

**Pastoral Care Charter**  
**Pastoral Care Committee**  
**Staff contact-Pastoral Care Coordinator**  
**Parish Council Liaison**

The Pastoral Care Committee supports the parish's mission statement in helping each person to answer the call serve as Jesus's disciples. We facilitate and support the sacramental and spiritual life of the parishioners especially to the sick and homebound. We provide support and opportunities to grow in our faith especially in difficult times. We provide opportunities for fostering fellowship and community through service opportunities.

We believe in the sanctity of life and the inherent dignity of each human person which is foundational to our service. Every parishioner is a valued member of our parish. Thus through parish life, we desire to support the community and the common good. We desire to care for the poor, vulnerable and marginalized in our community. We desire to promote peace and educate and inspire others to love all of God's people and to care for his creation.

Nativity's Pastoral Care is directed by the pastor and coordinated under his supervision by the coordinator along with the parochial vicar and other lay volunteers.

The role of the committee is to assist the clergy and the pastoral care coordinator in assessing current pastoral care programs. To offer other ideas to strengthen parish programs.

The current scope of Nativity's Pastoral Care includes the following:

- Communion and visits to the homebound and facilitating other sacramental care.
- Assists in planning parish's end of life seminar, "With You On the Way" includes funeral pre-planning and education. Coordinates funeral Mass with family, clergy, volunteers and funeral directors.
- Co-facilitating Nativity's monthly grief support group.
- Assists in coordinating the outreach services in the parish with other parish organizations such as St. Vincent dePaul, Keystone's monthly food collection, Loaves and Fishes program and the MN Food Share March Campaign with the Girl Scouts and school.
- Identifies parishioner families who may be in need or marginalized and assists with resources, including financial or community support such as Dementia Friends.
- Supports initiatives to strengthen marriage and family such as the Cana dinner and other events.
- Raises the awareness and educate of injustices of others
- Coordinates with the NCCW in organizing the memorial and anointing Masses and luncheon.

The Pastoral Care Committee welcomes all members of Nativity of our Lord Parish who are willing to share the time, wisdom and experience to promote its mission through pastoral care.

**Membership Expectations:**

- Registered member of Nativity of our Lord who regularly worships with the parish community.
- Interested in supporting the dignity of the human person and the common good.
- Willingness to actively support pastoral care programs and events as needed.
- Ability to observe confidentiality when required.

**Composition of Committee:**

- The Pastoral Care Committee will be comprised of the Pastoral Care Coordinator and six to eight interested and qualified parishioners selected by the clergy staff and pastoral care coordinator. One member of the Pastoral Council will attend the Committee meetings and be reporting on the its work.

Members will serve staggering, rotating terms with no more that one half rotating off each year.

Pastoral Care Liaison - Three year term

TBD members - Two year term

TBD members - One year term

**Meeting Commitments:**

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on an ad-hoc basis to assess programs and needs of the parish with a maximum of 6 times per calendar year. Meeting dates will be established by the pastoral care coordinator and committee members.