

Pastoral Council Meeting, July 19th, 2022

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

✚ Recruiting liturgical ministers:

- Liturgical Ministers' Meeting with Fr. Adam—August 1st at 6:30 pm
- Fr. Adam would like to talk about the need for past and present liturgical ministers to continue serving at Masses (if they would like to do so).
- Fr. Adam will also discuss the need to support current ministers and recruit new ministers.
- Fr. Adam would also like present ministers to nominate individuals who may be interested in liturgical ministry, so that parish members and/or Fr. Adam can reach out to them.
- There will be an announcement placed in the parish bulletin to announce the need for more ministers to serve at Masses.
- Fr. Adam will also talk with the present liturgical ministers about gradual changes that will be implemented with the flow (routine) of the Mass (for example, offering both forms of Holy Communion at the masses, once there are enough Eucharistic Ministers).
- Diocesan training for Eucharistic Ministers has resumed this summer—Fr. Adam knows the dates of trainings.

✚ Re-establishing Donut Sundays:

- Plans are in the works to re-establish Donut Sundays after Masses to help the parish build community with one another.
- Donut Sundays will happen on the second Sunday of the month, after the 7:00 am and 10:00 am Masses, starting in September, in the St. Mel Hall (the small hall).
- Pastoral Council members will initially begin hosting Donut Sundays, with hopes of more parishioners volunteering in the future.
 - The 7:00 am volunteer will pick up the donuts; the 10:00 am volunteer will clean up the small hall and kitchen.
 - We will work on writing up a procedure checklist of tasks for “How to Do Donut Sundays” for future volunteers.
 - Susan volunteered to take inventory of existing supplies in the Hall and additional supplies needed to prepare for Donut Sundays.
 - Pastoral Council members offered to help with initial donations for Donut Sundays if there is not enough in the St. Mel budget to restart Donut Sundays.
- We will get the donuts from the Doughnut Pantry in Lakewood (St. Mel parish has an established relationship with the business).
- Donuts, coffee, and juice will be offered for free, but monetary donations to support Donut Sundays will be happily accepted. We will have a donation container at each of the Donut Sunday activities to accept donations.

- List of Parish Council member hosts for the upcoming Donut Sundays:

	<u>After 7:00 am Mass</u>	<u>After 10:00 am Mass</u>
September 11, 2022	Susan	Natale
October 9, 2022	Sally/Tim	Sally/Tim
November 13, 2022	Pat/Carol	Pat/Carol
December 11, 2022	Pat/Rob	Pat/Rob

✚ St. Mark/St. Mel Summer Picnic together in the future?

- St. Mark has a yearly picnic on their parish property—Fr. Adam and a few parishioners had the chance to attend this year, and they said it was very nice!
- Pastoral Council discussed the possibility of St. Mel parishioners joining St. Mark parishioners for the St. Mark summer picnic in the future.
- Also discussed the possibility of St. Mel and St. Mark hosting a joint parish festival (with the agreement of the St. Mark Holy Name Society, since they have a history regarding a parish festival in St. Mark parish).
- Pastoral Council and/or Fr. Adam will talk about the best way to communicate with St. Mark about both of these future possibilities.

✚ Use of St. Mel Hall for rentals:

- Fr. Adam is talking with two caterers for possible catering options for St. Mel Hall (Chef Adam Bostwick and Italian Creations)
- Fr. Adam has a rate structure for St. Mel Hall rentals: parishioner cost vs. non-parishioner cost
- Teresa, the business manager from St. Mark, is working one day each week at St. Mel and has been in charge of arrangements for hall rental
- Derek does the setup for hall rental
- Fr. Adam is planning to have a meeting with the staff regarding new policies and procedures regarding the hall rental (and other related things)

✚ Other topics presented by Fr. Adam:

- Fr. Adam emphasized the need to update the parish census, to determine active parish members and to strengthen parish communication.
- August 2022—missionary priests will be here helping with the Masses during the weekend of August 13th and 14th.
- September 2022—various priests will help Fr. Adam with the masses during the month since Fr. Gary will be gone during the month of September for travel.
- December 2022—Fr. Adam is planning a joint retreat event for St. Mark and St. Mel parishioners at the Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon, OH (property of the Sisters of Notre Dame)
 - The retreat times will be during the first two weekends of December 2022. One weekend will be for a women's' retreat; the other weekend will be for a men's retreat.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 6, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

