

St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council Elections

We have 10 candidates for 3 open Parish Council positions. (9 new, 1 incumbent)
We sincerely thank David Dienst and MariLou Ernste, who are going off the Council, for their knowledge, leadership and sharing their expertise. Elections will be held the weekend of June 13 & 14. If you know that you will not be here that weekend, absentee ballots are available from now through June 15th calling or stopping in the office.

Meet the Council Candidates

Wendy Aaker

Wendy was nominated as a candidate for the Parish Pastoral Council. She and her family have been members St. Patrick since 2007. Wendy lost her husband, Skip, last year and they have a daughter, Anna. Wendy works as a claims tech in Eagan. She is more than willing to help out where she is needed.



Patti Angelow

Patti and her husband Gary have two grown sons and 2 grandchildren. They are members of St. Patrick for 15 years. She worked with the public for 20 years in customer service. Gary & Patti are active at St. Patrick as greeters and where else we are needed. Patti was nominated to be a candidate and says she would be very happy to serve the parish on the Parish Pastoral Council if elected.

Walter David

Wally was born and raised in the Shieldsville area. As of September 2014 he moved back to his family farm. Since then, he and his wife Betty have become members of St. Patrick's parish. I feel the Catholic faith is very important and would like to see it grow especially with our youth. Wally retired from Wenger Corp. in Owatonna after 40 years of serve. He served on the profit sharing board for 25 years, active in the Owatonna Jaycees, Cub Master for 7 years and a hospice volunteer. Wally served on two HOA board and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. They winter in Arizona January through March and would not be available for the meetings; however, he has a cell phone or email if needed. Walter is a self-nominated candidate.



Edward DeGrood

Ed has lived in Faribault all his life. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Academy, a U.S. Army Veteran and a farmer. He and his wife Phyllis are the parents of five grown children and have been married 48 years. Ed is currently retired from driving semi. Ed & Phyllis former members of St. Lawrence and Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault. Ed was nominated as a candidate and if elected will gladly become more active at St. Patrick by serving on the PPC.



Paul Dietz

Paul has four grown children. He and his wife Linda live in rural Faribault. Paul has worked for MOM Brands Foods (Malt-O-Meal) for 18 years and is currently Facilities Maintenance Technician in Lakeville. Paul and Linda have been married for 13 years and members of St. Patrick for 16 years. Paul was nominated as a candidate for the PPC and be happy to accept the opportunity if he is elected.



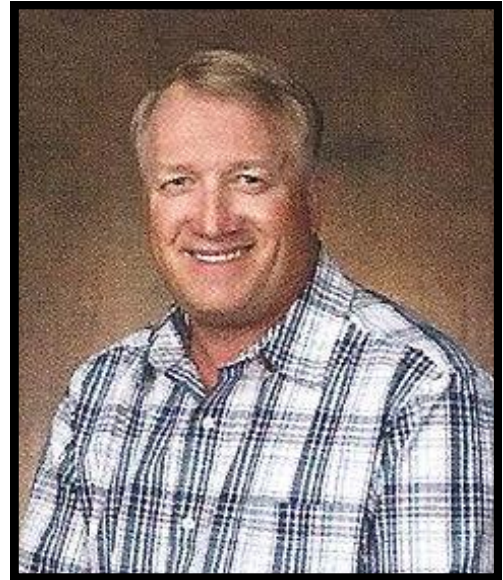
Doug Knutson



Doug feels very honored to have been nominated for the Parish Pastoral Council. He is a member of St. Patrick for almost four years. He is active in the choir and involved in church events such as Grand Party, Parish Festival and Women's Summer Concert. He lived in Faribault for 37 years and is married to Kathy. They have four grown children. Doug is a 4th Degree Knight in the Faribault K. of C. Doug brings some experience as he was on the PPC at Divine Mercy for 3 years. He feels he could do a good job in St. Patrick's future. Doug feels St. Patrick is a very warm and welcoming parish and the people here are very caring and kind. Thank you.

Todd Petricka

Todd nominated himself as a candidate for the Parish Pastoral Council. He has been a member of St. Patrick since 2001 and would like to continue to be active in the parish. Todd has lived in Faribault his whole life and works construction. Todd never married and is always willing to help out when asked.



Mary Kay Reynolds *(incumbent)*

Mary Kay is married to Harvey Reynolds and together they have 7 children and 13 grandchildren. Mary Kay worked for Rice County for 23 years as a home health aide and also helps with Reynolds Asphalt Maintenance. She has been an usher for many years and is also in the bell choir. If you have been at the Holiday Open House, she is the person who greets you at the door. Mary Kay served 3 years on the Council and would love to be there for another 3 years to work at and help with keeping our church going in the Catholic faith.



Ruth Seykora

Ruth has been a member of St. Patrick since 1989. Her husband, Meinard died in 2005 and they have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grand children. Ruth is active in the parish as a Eucharistic Minister, money counter and kitchen helper at Funeral luncheons. She nominated herself and was also nominated to be a candidate for the PPC. Ruth would love to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council so that she could be more involved in the Church. Ruth believes her ideas would be helpful.



Wayne Velishek

Wayne has been a member of St. Patrick for 43 years. He and his wife Tracy have 4 married sons and 10 grandchildren. Wayne retired from Menasha Packaging in October 2014 after 38 years (26 years as flexo supervisor). He now spends more time with his grandchildren, his brothers and sisters and helping out at St. Patrick. Wayne was nominated as a candidate and would like to be on the Parish Pastoral Council to promote change where change is needed. He feels his former job has given him good people and decision making skills. He also has knowledge of mechanical systems and maintenance.