

Our Mission...

The Pastoral Council strives to provide leadership for the parish community as together we direct our attention to the seven elements of parish life: worship, community, leadership, formation, social justice, evangelization and stewardship. We work closely with the Pastor, the Council of Ministries and the Parish Staff to support the St. Mary Parish mission.

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www.stmarysparish.org

*We are Stewards
of our Time & Talent*

Why We Exist?

The specific objectives of the Pastoral Council are to seek and document the opinions, attitudes, and ideas of the entire 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; and to engage in on-going consultation with the pastor.



Back Row (Left to Right):

Tim Rivard, Bob Terry,
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Nelson, Gary Anderson.

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Tom Estaphan, Greg Morelli,
Susan Zybert, Jim Heald,
Ellen O'Connor, Jim Farrell

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, the Council of Ministries and the Parish Staff, 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