help to emphasize all of the events. We ought to do the same before Christmas as well.

Upcoming:

- **May** - Wednesdays, 6 PM, May Devotions (Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany) at St. Stan's.
- **May 6**, Sunday, 12 Noon - First Communion at Notre Dame.
- **May 8**, Tuesday, 7 PM - Confirmation at Notre Dame.
- **May 9**, Wednesday, Ascension Vigil Mass - 7 PM at Notre Dame.
- **May 10**, Thursday, Ascension Mass - Holy Day of Obligation, 10 AM at St. Stan's, Crowning of Mary by St. Stan's students.
- **May 28**, Monday, Memorial Day Mass, 9 AM., at St. Stan's Cemetery SEP
(in case of rain or if the grounds are too wet - Mass will be in St. Stan's church.

New Business:

Music Director and Organist Tim Rougeau introduced a discussion of how we might encourage more of the congregation to sing. This is a common situation in our area with many parishes trying to increase the active participation of the people. The idea decided on was that Tim write a sort of "Musical Director's Corner" piece for the Bulletin in which he can explain just why there is music in the Mass and why it is so important. Another idea was to ask people via some kind of survey (online? printed questionnaire in the pews?) if they sing at Mass and if not, why not (for example - don't know songs, don't think they can sing or are too shy, can't find songs in the books, organ or choir are too loud, etc.). It was agreed that any survey should wait and maybe be done later in the year. Tim shared a 2005 article that included a list of "30 Songs That Every Catholic Should Know." Our parish scores quite well - we have used all but one of the songs - and most of them, we use quite regularly. If anyone has any ideas on this - please bring them to Tim's attention.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 25th, 6 pm in Kolbe Hall.
Closing prayer was said by all.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Armata