

Our Lady of Lourdes + St. Anne Pastoral Council

June 2, 2022

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

In attendance: Annmarie Cook, Doug Doyle, Bob Dutt, Joe Haefner, Terri Kwiatkowski, Alana Nuth, Tom Walsh, Father Gary Tyman, and Deacon Bill Rabjohn

1. Opening Prayer
2. Update on vacant Pastoral Council position (representative from Our Lady of Lourdes)
 - a. No candidate has been found.
 - b. Pastoral Council members began serving on the Council mid-term in December of 2021. Council members, therefore, have only served for a partial term of six months which is not considered a year of service. So, pastoral council members are permitted to serve the first year of their terms through June 30, 2023. While each current member will have served an extra six months, this extra service ensures greater continuity and Council members are invested in supporting the cluster through the process of revising the weekend Mass schedule.
3. Meeting schedule for the remainder of the calendar year
 - a. The Council will hold one summer meeting on August 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM at St. Anne Church.
 - b. Starting in September, the Council will resume meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. We will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes on odd months and St. Anne Church on even months.
4. Discussion of feedback from the cluster and recommendation for pilot weekend Mass schedule.
 - a. After reviewing the input received during the two town hall meetings, after Mass, through direct contact to a member of the Pastoral Council or the parish offices, and from the survey shared with the cluster, the Pastoral Council, Father Tyman, and Deacon Rabjohn recommend that the cluster move forward with the weekend Mass schedule presented by Option B with some modifications:
 - i. Saturday: 4:00 PM at St. Anne and 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes
 - ii. Sunday: 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes and 11:30 AM at St. Anne
 - b. The pilot weekend Mass schedule will begin on July 1 and will be evaluated after October 31, 2022. The Pastoral Council recommended waiting until after October 31 to evaluate the revised schedule because Mass attendance is typically lower during the summer months and the months of September and October reflect more typical Mass attendance. Adjustments will be made to the schedule as

needed. No additional Masses will be added that would increase the weekend Mass schedule above four Masses.

- c. Option B with modifications was selected for the following reasons:
 - i. Offering Sunday Masses at 9:30 and 11:30 AM allows the choirs at both churches to maintain their choirs schedule with minimal disruption.
 - ii. This schedule offers two Masses on both Saturday and Sunday at both churches.
 - iii. Our neighboring cluster of Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Thomas More offer Mass at 9:00 and 11:00 AM on Sundays. Our Mass schedule would complement their schedule in a way that offers parishioners of all four parishes a variety of Mass options.
 - iv. In Monroe County, multiple churches (13) offer a 4:00 PM Mass on Saturdays. The 4:00 PM Mass at St. Anne is the only 4:00 PM Mass on Saturdays within a 5 mile radius of both St. Anne and Our Lady of Lourdes. Also, the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass allows parishioners arrive home before dark during the winter months.
 - v. Members of the Lithuanian community requested a Mass later than 9:00 AM on Sundays so they could participate in the Lithuanian program offered on Sunday mornings.
 - vi. A later Sunday Mass at St. Anne may better support college students who reside in the area and attend Mass at St. Anne.
- d. The pilot Mass schedule will be announced at Mass this weekend and in Deacon Bill's weekly email blast to parishioners. An insert will be added to the bulletin. Information will be posted on the cluster website and signs will be hung on both church's doors.

5. Closing Prayer