

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Ryan Nelson- Parish Council



Ryan Nelson is taking a realistic approach as a new member of the Parish Council. He is honored and blessed to have been nominated and selected to serve, but at the same time knows he has a lot to learn. "Prior to the discernment process I knew very little about how this advisory council operates and the true scope of their work," he says. "I want to become more involved in supporting and continuing the mission of our parish." He is looking forward to a sense of normalcy returning to parish life, and the chance for these three ministries to grow:

•Fellowship. "I am happy to see that we are doing hospitality again. Having the opportunity to meet and visit with parishioners is such an important aspect of feeling a part of the community for me.

Someone once told me that 'church is not over until you have coffee.' That resonates strongly with me."

•Youth. "I have so many great memories of being in a youth group as a teen. I still remember my first backpacking trip and serving soup on Wednesdays at Peace Lutheran in Lauderdale during Lent. I want my kids to have those same opportunities and experiences."

•Christian Service Committee (CSC). I believe there is always continued opportunity to make a larger impact with more support for this ministry. Promoting the work of the CSC will help promote the parish."

These ministries and others are important in providing new opportunities for people to engage with the church and attract new parishioners, notes Ryan. "Our parishioners are our greatest strength," he says. "There are so many great people I have had the opportunity to meet. Fr. Paveglio's enthusiasm has been a great inspiration in church and for our children at school."

Their three children (grades five, three and one) attend the parish school. Ryan and his wife Elizabeth have been members of Saint Rose since 2013. A self-employed financial advisor (Nelson Financial Services in Roseville), Ryan is also a member of the school advisory committee and the booster club.