

Our Lady of Lourdes + St. Anne Pastoral Council

April 21, 2022

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Virtual

In attendance: Annmarie Cook, Bob Dutt, Karen Gerew, Terri Kwiatkowski, Alana Nuth, Tom Walsh, and Father Gary Tyman

1. Opening Prayer
2. Representative from Our Lady of Lourdes to fill vacancy on the Council
 - a. Father Tyman will look for a representative from Our Lady of Lourdes to fill the vacancy on the Pastoral Council.
 - b. The new member will start their term on July 1, 2022.
 - c. Father Tyman will try to find a parent of a child enrolled at Seton School, based on the Council's suggestion.
3. Continue discussion of how best to communicate and engage with parishioners regarding the cluster weekend Mass schedule. (Please see the proposed three options.)
 - a. Father Tyman consulted with the music directors at both churches and Jennifer Abdalla, Faith Formation Director.
 - b. With the recent COVID cases locally and regionally (Father Lawlor and Deacon Rabjohn have both tested positive this week. During Holy Week, six priests tested positive in the region and replacements had to be found to cover Masses), it makes even more sense to move forward with engaging with parishioners and taking steps to transition to a reduced weekend Mass schedule.
 - c. The plan to engage with parishioners is as follows:
 - i. Father Tyman will publish an article in the upcoming bulletin (April 30/May 1) with a list of the three proposed Mass schedule options.
 - ii. Members of the Pastoral Council will make an announcement after Masses on the weekends of April 30/May 1 and May 7/May 8 and be available after Mass to answer questions and listen to comments.
 - iii. The Pastoral Council, with Father Tyman and Deacon Rabjohn, will hold in-person and virtual town hall meetings during the weeks of May 9 and May 16 to get feedback, answer questions, and hear which schedule is most favored.
 - iv. Parishioners will also have the option of giving input using a survey, the link to which will be shared in the bulletin.
 - v. The Pastoral Council will meet on June 2, with Father Tyman, to select a Mass schedule to pilot during the summer months. The pilot will tentatively run in July and August. The start of the pilot will be based on the sort of feedback that the Council receives from parishioners.

- vi. The pilot schedule will be adjusted as necessary, and become permanent sometime in the fall.
- vii. Alana will draft talking points for Pastoral Council members, put together a document that can be inserted into the bulletin with the three proposed Mass schedules, and share a sign up sheet using Google Sheets for Pastoral Council members to sign up for Masses to make the announcement and be available after Mass. Terri will create the survey.

4. Closing Prayer