

2019 Pastoral Council Candidates

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John Winkels - St. Mark, Iowa Falls



I have been a member of St. Mark Parish for ten years. During that time, and also at prior parishes, I've been involved in many areas: Faith Formation Commission, Catholic school board, Pastoral Council, catechist, and Knights of Columbus. My wife Barb and I have four children. Our youngest, Olivia, will be confirmed at St. Mark this fall. I truly enjoy being involved in our parish and look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Pastoral Council.

Dan Kadolph - St. Mary, Eldora



My wife Sharilyn and I live in Hubbard. I have been a lifelong member of St. Mary Parish. We have two children: Jared is married to Lisa, and they have one son, Beau. Our daughter Alesha is an Occupational Therapist for ChildServe. I would like to continue to serve as a member of the Pastoral Council, as I want to help our parish continue to grow and thrive. In the past, I have been a

catechist, a member of the Finance Council, and on the fish fry planning committee.

Terry Miller - St. Mary, Eldora



My wife Nancy and I have been members of St. Mary Parish since 1998, one year after we were married. We have three children: Rachel is a student at Simpson College, Tyler will graduate from South Hardin this month, and Nathan is an 8th grader. Over the years, I've been a catechist and a member of the Pastoral Council. Currently, I

serve as a Eucharistic minister, usher, greeter, and gift bearer. I'm open to change and new ideas, and I'd welcome the opportunity to help our parishes work together and move forward.

Jacob Brancaleon - St. Patrick, Hampton



My wife Amber and I, and son Elijah, are fairly new to St. Patrick, though we are excited to be further involved in the life of the parish. Amber and I took over the RCIA preparation from Anais not long after our arrival. This was our third year involved in RCIA preparation. I have seen a wide array of parishes from the large 4000 family parish I was raised in to now the

slightly smaller St. Patrick. I have been a part of parishes on college campuses, both in Ames and at Loras College, in Davenport, Des Moines, and several experiences on military bases. Each of these has given me further insight into what might and might not work in a given setting. I have a baccalaureate in philosophy from my time in the seminary program at Loras discerning a call to life with the Trappists at Our Lady of New Melleray Abbey. I spent 9 years in the Iowa Air National Guard and have gained much leadership experience through this. I would like to be on the Pastoral Council to bring my many insights, experiences, and ideas, as well as my generational disposition, to lead the parish forward to growth, deepening of spiritual life, and more efficient management of resources.

Jeff Frazier - St. Mary, Ackley



My wife Joan, our three children, and I moved to Ackley in 2007. In addition to operating Ibeling Insurance Services, we have been involved in many civic, sports, and church activities. I am currently serving on the Pastoral Council and Finance Council and I am seeking re-election to the Pastoral Council for a final three-year term. I have greatly enjoyed being part of the St. Mary

community, and want to continue to contribute what I can.

Jeff Kurth - St. Mary, Ackley



My wife Janet and I have two sons, Justin and Jeremy, one daughter Jordan, and five grandsons. I am running for St. Mary's Pastoral Council because I believe dreams are possible. I am able to think outside the box. It's easy to be a doubter and find the bad, I am selfless and a believer. The good may be hard to find, but I have faith to see through the ugly duckling (satan) and see the beautiful swan (Jesus) in all of us.

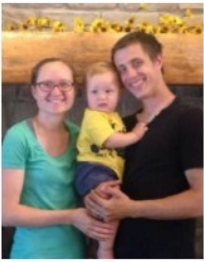
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2019 Faith Formation Commission Candidates

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Amber Brancaleon - St. Patrick, Hampton



My husband, son, and I moved to Hampton about one year ago. I am interested in being on the faith formation committee because I have a passion for teaching and learning, and I want to be more involved with our parish community. I would be a good fit for the committee because of my experiences in creating environments for children and adults to learn. I have always loved working with children and was a Speech Pathologist in the schools for a couple of years. I now have the blessing of teaching my toddler son! I also have 2 years of Catechist experience as well as Level 1 training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. I have enjoyed worked with adults for 4 years in various RCIA programs. Thank you to all who have welcomed us into this community and I look forward to getting more involved in whatever way the Lord wills. God Bless!

