

Pastoral Council Meeting, November 15th, 2022

*All Pastoral Council members were present for this meeting.

Members:

Fr. Adam Zajac (Pastor)

Sally Armstrong (Chairperson)

Bill Gerken (Parish Secretary)

Natale Badillo (Secretary)

Rob Cahill

Patrick Kerrigan (Vice Chairperson)

Susan Mitchell

Tom Stamper

*Pastoral Council Objective: To make positive changes in St. Mel Parish.

✚ Prayers for the Sick:

- Fr. Adam will send an encouraging message to parish members to submit names for Prayers for the Sick in the parish bulletin. Previous announcements about this have been made in the bulletin, so the additional message From Fr. Adam is to inform parish members that submitting names is encouraged.
- Names are able to be submitted for the bulletin, as long as the person, or family member of the person, is agreeable to the person's name being submitted for publication in the bulletin. If the person does not agree to have their name published in the bulletin for the Prayers of the Sick bulletin listing, we must respect their privacy.

✚ Outreach to Homebound Parishioners:

- The names of the homebound parishioners will be drawn from the current list of weekly bulletins mailed to parishioners. We have approximately 20 people on the mailing list at the present time.
- Our church office also has an additional "communion call list" of parish members who have Holy Communion brought to them in their homes from Fr. Adam or our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic ministers).
- We will compare and update both lists to make sure that the list of homebound parishioners is complete (so that we are not missing anyone).
- Some additional ideas proposed:
 - Increasing outreach to bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners more frequently.
 - Having volunteers from our parish visit/call more often to reach out to homebound parishioners.
 - Fr. Adam will look into more details to implement ways for parishioners to reach out to those homebound more frequently.

✚ Donut Sundays!

- Our next Donut Sunday will be on Sunday, December 11th, 2022 after the 7:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.
- Continuation of Donut Sundays for next year:
Thanks to everyone in the parish for the warm and enthusiastic participation with Donut Sundays! We are planning to continue Donut Sundays for the following year (2023). If you haven't had the chance to participate yet, come join us in St. Mel Hall!
- Donut Sundays are held on the second Sundays of the month after the 7:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. All are welcome, even if you are a visitor to the parish on that day!
 - Donuts and accompanying beverages (coffee, juice, water) are free for all who attend.
 - If you would like to contribute with a donation (which is optional), there is always a basket with a sign located at the end of the coffee bar for that purpose.

✚ Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10th 2023, at 7:00 pm.