

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES ST. JOHN PAUL PARISH 2/4/19

Members in attendance: Mary Ann Wojtaszek, Barb Armata, Pat Clairmont, Karen Ketcham, and Robin Loughman.

Opening prayer was given by Mary Ann.

Previous meeting's minutes were accepted earlier by email.

Upcoming events for Lent and Easter:

March 6<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday, Masses are 10 am at St. Stan's and 7 pm at Notre Dame.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:15 pm at St. Stan's, with the St. Stan's students. No students on March 8<sup>th</sup> because there is no school that day. Also please note on Good Friday only, Stations will be at Notre Dame.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is First Reconciliation, noon at Notre Dame.

Palm Sunday is April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> is Gorzkie Zale (Lamentations) at St. Stan's.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at Notre Dame at 7pm, followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to St. Stan's, with Adoration until 10 pm.

On Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross are at Notre Dame, not St. Stan's. The start of the Divine Mercy Novena will follow the Stations, and continue at St. Stan's until Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Also on Good Friday, services will be held at 7 pm at St. Stan's.

On Saturday April 20, Blessing of Food will take place in the St. Stan's School cafeteria. Divine Mercy Novena is at 3 pm. Veneration of the Cross will be all day until early evening at St. Stan's.

Easter Vigil Mass is at 8 pm at Notre Dame (no 4 pm Mass), with the regular Sunday schedule on Easter. Divine Mercy Novena is at 3 pm at St. Stan's.

Divine Mercy Novena continues daily at 3 pm at St. Stan's and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

First Holy Communion will be at noon on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, with Bishop Rozanski.

Ascension Thursday is May 30<sup>th</sup> this year. The Crowning of Mary by the St. Stan's students will take place at the 10 am Mass.

New Business discussed:

In the past, Father has done extra Confession times during Lent. Barb mentioned that a few years ago he heard Confessions during Lamentations, and this was ideal because of the background "noise" in the church.

[After the meeting Robin checked with Father and he said he would tentatively follow what he did last year, which is starting Confessions at 2 pm on the two Saturdays prior to Palm Sunday weekend, which would be March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>.]

Robin had mentioned earlier that someone had asked if the parish has a prayer chain. We remember we used to, but no longer. If anyone wants to volunteer to bring this back please contact the church office.

Mary, by email, had brought up the International Rosary as a possibility during May. The parish did one several years ago with the decades of the Rosary prayed in different languages. It was suggested that it would be appropriate for the Rosary Sodality to be in charge of it if they are willing, if the parish does one. We will wait til Mary is available to discuss further.

There was a question of whether or not the parish will be holding a mission in September. It was agreed it would be nice even if only for a couple days. We do not know Father's plans for this. The date of the next meeting will be determined later. Barb will email the members when she knows.

We ask God to bless Deacon Greg with a speedy recovery! Hope you are feeling better soon!

We miss you!

After a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Loughman