



Our Mission...

The mission of the Pastoral Council is to provide leadership for the parish community as it directs attention to the other six essential elements of parish life: evangelization, worship, word, community, service, and stewardship. The work of the Pastoral Council is to seek and document the opinions, attitudes, and ideas of the total parish community; to do pastoral planning for the good of the entire parish by appraising its spiritual and physical needs; to develop goals and objectives and assign priorities; to engage in on-going consultation with the pastor.

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Additional information about the Pastoral Council can be found on St. Mary's web site at:

<http://www.stmarysparish.org>

Who We Are

The parish clergy and professional staff, the school principal, heads of the lay ministries and twelve elected or appointed members representing a cross section of the parish adult population.

When We Meet

The second Wednesday of each month, September through June.

Typical Activities

We pray, conduct research and consider and propose for action matters related to the fundamentals of parish life. We do this in collaboration with the Pastor, to insure that St. Mary's meets its pastoral responsibility to the faithful to:

- Announce the word of God
- Use homily and catechesis to teach truths of the faith
- Foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospels, including social justice
- Care for the Catholic education of children and young adults
- Bring the gospel message to people who may have ceased religious practice
- Make the Holy Eucharist the center of parish life
- Nourish the faithful through devout celebration of the sacraments
- Remind the faithful to practice family prayer
- Help the faithful toward full, active and conscious participation in the liturgy
- Form a caring community, especially for those in grief
- Help the sick, especially those close to death
- Reach out to strangers in need, like the good Samaritan did
- Foster the growth of individuals through human love in marriage
- Support Christian life inside of families
- Integrate and unite parish life with the life of the Diocese and that of the universal Church



*Front Row: Msgr. Michael F. Rose, Louise Garone, Robert Doiron, Fr. Adam Reid
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