Sherry Peterson - St. Patrick, Hampton



My husband Dwight and I have five children and five grandchildren. We've been active and longtime members of St. Patrick Parish. I am currently on the Stewardship Committee and Faith Formation Commission, and I've served on other councils and committees in the past. I also serve as a Eucharistic minister and take communion to the homebound. I feel that faith formation is important for our families and I'd like to find ideas that keep the whole family involved.

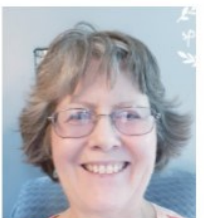
Michelle Bridgewater - St. Mark, Iowa Falls



I have been part of St. Mark's since 2004 and previously served 3 years on the Faith Formation Commission. My husband Brad and I have 4 children: Hailey, 14, Ella, 9, Bennett, 5, and Summit, 3. I have been a kindergarten teacher for 15 years, here in Iowa Falls. My family and I attend mass regularly and my older girls attend Religious Education weekly, and Brad taught this year. When I was part of

the Faith Formation Commission in the past, I assisted in picking new curriculum and listened and helped make decisions for the program. I want to be part of the FFC again because having four children who will all be part of our RE program, I think it's important that I be involved with the direction the program is going. I want to have an active role as a supporter of our church and our program for my children and all the children of Iowa Falls.

Kathy Hanzek - St. Mark, Iowa Falls



I recently moved to Iowa Falls from Eldora. I served on the Faith Formation Commission for several years at St. Mary's when Fr. Tony was our pastor. I am interested in helping our youth in their formation and growth in the Catholic faith. I am a lifelong Catholic, born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. I had strong faith-filled parents that shared an adoration holy hour, that instilled a great faith in the Lord in me. I'd

be happy to serve the parish of St. Mark on the Faith Formation Commission.

Joan Schuller - St. Mary, Eldora



I live in Steamboat Rock and have been a member of St. Mary's for two years. Previous to being members at St. Mary's, we lived in Grundy Center for 25 years and belonged to St. Gabriel parish. My husband John and I have three grown children. All are married and live too far away. We also have three beautiful grandbabies - who also live way too far away! I am a 7-12 grade Family & Consumer Sciences/Health teacher in the Grundy Center school district. Our spiritual lives have been greatly enriched through the adult education offerings of our parish, by the diocese, and by other faith groups, and I have a desire to assist in the planning of faith formation so members of our parish of all ages have programming to assist them in their faith journey.

Beth Gronewald - St. Mary, Ackley



My husband Doug and I have six grown children: Michelle, Joe, Jim, Anna, Emily, and Becky. I teach 3rd and 4th grade at St. Patrick Catholic School in Cedar Falls. In serving on the St. Mary Faith Formation Commission, I would like to be the voice of parish members by listening to them and relaying their needs on to the Faith Formation team. I support doing an assessment of the parish needs and promoting any programs that would enrich parishioners' faith life, especially young adult formation, Catholic social teachings, and developing stewardship of the Earth programs.

Denise Sprain - St. Mary, Ackley

My husband Ron and I have two sons, Matt and Tyler. Tyler and daughter-in-law Mackenzie have one daughter, Andi. My hobbies include sewing and gardening. If elected to the St. Mary Faith Formation Commission, I would like to help with the needs of the church.

Julie Wojcik - St. Mary, Ackley



My husband Joe and I have been married for 45 years. We have two grown daughters who are married, and each has two children. I am retired now but have worked in hospitals as a mammography technician. I would like to continue to serve on the Faith Formation Commission and be involved in our young people's religious education. We all need to work harder to be more faithful with all the distractions in our lives. It's been difficult to get our parents truly invested and involved in their children's religious education, so I would like to see more family-oriented activities/gatherings.

THANK YOU

*to all the candidates for your willingness
to serve our faith communities!*