

2021 PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES



John Darnell

If elected, I would be excited to serve you on the pastoral council to further our mission to meet Christ, follow Christ, and bear Christ. First and foremost, I am husband to my wife, Tara, and father of four (Kateri, Rosemary, Magdalene, and Thomas). I work in Technical Services at Epic (going on 9 years), where I solve technical problems, manage projects, and manage staff. I've been involved at St. Christopher as the coordinator of the Welcoming Team for new parishioners, as the emcee and planner of Emmaus Days, singing in the choir, and as a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Before St. Christopher, I have served as a Catholic schoolteacher, a religious education catechist, a leader for the diocesan Marriage Preparation retreats, and as a mentor for engaged couples. I am passionate about growing community and would work toward building a strong faith community as a member of the pastoral council.



Susan Fineout

Married in a major snow blizzard at Immaculate Conception Church in 1984 in Traverse City MI to Gary Fineout retired US Navy. Attended that Catholic School until 8th grade. Have 2 daughters, 1 son-in-law and 2 grandsons. I have lived in Naples, Italy, Minneapolis, MN, VA Beach, VA, Menomonie, Monroe, and Mt. Horeb, WI. Currently living in Blue Mounds. Graduate of UW-Stout, O.D.U. (Norfolk VA) Secondary Education. Two Post M.S. certificates at UW-Madison. Worked 16 years in the second largest school district in Virginia as a classroom teacher and then an Instructional Specialist. Then merged into Adult Education through Am. Red Cross, Alzheimer's Association, Alliance and Institutes. Life member on VWF Post 7591 as Auxiliary Member/Officer and was active with the Navy Wives Club. I've been a member of St. Christopher Parish since 2002. I enjoy being with Family, VFW, and Church Outings.



Amy Harker

After two years serving our parish as the Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education, I am stepping down from that role in June in order to stay home with my two energetic children. It would be an honor to continue to serve our parish in a new way as a member of the pastoral council. If given the opportunity, I would be excited to once again work with Father Rob, the staff, and council members to continue to make our community better. I've enjoyed getting to know many parishioners at St. Christopher through my time as a staff member; as a council member, I would do my best to represent our whole parish family and the diverse needs of the community. After a profound encounter with Christ in college, my Catholic faith has been central to my life, and I have served the universal Church in many ways since then: as a Bible Study leader, high school catechist, liturgical musician, and staff member. I look forward to stepping into a new ministry next year as I serve the domestic church (my own family) and the St. Christopher community in new ways.



Leah Heinzen

Hello, My name is Leah Heinzen. I have been a registered member of the parish for about 6 years. I am a Teacher's Aide in the Pre K class at Saint Peter Ashton School in Middleton. I currently help out with Middle/ High School ministry and Love Begins Here. I am a good listener and work well with others. I would enjoy being a part of the council and helping the community. Thank you.

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Linda Jannusch

I have worked as an accountant/financial analyst for 27 years, leading various teams. I grew up in Columbus WI and attended St. Jerome school. There, I was an altar server and organist. I have lived in Verona and been a parishioner here for 20 years. I have two sons that attend UW-Madison. I taught religious education when they were in grade school. I also taught a high school small group for a year and sang in our church choir a couple of years. I was on the Adult Faith Team for ten years where I helped organize events such as Bible studies, small groups, book studies, and pilgrimage trips. I took small group training last year and led a small group study this past Lenten season. I coordinate the monthly 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration vigils and am a Safety Volunteer (usher) at the 11:00 Mass. I would be honored to serve our parish by being on the Pastoral Council where I can use the leadership and organizational skills God gave me.



Steve McKeon

My wife, Jane, myself and our six children moved to Verona in 1991 and have been members of St Andrew's for 29 years. As a widower, I live in Oregon and all my children live within a 15-mile radius of Verona.

I'm semi-retired, with my hands still in the business. I have been in the food business for 50 years having spent my last 37 years in the cheese business. I'm a catechist for middle school children and an advisory member of the St Christopher school development committee.

I'm particularly passionate about the need for Christ in the world at a time of so much confrontation and unrest and believe that the development of catholic education has the ability to instill new Christian sensitivity in a new generation of Catholics.



Rob Yeiser

Rob has been a member of St. Christopher Parish since 2018, when he and his wife, Mary, moved to Verona. Blessed with three grown children, Rob and Mary have been married for 27 years and previously lived in New Glarus. While there, they belonged to St. Francis of Assisi Parish where Rob served on the parish council for six years. Rob has been a Knight since 2012, is an associate member of St. Vincent de Paul, and has served at the Badger Prairie community meal. Rob has a background in finance and has worked in the insurance industry for over 25 years. If elected, he looks forward to actively serving the parish community as a council member.