

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Jeff Platek- Parish Council

Jeff Platek brings an abundance of relevant experience to his new role on the Parish Council. Until 10 years ago he lived in South Dakota where he was very active in the Holy Spirit parish in Sioux Falls. He was a member of the parish council, a rosary leader and on the Adoration team.

“I really enjoyed being involved in parish life,” he says. “I was missing that same experience since moving here. I have the interest, previous parish organizational experience and a desire to be a contributing member here at Saint Rose.”

When Jeff retired after working three decades in the banking industry, he spent the next two years as general manager for the Broom Tree Retreat Center, serving the Diocese of Eastern South Dakota. He and his wife Shari moved to St. Paul to be near their three children. Locally, Jeff was a volunteer coordinator with Feed My Starving Children. He is currently a homebound Eucharistic minister at Saint Rose.

Jeff believes his financial background, along with non-profit and parish experience will help encourage others to work together to envision realistic and achievable objectives. He would like the entire parish—from young to old—to participate in inter-generational service projects to reinforce to everyone that doing God’s work is joyful and fulfilling. “By opening our hearts and hands to those in need in and beyond our parish community, we reinforce (both for adults and children) the sense of following Jesus’ words to be of service to others,” he says.



Parish ministries Jeff would like to see grow:

- Increase the frequency of the monthly food collection and add a clothing drive for needy families.
- Organize more opportunities similar to the Lectio Divina sessions and Praying with Scripture series.
- Create a parish pilgrimage opportunity.