

Pastoral Council Meeting, September 6th, 2022

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

✚ Update on Parish Census:

- Fr. Adam emphasized the need to update the parish census, to determine active parish members and to strengthen parish communication.
- Fr. Adam is investigating ways to update the database program we currently utilize for the parish census to make recordkeeping of the census easier in the future; he is currently exploring what options are most efficient and also cost-effective.

✚ Bulletin Improvements:

- Information will be included in the bulletin, moving forward, regarding the following:
 - Upcoming weekly/monthly services for Mass ministers (announcements of who will be serving during the Mass, and in what ministry, for the next week/month)
 - Parishioners who are sick/homebound who need the parish to pray for them, or anyone who has passed away (families of those affected can contact the parish office to ask for inclusion of the information).
 - Continued announcements requesting interest serving in Mass ministry positions
 - Upcoming announcements regarding a volunteer ministry of “Office Angels” to help with parish office tasks as needed (stuffing envelopes for parish mailings, etc.). More information to come!

✚ Music Experiments and Suggestions

- Discussed the general progress of the music ministry, which has gone through recent changes. At the present time, David (our music ministry director) is selecting cantors to serve at Sunday Mass. The parish pays them for their service, which is the standard procedure at many parishes.
- Some discussion was initiated regarding ways to expand the music ministry with more volunteers in the future (in addition to the paid service cantors), but we will maintain the music service as it is for the present time, since David has been able to keep the progress of the music ministry flowing smoothly.

✚ Christmas/Easter Flowers

- A future announcement will be placed in the bulletin for parishioners to purchase flowers, in memory of a loved one, to decorate the church during the Christmas and Easter. Monetary donations for the flowers will be directed toward the St. Mel Church Decoration Fund.

✚ Additional Note: The Return of Donut Sundays!

- Sunday, September 11th, 2022:
Our first Donut Sunday return was a success! Most of the participation was after the 10:00 am Mass (approximately 35-40 people), but there was some participation after the 7:00 am Mass (approximately 15 people).

For next time, we will do the following:

- Repair the Bunn coffeemaker (it stopped working), but fortunately, we had a backup coffeemaker!
- We will get two dozen more donuts for next time (for a total of 8 dozen).

As a reminder, the Donut Sunday hosting schedule is as follows:

	<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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th, 2022, at 7:00 pm.