

## Parish Council Elections

**Have you thought about being more involved with your Parish? Being a member of the Parish Council is a great way to learn how things operate in a day to day function and be a part of planning for now and for the future.**

The council is composed of 13 parishioners who are elected by our parish members. The council members serve as an advisory board to the pastor. The term is for three years and a monthly meeting time commitment of approximately 2 hours each month.

Please take time in prayer and thought to consider serving in one of the following positions. If you have any questions, you may contact the church office (479-783-7963).

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**Education** – To ensure that learning opportunities exist through which our parishioners may become mature and knowledgeable participants in our church and our society through the teachings of Christ and His Church.

**Finance** – To assist the Pastor, Parish Business Manager, Finance Council, and finance staff in the administrative and financial responsibilities of the parish. To connect the activities of the Parish Council with those of the Finance Council, who determines the financial “ways and means” of accomplishing parish goals. Serves as member of both the Parish Council and Finance Council.

**Liturgy/Spiritual Life** – To foster active and informed participation in liturgical celebrations so that the worship experience becomes meaningful and fulfilling and thus the central focus of our parish community and to assess the spiritual needs of the parish and thereby to engage our faith community in opportunities, outside of the liturgy, that nurture and deepen the parishioners’ individual and collective relationship with God.

**Parish Life** – To promote unity and a sense of “belonging” to the Immaculate Conception Church family among the parish members by providing opportunities for people to be together. Provide a welcome atmosphere for newcomers to the parish.

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**Faith is what God gives to us... giving back to others is your gift to God.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: email \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check the commission you would like to serve on.

Education \_\_\_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy/Spiritual Life \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Life \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Church Office or drop in collection basket by December 6, 2017.

Elections will be held at all Masses on December 16 and 17, 2017.