

Information about the Parish Council

What Does Serving on the Parish Council Offer?

Serving on the Parish Council offers its members an opportunity to experience the constructive and supportive fellowship of other lay people as together they prayerfully seek to continually develop a vision for the future of our Church. It offers the opportunity to make a difference in the life and spirituality of the Parish by encouraging the spiritual development of individual members and of the group.

What is the Parish Council?

It is desirable that the Council be a representative cross section of the Parish. Experience in at least one of the Standing Committees is a benefit.

The Council is the representative voice of the Parish whose purpose it is to:

1. Enlist the cooperative efforts of the clergy in carrying out the apostolic work of the Church.
2. Maintain a two-way channel of communication between priests and the laity on matters that concern the good of the Church.
3. Make available to the Pastor the knowledge and experience of the laity in order to assist him in reaching decisions regarding both the spiritual and temporal conduct of the Parish and community.
4. Act in accordance with the Mission Statement.

What is the Parish Mission Statement?

Holy Family Parish, in union with the Roman Catholic Church, has a primary mission to help by word and deed to spread God's teachings of love and eternal salvation.

This mission requires that we maintain a community of faith and worship which provides spiritual needs and growth: an open family atmosphere for members and non-members; and outreach programs to respond to physical and spiritual needs of the parish community.

Who is Eligible to Run for Parish Council?

A candidate must be at least 18 years of age, a practicing Catholic in good standing in the church and a member of the Parish for at least (1) year. Elected members must be willing to devote the time necessary to conduct the business of the Council.

How long are the Terms of Office?

Each member serves a period of 3 years, beginning on July 1.

What do Parish Council Members do?

Parish Council Members meets to discuss matters pertinent to the running of the Parish. These meetings generally last approximately 2 hours. Meeting times are normally on the third Monday of each month at 7:00PM. Additional time is devoted to ad hoc and other committees as needed. Attendance at monthly meetings is required.

What if I will be Unavailable to Vote during the Election Weekend?

Absentee ballots will be available at the Parish Office, 9:00AM to 3:00PM Monday through Friday. They must be turned in no later than 3:00PM on Friday, June 8 to be counted.

Parish Council Election Calendar 2013

May 1	Nominations accepted at the Parish Office.
May 24	Deadline for submitting candidate profiles- in the Parish Office <u>by 1:00PM.</u>
June 1/2	Candidate profiles will appear in the bulletin.
June 5-7	Absentee ballots available in the Parish Office
June 8/9	Election. All votes counted after the 11:15AM Mass.
June 15/16	Election results published in the bulletin
Mon. /June 17	First meeting of new members along with the outgoing members.