

Spiritual Life Minutes 1-25-16

The Spiritual Life Committee of St John Paul II Parish meeting was held on Monday January 25, 2016, at 6 pm at Kolbe Hall. In attendance: Tim Rougeau, Pat Clairmont, Karen Ketcham, Mary Anne Wojtaszek, Barb Armata, Mary Whitman, and Fr. Steve. Robin Loughman was not able to attend: Pat Clairmont took the minutes and Mary Whitman typed them up and sent them out.

Mary Anne lead the opening prayer. Meeting began at 6 pm. Previous minutes were accepted by Mary and seconded by Pat.

Tim reviewed the Lenten schedule:

Ash Wednesday Feb. 10 - Masses are 10:00 am at St. Stan's, 7:00 pm at Notre Dame.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays, 2:15 pm, by the St. Stan's School children

(On Good Friday, Stations will be held at 2:15 pm, but at Notre Dame instead).

Fr. Matt Alcombright will be holding a 3 day Retreat Feb. 29 - March 2:

Feb 29, Mass at 6:30 pm - Confessions on that day **ONLY** will be after Mass,

March 1 and 2 - Confessions at 5:30 pm, Mass to follow at 6:30 pm.

Lent Vespers Prayer Service - Sunday, March 6 at 6 pm, at Notre Dame, we will try to have a member of the Clergy present.

Holy Week:

Holy Wednesday March 23rd - 6:00 pm, Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale), St. Stan's.

Holy Thursday March 24th - 7:00 pm, Notre Dame, procession to St Stan's following service, with Adoration there - the church will stay open until 10:00 pm.

Mary suggested tea lights to help guide the way since the sidewalks are not so smooth.

Another suggestion was for the leaders to have candles or lanterns and there should be a few more lights at the end of the procession as well. Check to see if it is possible for a Police Officer to be on duty to cross everyone. Street lights will also be a source of light along the way. Children from St Stan's will be doing the usual Lily Procession at the Holy Thursday Mass, and the Confirmation Class will also continue with the washing of the feet tradition.

Good Friday March 25th - 2:15 pm at Notre Dame, The Stations of the Cross, followed by the start of the Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00 pm *(the Novena will continue on Holy Saturday at St. Stan's until its end on Sat. April 2).*

Good Friday Service will be at St Stan's at 7:00 pm.

Holy Saturday March 26th - Blessing of the Food at 9:00 am, St Stan's School Cafeteria.

Veneration of the Cross at St Stan's all day (Need to get this set up after Holy Thursday evening or by 6 am Friday morning) Stanley will be notified as well as Tom Zepka (Flowers).

3:00 pm, St. Stan's, Divine Mercy Novena continues.

Vigil Mass begins at 8 pm at Notre Dame.

At this time there are no other sacraments being held. Mary is going to contact St Elizabeth's to see if anyone is participating in the (RCIA) program from Adams, and will notify the parish office if there is anyone, so we will be prepared to include them into the Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday March 27th - ALLELUIA !! He has Risen!

Regular Sunday Mass schedule: 8:00 am St Stan's and 10:15 am Notre Dame.

3:00 pm, Divine Mercy Novena at St Stan's (this will continue until April 2).

Important March Date:

First Reconciliation for both the St Stan's and CCD 2nd grade children will be held on March 13th at Notre Dame. The time was not discussed. but in the past it has been at 12:00 noon (please clarify with CCD teachers).

April:

Mercy Sunday April 3rd - 3:00pm Chaplet St Stan's. Adoration Chapel Opens at 6:00 pm.

Year of Mercy Continues:

Divine Mercy Venerations - Rosary & Chaplet, Fridays, 2:30 at St Stan's.

First Wednesdays at St Stan's - 5:30 Confessions followed by Mass at 6:00 pm.

Note: the First Wednesday of March 2nd is the last day of Fr. Matt's Retreat and the Mass will be held at Notre Dame instead.

April 11,12, and 13 - Pilgrimage Tour of Philadelphia, Pa churches, shrines, and historical sites by First Choice Tours. Larry Clairmont has organized this for our parish as Fr. Steve would like us to make pilgrimages this year in honor of the Divine Mercy year.

At this time there are 25 reservations and we need 31 to make this event happen. Fr. Steve has been asked to make an announcement at all the Masses and we will advertise it in the surrounding parish's church bulletins. The more people we get, the more the cost goes down. Talk it up everyone!

Mary has 3 separate day trips ready to book but will not do anything at this time until the Pa pilgrimage is set and running. Each trip will include 2 shrines, our own Mass and a stop for food. The more we have, the more the cost goes down ... We will discuss this further once Larry's trip is a go. Mary has been given permission by the committee to set up one trip once that happens.

Other:

Robin sent in and e-mailed us information about 2 more Relics on tour. We will not be able to sponsor a trip to them, but Tim will put this information in the bulletin.

Mary asked the group if she could continue to do the Easter Eggs for the children - Fr. Steve enthusiastically agreed and it was passed. Those will be ordered and sent to the Parish Office in care of Tim as Mary will be in Florida.

We tabled the electric candles and organ concert fundraisers till the Spring .

Fr. Steve was very pleased with the presentations given by Barb and Mary as representatives of the Parish Council to the CCD students on Sunday January 24.

The next meeting is Scheduled for February 22, 2016 at 6 pm

Fr Steve lead the Closing Prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pat Clairmont and Mary Whitman