

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council has four or five standing commissions to assist with the implementation and coordination of pastoral activity in the parish. Councils may choose between the titles of “Commission” or “Committee” for these groups. The standing commissions are:

Worship and Liturgy Commission

This commission nourishes and gives direction to the liturgical and communal prayer life of the community. The members collaborate with the pastor and staff in this area of mission on liturgy preparation, the training and formation of the various liturgical ministers, and the formation of the assembly about the sacraments and liturgy. The commission may have committees, such as environment, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, and lectors.

Faith Formation Commission

This commission promotes and develops opportunities for lifelong faith formation aimed at personal conversion and growth in faith. The members collaborate with the pastor and staff in this area of mission on programs of evangelization and catechesis. The commission may have committees, such as evangelization, child ministry, youth ministry, young adult ministry, adult and family ministry, and vocations.

Human Concerns Commission

This commission discerns and responds to the needs of persons in the parish, the wider community and the world by identifying resources to meet their needs and enlisting the active cooperation of parishioners. The members collaborate with the pastor, staff, and other organizations and agencies in service, advocacy, justice education, and empowerment of people. The commission may have committees, such as pro-life, meal program, and food pantry.

Stewardship Commission

This commission educates and promotes the giftedness of all parishioners and the responsibility of disciples to steward all resources. The members collaborate with pastor and staff to develop strategies and practices which invite all parishioners and the parish organization itself to share time, talent, and treasure. The commission may have committees, such as new member welcome and volunteer opportunities.