Our Parish Council

Our Parish Council is a body of parish members committed to serving the parish. They bring varied perspectives, skills, and talents. They act as stewards of our parish, helping our pastor to envision, plan, and implement policies and activities that promote Gospel ministry in the Franciscan tradition. Our Council members strive to encourage full participation in the life of our parish and to demonstrate that transparency and collaboration are possible and desirable in today’s church.

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis Parish is a Catholic Christian Community building the reign of God in the spirit and path of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We value vibrant liturgy and personal prayer as a way to worship God and celebrate life.

Challenged by the Holy Spirit, we reach beyond ourselves to care for our neighbors, the poor, the marginalized, and those alienated by our Catholic Church.

We respond to the command of Jesus to love by welcoming all, evangelizing, supporting spiritual growth, and being Eucharist to each other.

We aspire to be witnesses and prophets advocating for justice in the world and in the Church.

We are an inclusive community respecting the dignity of all persons and supporting the journey of each person.
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council

Stewardship

Our Parish Council is an elected body of parish members committed to serving our parish community, working in close consultation with the pastor prayerfully to discern and to carry out the Will of God for our parish now and into the future.

Listening and Responding to the Spirit of God

Our Council, with the pastor and input from parish staff members, prayerfully considers what the Spirit of God is calling the parish to be and become.

Participation and Cooperation

Our Council provides the means whereby members of the parish can express ideas and concerns for the common good and mission of the parish.

Shared Practical Wisdom

In dialogue, members of the Council and the pastor come to an understanding of the spiritual as well as physical concerns and needs of the people of the parish and broader community. The council advises the pastor in the development of parish policies and strategies to address those concerns and needs.

Parish Planning

The Council, along with staff, and responding to feedback from all members of the parish community, works with the pastor on parish planning. This includes an annual assessment of needs, setting of parish goals and priorities, and parish budget review.

How can I participate on the Parish Council?

- Parish Council members are elected by members of our parish community.
- Each year five (5) Council members are elected.
- Council members serve a term of 3 years.
- Candidates must be registered members of the parish for at least one year.
- Candidates must be at least 16 years of age.
- No previous parish volunteer experience is necessary—just a commitment to serving our parish.
- Candidates must complete application forms and provide a photo of themselves by the posted deadline.
- Application forms are available on the parish website and in the Parish Center.
- Parish members vote for candidates in late May.
- Those elected begin service in July.

Want to learn more...

Attend a Parish Council Meeting

All Parish Council meetings are open to all parishioners.
2nd Tuesdays • 6:00 pm • Brunsman Hall

Contact Us

Parish Council members are available after weekend liturgies to talk with parishioners.

Email: ParishCouncil@stfrancisparish.com
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