



# Saint Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church

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To See as Christ Sees and Love as Christ Loves

## **SERVE YOUR PARISH: CONSIDER JOINING OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Nominations for election to The St. Raphael Pastoral Council are now open. The Pastoral Council assists our pastor in ministering to the people of the parish. The Council serves as a planning and advisory group. It meets on the second Monday of the month, except for July and December.

Various Pastoral Council committees are involved with specific areas of parish life, such as developing the parish plan, parish celebrations and spiritual enrichment, and encouraging ministries. The Pastoral Council works closely with the pastor, parish staff, Finance Council, and the St. Raphael School and Preschool. Members of the Council receive input from individuals and groups, e.g., as presenters during Pastoral Council meetings, as well as during their interaction with others in the parish.

The Pastoral Council has two types of voting membership: elective and appointed. **The election will take place on the weekends of May 3-11** to fill the elective memberships that are open. Elected or appointed members of the Pastoral Council may serve up to 2 consecutive terms of 3 years each. After serving 2 consecutive terms, a member must sit out one year before running for election again.

**Parishioners wishing to run for Pastoral Council should complete a nomination form no later than March 31.** We will hold information sessions in April to answer questions of interested parishioners. If you have questions or wish to submit a nomination please contact Arthur Powers at [arthur.powers@raytheon.com](mailto:arthur.powers@raytheon.com)

### **Individuals running for Pastoral Council must meet the following requirements:**

1. Must be a registered parishioner of St. Raphael for one year prior to May 3, 2014.
2. Must be 18 years of age, or older, by May 3, 2014.
3. Must regularly attend weekly Mass at St. Raphael's.
4. Must be living or desiring to live the mission statement of the parish, especially as it pertains to practicing stewardship of time, talent and treasure.
5. Must be interested in the parish overall and be without an inordinate attachment to a personal/group agenda.

Salaried staff members of the parish are not eligible to serve on the Pastoral Council.

Individuals running for election must attend a short informational meeting prior to the election. A photo and short bio will also be requested.

Qualified parishioners are welcome to submit names, including their own, for nomination. If nominating an eligible person other than yourself, you must first secure their approval.

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