

## SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES ST. JOHN PAUL 10/23/17

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

Opening prayer was given by Deacon Greg.

Previous meeting's minutes were accepted via email following last meeting. Review of parish mission: Mission was well-attended, better than last year. Father Bill did a nice job. People appreciated his music and singing. We had planned at last meeting that CCD students would man the CD table, but Father Bill wanted an adult to be in charge of it. Karen suggested that next time we really need ushers. The back pews were roped off to try to encourage people to sit closer to the front but ushers might help with that.

Fatima Mass: Father Steve did a special for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fatima on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Greg said it was very well attended for a morning Mass, with over 100 people.

Upcoming events: The last rosary devotion will be this Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Stan's.

All Saints Day vigil Mass will be October 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm at Notre Dame. All Saints Day Mass will be Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 am, at St. Stan's. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Litany of the Saints will be sung at both Masses.

While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be a Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm at Notre Dame. This will be for all parishioners who have died in the past year. Deacon Greg says this is about 75 people. Mary will contact Diane to try to find the candles for this.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am at Notre Dame.

Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass will be at 7 pm at Notre Dame on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>, and on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am at St. Stan's.

Christmas falls on a Monday this year. December 23<sup>rd</sup> follows the normal Saturday schedule with a 4 pm last day of Advent vigil Mass at Notre Dame.

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> is both the last day of Advent and Christmas Eve. The Masses will be at the regular times of 8 am at St. Stan's and 10:15 at Notre Dame. (note: these do not fulfill the Christmas obligation)

On the same day, December 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Christmas Vigil Mass at 4 pm at Notre Dame. (note: this does NOT fulfill the regular Sunday obligation). Midnight Mass will be at St. Stan's with Christmas caroling starting at 11:30. (note: this also does NOT fulfill the regular Sunday obligation)

On December 25<sup>th</sup>, there will not be an 8 am Mass. There will be a 10:15 Christmas Day Mass at Notre Dame, with Christmas caroling beginning at 9:45.

The following weekend will follow the regular weekend schedule. On Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>, there will NOT be a Vigil Mass for New Year's. There WILL be a Mass on New Year's Day at 10 am at St. Stan's; however due to New Year's Day falling on a Monday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mary will contact the CCD director Molly Meczywor to see what the status of the Christmas Pageant is.

Barb read a note from Father Steve about extra confession times during Advent. There will not be a special service or extra priests, but Father will be available from 2 pm until 3:45 on the last two Saturdays of Advent. In addition, any parishioner can make an appointment with Father Steve for confession. It was suggested that he might want to consider moving it to December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, as it might be too overwhelming on December 23<sup>rd</sup> since that weekend will be so busy. [Note: Father did agree with this at the Parish Council meeting, so the dates will be 12/9 and 12/16, with regular confession times on 12/23] Barb will get a bulletin notice about the extra confession times.

Pat reported that the April trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania to see "Jesus" is filling up fast. We already have the minimum number of participants. Information will be going out to other parishes soon.

Mary brought up the International Rosary. She wants to make sure we do it during May next year.

Upcoming dates: Palm Sunday is March 25<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>, and Easter is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 pm in Kolbe Hall.

Closing prayer was given by Deacon Greg and the meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Loughman