



St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council
Candidates for Election and Their Goals—2017

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Jordan Burgess

I would like to work on bringing even more people back to the church and try to get more young people involved in parish activities.



Arthur Durkin

I will bring my vision and commitment to further our call to be Living with Purpose...Living with Christ! As a writer of our Disciples in Mission Parish Plan, I discovered my interest in serving and bringing back members within our community. I want to be part of the solution!



Dave Erwin

As a member of the Parish Council, I hope to continue to carry out the good work and sense of community so many others have done before me. Being an ambassador of St. Michael's will be my #1 goal.



Mary Beth Fernandez

Relying on my strong faith, life experiences, and my experiences as an active member of our Parish, I would continue and improve the mission here at Saint Michael and to represent all parishioners, by being a disciple of God through my own example.



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Ryan Foley

As member of the council it will be my goal to listen to the needs of the church and the parishioners and to do my part in helping make those needs a reality. It is also my desire to bring Matthew Kelley in as a guest speaker.



John Iannarone

I am fortunate to be a member of an active and welcoming St. Michael's community and am humbled to be considered for a seat on the Parish Pastoral Council. If elected, I will do my best to help build upon the strong foundation created by the current and past Councils.



Becky Justin

One goal I have is to encourage our parish to embrace our new initiative in mission work. I would like to see this work expand to our neighboring communities. Another goal is to increase our parish participation in Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration attendance has dramatically decreased over the years.



Peter Lafond

I was baptized at St. Michael's, graduated from St. Michael School, am participating in groups today, and have been involved in many activities over many years. The parish has been a huge part of the foundation, and continues to be an integral part of my life. My goal is to listen and observe, to offer opinions and thoughts, which will contribute to the mission statement of the parish.



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Michael McLaughlin

I seek to share my decade of experience in the field of Catholic education as a teacher, administrator, and curriculum writer to help all members better know our faith, live it well by drawing on our rich heritage and parish traditions and finding innovative ways to plan for future opportunities and challenges.



Donna O'Brien

I love being Catholic and I love our parish. Having seen my own spiritual growth, I recognize that involvement in parish life only increases that growth. The opportunity to work with others interested in supporting our Pastor and Priests is an avenue to hopefully make St. Michael Parish be the best it can be.



Socorro Ramos

With gratitude for God's blessings and St. Michael community, I will be honored to use my life/volunteer/work experiences to serve the Pastoral Council in achieving its evangelization mission "Live with Purpose...Live with Christ" and encourage parish families and youth to actively participate in our faith and service to others.



Paul Rock

I want to help the parish grow and help form an outreach to parents of our Religious Education students, helping them realize how important faith is for the children and for them. That would include high school students and their parents.



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Marylou Salois

Having been a St. Michael Parishioner all my life, I would like to be able to assist in the many activities and decision-making work necessary to continue being the best and most active parish in the Archdiocese. Since most of my volunteering has been with youth, I would like to help find ways to start with our young people in order to keep people, youth and adults, involved in our wonderful Parish.



Steve Seide

If elected I would do my best to help St. Michael Parish serve the parishioners and community - to fulfill our role within the Diocese as well as locally. To help build on the foundation making St. Michael's the Church and parish where all attendees have an experience that wants them to return and tell others about it. Help St. Michaels' be the best it can be.



Greg Spurr

As a member of the parish council, my goal would be to try and find ways to bring more people into the Church (especially young people) and to share my story of conversion and spiritual growth through the Catholic Church. After going through RCIA at Saint Michael's and becoming a Catholic, I lived my Cursillo in 2011. These two events taught me the importance of the laity (people like me and you) in helping to build a strong church community that provides support and opportunities to its parishioners so that we can grow our faith and share our love of God with others.



Joseph M. Stewart

If given the honor to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council, my objective is to grow the number of young adults in our faith community. My goal is to improve the presence and participation of young adults, particularly in the sacraments of confirmation and reconciliation, volunteering within the parish, and attending mass on a regular basis.