

## *Parish Council*

### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a Christian Community who actively desires to know,  
love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.  
We will know Him through worship and prayer.  
We will love and serve Him by meeting the needs of others and bringing them to Him.

### **DESCRIPTION OF COUNCIL**

Members of Parish Council assist the pastor in leading the parish through praying for and discerning a vision of how the Holy Spirit is leading the parish. Members will help identify and study the pastoral needs of the parish and how the Lord is leading the parish to meet those needs.

Members will help communicate the vision and direction to the various organizations and parishioners. Members will also be liaisons between parish committees and the Council.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

All registered men and women of St. Peter Parish, actively involved in the life of the Parish Community, are eligible for membership in the Council.

Parish Council shall consist of seven parishioners and the religious of the parish. Terms are for three years. One person serves as Parish Council President, one serves as secretary and the other five (including an elected vice-president) serve as liaisons to the various organizations of the parish.

All parishioners will be free to nominate themselves or another. This will take place each May. Nominations will be reviewed by pastor and then parish council members will call to confirm that nominee would be willing to serve if chosen.

The names will be placed “in a hat” and at one of the Masses in June, after a time of prayer, names will be drawn randomly from “the hat,” these will be the new members. Two alternate names will also be picked who would take the place of any Council member who might leave during the year.

Nominations and selection of officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary, shall take place at the first Parish Council meeting each year, when new members are seated. Parish staff members are not eligible to be officers.

The President, Vice President, and Secretary will each serve a one-year term commencing at the first meeting of the Parish Council.

To be eligible to serve as President and Vice President, a member must have served on Parish Council for one year.

**Council Meetings:**

Council shall meet on a Thursday evening approximately 4-5 times throughout the year, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., with the date being set at the previous meeting.

The President shall preside at each meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside.

The President in coordination with the Pastor shall develop an agenda for each Council meeting. Any parishioner shall be welcome to attend any Council meeting as a guest. If a parishioner wishes to address an issue before the Council, this guest member should contact the Parish Council President. At the discretion of the President and Pastor, they will normally speak at the beginning of Council.