

Pastoral Council

GENERAL INFORMATION

What does it do?

- **The pastoral council** is an advisory body working in consultation with the pastor. The pastoral council assists the pastor in assessing pastoral needs, setting goals and offering recommendations as Christ King Parish strives to become a community of intentional disciples, evangelizers and stewards.
- **The pastoral council** is called “to serve as stewards of the mission of the church.” The work of the pastoral council focuses on the pastoral activity of the parish. Pastoral activity is those ministries, events, and programs that embrace and advance the spiritual mission of the parish.
- **The pastoral council** is chosen from the parish community to work in consultation with the pastor to study parish issues, propose solutions, and set direction for the parish community. The pastoral council does not manage, but it assesses the parish’s current status and visions future needs and goals.
- **The pastoral council** works closely with the council's five standing committees—Formation & Discipleship, Prayer & Worship, Human Concerns, Stewardship, and Hospitality. Each standing committee is a focused task group that explores and helps direct activity for its specific area of the Christ King Parish mission. Members of the pastoral council serve as liaisons to each committee and to the finance council. Prior committee participation is helpful but not necessary before serving on pastoral council.
- **The pastoral council** does not manage ministries or programs (this is the responsibility of the pastoral staff), nor does the pastoral council determine the financial structure or expenditures of the parish (this is the responsibility of the pastor working with the finance council). The pastoral council, however, works closely with the pastoral staff and the finance council to carry out the mission of the parish.
- **The pastoral council** seeks consensus decision-making whenever possible.

Requirements & Expectations

- **Requirements:** Pastoral council members must be registered and active parish members, 18 years old or older who desire to use their gifts to serve Christ King Parish
- **Expectations: Christ King pastoral councilors are expected to:**
 - Attend all pastoral council meetings and all committee meetings to which you are a liaison
 - Seek best decisions for Christ King Parish. This may necessitate setting aside personal and group-specific agendas.
 - Participate in the pastoral council retreat
 - Read and participate in discussion of selected formation material
 - Attempt to attend Christ King and Tri-Parish Collaborative events