

### **Pastoral Council - Call for New Members**

As we look to the future, this is an exciting time to serve on the St. James Pastoral Council. As a consultative body, a pastoral council has three principal purposes:

- To serve as a vehicle for fulfilling the pastoral mission of Jesus and the Church.
- To strive to build a community of disciples who recognize their baptismal calls to lives of holiness, witness, and service.
- To engage in a continuous process of planning which takes into account the needs and priorities of St. James' parishioners and their place in the Archdiocese, and the broader community.

**Time Commitment.** Members serve 3-year terms, with the option to serve a second 3-year term. Members have the obligation to participate in council work in variety of ways. Duties and the approximate time commitment are as follows:

- Pastoral Council Meetings – Monthly, Great Room, 7PM. Approximately 60-90 minutes.
- Commission Meetings – Monthly. Approximately 60-90 minutes. Each council member serves as a liaison to either Prayer and Worship, Formation, Stewardship, Human Concerns or Finance Council.
- Annual Town Hall meeting. Once per year. Approximately 60-90 minutes.
- Retreats. Staff/council retreats are held in the fall and spring. Dates and time commitment for 2022-2023 TBA.
- Strategic Plan Implementation. Council members will work with our pastor, staff, and other members of the parish as we roll-out our Strategic Missionary Plan. The plan focuses on:  
1.) Enhancing our parish culture of invitation and welcome. 2.) Enhancing opportunities for spiritual growth.

**Qualifications.** To be eligible to serve, an individual must be:

- A baptized, practicing Catholic
- At least 18 years of age
- A registered member of our parish
- A participant in parish life, especially Mass and the sacraments

Note: Parish employees and their family members are ineligible to serve. Husbands and wives, siblings, or parent and child may not serve together on councils.

**To Learn More About the Council and the Selection Process:** Contact Pastoral Council Chair, Terry Brecklin at [tbrecklin@gmail.com](mailto:tbrecklin@gmail.com) by May 4.