

# **SS. John & Bernard Parish**

## **Parish Advisory Council Nominees**

### **David Collins**

20-year Parishioner

"I desire to give of my time to contribute to the health of our parish family."

"I care about the spiritual well being of our parish as I believe it is vital for my family and me, all parishioners and our community."

### **Janice Fischer**

11-month Parishioner

"I've been looking for a way to be of use to the Parish. I attend St. Bernard and agree with Father Ben that we all need to make the church more vibrant and welcoming."

"I've come to love St. Bernard in a short period of time and would welcome the opportunity to help serve the parish in any way."

### **Judy Fitzgerald**

10-year Parishioner

"I've been praying for a way to become more involved in our Parish. When I read in the bulletin about the Parish Council, I think God was sending me a message to apply for the Council."

"I want to donate my time to aid in the growth of our parish. I've counted money, helped with our funeral lunch program, and brought Communion to those who cannot attend church. I would like to help now in a new capacity."

### **Chad Hartline**

10-year Parishioner

"After helping with New Life retreats and being involved with Dirty Vagabond, I think I have enough time and talent to help the parish."

"I am a 50-year-old man with a very diverse life and job experience. I have a great and wonderful relationship with our Lord, and I want to help make this Parish what I want it to be."

### **Kathleen Jannings**

55-year Parishioner

"I want to become a member of the Parish Advisory Council to assist Fr. Ben in continuing to make our parish a loving faith community. I love Fr. Ben's enthusiasm for the Catholic Faith and I strongly feel great things are yet to come for SS. John and Bernard Parish."

"Being on the PAC would allow me another way to evangelize my faith and the faith of others."

## **Rolfe Jenkins**

13-year Parishioner

"The Parish Advisory Council would appear to be a modest participatory role where one may learn how the parish functions as an individual entity and as part of the Diocese. It would appear that a small cadre of parishioners are currently performing duties that should be shared among a larger group of the parishioners."

"I was on the parish financial committee and tithing committee at St. Joseph parish for several years in the late 1990's before moving. I worked in the Soup Kitchen for St. Joseph and SS. John & Bernard over a span of some 15 years. I am currently on the board of the Twin City Players."

## **Joe Leahy**

12-year Parishioner

"In previous parishes I have started and led a retreat program, visited sick and prisoners, and chaired Baptismal preparation programs. Currently, I am leading prayer services at Sacred Heart rehab in Berrien Springs."

"My goal for the parish is to continue to grow by engaging the community as well as active parishioners and cultural Catholics. Our strength as a people of faith is our ability to be open to others and share our belief in Jesus Christ and our greater community, the Catholic Church."

## **Peg Pinkowski**

18-year Parishioner

"I love exploring new ideas and avenues for the parish to grow in size, worship participation, education, outreach and love of the Lord."

"I have a penchant for exploring new ideas, organizing and delivering innovative programming, and sharing my excitement about the faith with others. I have volunteered in a number of parish ministries over the years. Most recently, I facilitated very successful Poland World Youth Day fund raising efforts and spearheaded a yearlong Fatima celebration. Currently I am also a part of the music ministry, a weekday Mass lector and funeral Mass meal provider. I have been working closely with Darla Nickel, Father Bob, and others this year and last to develop a lasting presence and active evangelization program at the Berrien County Youth Fair."

## **Scott Saunders**

22-year Parishioner

"I was the Maintenance Supervisor of the Lake Michigan Catholic School System and a Cub Scout den leader."

"The Lord has challenged me as a stroke survivor. Although my body has been weakened, my faith and spirit have never been stronger."

"I've waited and watched for 7 years to be shown the correct door to walk through. If elected I will give our parish all the time and talent that it requires of me."