

Candidates for Parish Election - May 20-21, 2023

On May 20 & 21, 2023, all confirmed parishioners will be asked to elect two (2) members that wish to serve on the Pastoral Council and one member to serve as council representative to the CVCS School Board.

- The Pastoral Council is an advisory committee overseeing all aspects of parish life. It helps develop and implement our vision for a vibrant faith community. The Pastoral Council communicates and implements actions flowing from the Deanery Council and Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and also forwards issues of concern. The Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council consists of 6 elected members and 4 ex officio voting representatives from the CVCS School Board, Finance, Stewardship, and Faith Formation Commissions.

Those eligible to be elected:

1. All confirmed Catholics in good standing with the Catholic Church and are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish.
2. Staff members and spouses cannot be elected members.

STANDING FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL—ELECTED 3-YEAR TERM (listed alphabetically)



Renae Brandle

My name is Renae Brandle. My family and I have lived in Waterloo for the last 13 years. My husband William and I have been married almost 16 years. We have 5 children who attend Cedar Valley Catholic Schools. I have been blessed to be able to work as an elementary teacher, both in the classroom and as a special education teacher. I have a passion for strong Catholic parishes and strong Catholic communities. I have a love for Blessed Sacrament and have a desire to see it continue to grow. If elected to the council, I would love to work to find more ways to get the youth involved in parish life and liturgies.



Jill Faucher

Hello! I am Jill Faucher. My family and I have been members at Blessed Sacrament since we moved back to this area last year. I am originally from Gilbertville, and graduated from Don Bosco High School and the University of Northern Iowa. I currently live in Waterloo with my husband, Tim, and our two children. Since joining Blessed Sacrament, I have been active in the Parish Community Life Committee and have enjoyed attending many of the events the group supports, such as Family Open Gym, Christmas Caroling at Northcrest, Gift-wrapping & Bake Sale fundraisers, the Winter Gala, and Trivia Night. I also had the wonderful opportunity to attend ALPHA last Fall, where I had the pleasure of growing in my faith and also meeting many new friends in the greater Cedar Valley faith community. Our children both attend pre-school at Blessed Sacrament Early Childhood Center, where I am a member of the Parent Advisory Board, which is similar to a PTO, in that our role is to fundraise and sponsor both family-centered activities and teacher appreciation events for our wonderful daycare providers and pre-school teachers.

I would love to serve on the Pastoral Council so I can learn more about our Blessed Sacrament Community to best represent our voice of the Parishioners as we shape the future of Blessed Sacrament, and ensure it continues to be a thriving, active faith community. Thank you for considering me for a position on the Pastoral Council.



Sheila Miller

My name is Sheila Miller. My husband, Rick, and I have been members of Blessed Sacrament for many years. We sent our four children to Blessed Sacrament School and Columbus High School. We “chose” Blessed Sacrament because of the welcoming spirit and sense of family that we immediately felt when we first attended Mass here on a Palm Sunday in 1987. We have made lifelong friends from our parish family.

I served on our Pastoral Council many years ago, as well as served as Fall Festival Chair and various other committees. I participated in these activities while raising our children and working full time. I recently retired from the Cedar Valley Catholic School system and decided that perhaps I still have some gifts to share. The 8:30 Liturgy is our Mass of choice. What has been exciting for me the last couple of years is to hear the “voices of praise” from little children participating in our 8:30 Liturgy. Blessed Sacrament continues to be welcoming and a community of many generations. I am honored to be considered to serve but at the same time, I celebrate that we have choices, a sign of a thriving church community.

STANDING FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CVCS SCHOOL BOARD—ELECTED 3-YEAR TERM



Greg Stammeyer

My name is Greg Stammeyer. I am from the small town of Lawler, IA, and my wife, Sarah, is from St. Lucas, IA. We joined Blessed Sacrament once we moved to the Cedar Valley and started having kids. We have two girls and one boy who attend Cedar Valley Catholic Schools. I am excited to have been asked to renew my term by serving on the Pastoral Council as representative to the CVCS School Board. In the past three years, I have been a part of the significant growth in our school, church, and faith. I look forward to continuing to help serve our community and God. Thank you for this opportunity!

Members of Blessed Sacrament Parish:

We are fortunate to have Renae, Jill, Sheila, Gary, and Greg, step forward in their willingness to serve in this leadership role for us. As is usually the case, those who are willing to volunteer do so not because they have little else to do, but rather do so because they have found service to others in the work of the Lord to be a most fulfilling experience. I know them to be people with a lot going on! God bless them for making this opportunity the priority it is for them!

We have and need people of varying skills on our Pastoral Council and School Board. Please start praying about next year’s elections now, so that you can be on the ballot for another competitive election in May of 2024!

Fr. Tony