

Parish Pastoral Council



We, the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, extend our warmest welcome to you, the newest members of our parish family. We are here to serve the people of St. Mary of the Pines Parish and to provide for its spiritual needs.

From its foundation, the Diocese of Shreveport directed that each parish establish a Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is a consultative body, composed of registered parishioners, whose task is to *advise* the pastor on matters that concern the life and mission of the parish.

Depending on the Pastoral Council Constitution, members are elected or appointed, or a combination of both.

Parish Pastoral Council meetings are held once a month and are open to all members of the parish. Meeting dates are listed in the Parish Bulletin.

The Parish Pastoral Council has no less than six (6) and no more than nine (9) members at any time. The Council is composed of active, registered members of St. Mary of the Pines Parish who have achieved their eighteenth year. Prospective Council members are recommended to the pastor. He invites them to serve for a term of three years. The term of service is renewable once, upon the agreement of both parties.

Parishioners possessing talents in group dynamics and those with management skills can find a use for their talents on this Council. If you would like to serve on the Pastoral Council, call the Parish Office at 318 687 5121. You will be considered for the next opening on the Council.

Welcome to St. Mary of the Pines Parish Family,

Our parish family is an extension of our own immediate family. We share the same beliefs, we work together, we pray together, we teach together, we socialize together and sometimes we disagree. Anything that happens within our own homes is no different than what happens in our church home, and love continues regardless of any difference. Our lives touch each other through ministry, prayer, and the celebration of God's Word and the sacraments. We hope this booklet will guide you in becoming an essential part of our Catholic Christian Family.

Please feel free to contact any one of our ministry leaders if you have any questions or need any additional information. We look forward to being a part of your life and you a part of ours, for it is through the sharing of our talents that we are truly blessed.

Through God's Will,

Your Parish Pastoral Council