

Our Parish Needs You!

Our parish has undergone many changes over the past year, a new Priest, the closure of several organizations (the Catholic Women's League, Pierogi Pinchers, Bingo), and changes in our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) membership, just to name a few. These changes will strongly impact our parish and school community.

In order for our parish community to continue to grow and meet the needs of our parishioners and school, we need an infusion of new blood. It is vital we invite new people from our parish community to offer their time, talents, and support in order to continue growing for the future of our children, parish, and faith.

Therefore, we invite YOU to consider joining our Parish Pastoral Council. We are in need of five new members to join our PPC in the "Upper Room" of discernment in order for us to meet these new challenges. The PPC is the means by which "the Holy Spirit leads and enables the whole parish to proclaim the Good News of the love of Jesus Christ" as per Archbishop Albert LeGatt's letter to all the faithful of our Archdiocese.

Please consider the following information to help in your discernment:

The PPC is the main body for lay leadership in the pastoral life of the parish. Its purpose is to engage and enable the whole parish community to a fuller participation in the mission of the parish, fostering pastoral activity within the parish's mission.

United with the pastor, PPC members pray as our ancestors did in the "Upper Room", reflect as Jesus did throughout his life, and guide and inspire the parish with their gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding to define the pastoral situation of the parish and the initiatives required to meet those needs. Simply put, the PPC collaborates to allow the needs of the parish to be heard, learn from the world around us, and speak in a manner that reaches the realities of the people.

A PPC member is a practising Catholic, understands the purpose and method of operation of a Parish Pastoral Council, is committed to the mission of the whole parish, works well with others, and has good communication skills.

Our PPC usually meets once a month, except during the summer months. Decisions and recommendations are made through consensus or by vote if consensus can't be reached.

On some occasions, members *may* be asked to do presentations, meetings, or workshops, and to encourage spiritual growth and leadership formation of parishioners.

Contact Father Janusz or the parish office (204-667-0523) for more information, or if you are willing to join the PPC.

Please pray about this and consider whether you can offer your time and talents by joining the Parish Pastoral Council and assisting your parish community.