

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES ST. JOHN PAUL 9/24/18

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

Opening prayer was given by Deacon Greg.

Minutes from last meeting were previously approved by email.

October Rosary devotions have been moved back to Fridays at 6 pm at St. Stan's. Attendance had fallen off last year when they were on Wednesdays. If Deacon Greg is able to attend then there will also be Benediction.

November 1 is All Saints, which is a Holy Day. The Vigil Mass will be at 7 pm on Wednesday October 31 at Notre Dame. The Mass on Thursday November 1st will be at 10 am at St. Stan's.

On Friday November 2nd, All Souls Day, there will be a Mass of Remembrance for all parishioners who passed away in the preceding year. It will be at 7 pm at Notre Dame.

On November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day, there will be a Mass at 9 am at Notre Dame.

Advent begins on December 2nd. As has been done in the past, we will ask parishioners to take home the 2018 Missals in order to cut down on the parish's disposal costs.

Immaculate Conception falls on a Saturday this year, but it remains a Holy Day of obligation. The Mass obligation has not been transferred to Sunday. There will be a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 7 pm at Notre Dame. The Mass during the day will be held at 10 am at St. Stan's. The regular Mass schedule is to be followed for your Sunday obligation—the 4 pm Mass will NOT fulfill your Holy Day obligation.

Looking ahead to Advent and Christmas, the Mass schedules and events will be similar to past years. Christmas is on a Tuesday this year. We are not certain if there will be an Advent penance service at our parish or a neighboring parish. We also do not know of the status of the Christmas pageant at this time.

Many thanks to Father Peter Gregory for filling in for Father Steve as he recuperates and for updating us on his condition every week. Father Steve is scheduled to return on October 8th.

A warm welcome to Father William Cyr, who recently retired from St. Elizabeth in North Adams. Father Cyr is now living in the Notre Dame rectory. He is available to help out where needed and will be a big help to Father Steve.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 29th at 6 pm in Kolbe Hall.

Deacon Greg gave a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Loughman