

2026 St. Mary Pastoral Council Nomination Form

Our Parish Pastoral Council is looking for leaders who are committed to advancing our parish mission. If you are a registered parishioner, you are invited to nominate another parishioner - or yourself - to serve a three-year term on the Council.

Eligible nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Roman Catholic
- 18 years old or older
- Registered and active member of the parish
- Actively practices their faith through regular participation at Mass
- Not employed as a parish staff member, or an immediate family relative of a parish staff member

Please complete the information below and deposit it in the collection baskets or in the boxes at the church entrances, or mail it to the Parish Office at 9520 W. Forest Home Avenue, Hales Corners, WI 53130.

Nominations must be received by Noon on Monday, July 20, 2026.

Nominees will be contacted to determine if they wish to enter into the discernment process for new Pastoral Council members.

Orientation meetings for all who accept the nomination will be held on:

Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm in Room 312

- or -

Wednesday, July 29 at 6:30 pm in the Marian Room

Nominees must attend one of these sessions.

The actual discernment of new members will take place on Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 pm.

All nominees who wish to be considered for membership on the Pastoral Council must be in attendance.



Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work or Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Submitted by: _____

*(Anonymous nominations will **not** be considered.)*

St. Mary Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council and the Finance Council are the two advisory councils that exist in every parish. While members of the Finance Council are appointed by the pastor, the members of the Pastoral Council are surfaced by the parishioners through the annual nomination process.

What Does the Pastoral Council Do?

The Parish Pastoral Council, according to canon law, is to “investigate all those things which pertain to pastoral works, weighing them and proposing practical conclusions about them” (cc. 511, 536). In a broad sense, this main purpose of the council to serve as stewards of the mission of the church can be described as **pastoral planning**. The members of the Pastoral Council serve as the wisdom group within the parish community. The pastor and the Pastoral Council collaboratively focus on the mission of the church. The pastoral council has three principal purposes:

- To serve as a vehicle for **fulfilling the pastoral mission of Jesus and the Church** in our parish community;
- To strive to **build a community of disciples** who recognize their baptismal call to lives of holiness, witness and service;
- To engage in a **continuous process of pastoral planning** which takes into account the needs and priorities of its parishioners, the Archdiocese, the broader community, and the world.

The council is a **consultative body** (c. 536.2). As such, it exists as a wisdom group commissioned to discern, proclaim, and make visible the presence and action of the Spirit within the parish community. Its very nature is to provide counsel.

Who Is Eligible to Serve on the Pastoral Council?

Eligible nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Roman Catholic
- 18 years old or older
- Registered as an adult member of St. Mary Parish
- Actively practices their faith through regular participation at Mass
- Not employed as a parish staff member or an immediate family member of a parish staff member

Nominations and Selection of New Members

Nominations for new members of Pastoral Council will be accepted for two weekends, July 11 - 12 and July 18 - 19, before and after every Mass.

Nominees will be contacted to determine if they wish to enter into the discernment process for new Council members.

All who accept their nomination are required to attend one orientation session with Fr. Aaron on either July 28 or July 29.

More information on the commitment and expectations will be discussed at the orientations.

The actual discernment of new members will take place on Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 pm.

All nominees who wish to be considered for membership on the Council must be in attendance at this final discernment.