

Our Lady of Lourdes + St. Anne Pastoral Council

August 11, 2022

6:30 to 8:00 PM

St. Anne Social Hall

In attendance: Annmarie Cook, Doug Doyle, Karen Gerew, Joe Haefner, Alana Nuth, Dennis Permoda, Tom Walsh, Father Gary Tyman, and Deacon Bill Rabjohn

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome to our new member: Kate Payne
 - a. This agenda item will be moved to our meeting in September.
3. Roll-out of the revised weekend Mass schedule
 - a. The 4:00 PM Saturday evening Mass at St. Anne and the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes are doing well based on anecdotal feedback and attendance statistics.
 - b. The 5:30 PM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes is the least attended Mass of all four weekend Masses with an average of 52 people in the congregation. The 11:30 AM Mass at St. Anne is the second least attended Masses of all four weekend Masses with an average of 91 parishioners. Both the 5:30 PM and the 11:30 AM Masses are not excessively off in size compared to July 2021 statistics at +/- 2 people.
 - c. Our conversation was largely focused on the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Anne.
 - d. Anecdotal feedback would indicate that the 11:30 AM Mass time is too late in the day and not all parishioners appreciate the Mass with Gregorian chant (and therefore slightly longer Mass).
 - e. The Pastoral Council is considering recommending that the Sunday morning Mass be scheduled at 11:00 AM, instead of 11:30 AM, at the end of this pilot period during the first weekend in November.
 - f. Communication:
 - i. The Pastoral Council discussed different communication methods to share the change in Mass times with parishioners at our cluster as well as surrounding clusters, such as a bulletin insert, third party websites and apps, or mention in the *Catholic Courier*.
 - ii. The Council continues to share concern about the challenges experienced at both parishes to find and retain volunteers to participate in different ministries and to engage with parishioners who no longer attend Mass. The Council also discussed ways to increase communication and engagement. Methods discussed included:
 1. Print, quarterly newsletter

2. Update to the cluster website, incorporating some items from the weekly email blast and bulletin into a blog or other news update feature.
3. Consistently streaming Masses for parishioners to view online at their convenience. (St. Anne will have a recording system installed to stream Masses sometime this fall.)

4. Closing Prayer