

2019 St. Cecilia Catholic School Board—The Candidates

These are the candidates running for two (2) openings for the **Catholic School Board** to be held at all Masses next weekend. The people that are elected will serve for a three (3) year term. You will be asked to vote for **NO MORE THAN two (2)** of the candidates.



Carol Bond

REASON FOR RUNNING: I would like to give back to my church and school and look out for the best interests of our children, parents, and teachers and administrators. Learning and development are a passion of mine and I spent most of my working career involved in training and development of others. I have a personal interest in preserving or improving the school system, and maintaining current standards and exploring future standards. I would like to actively and successfully participate in St. Cecilia School's growth, development and financial future. Personally, I attended parochial school for 8 years and know the importance of a faith based education. I am willing to collaborate with others and work as a team to set the vision, goals, and measure success. Most importantly, I want all our children to be educated in a safe and fair environment with tools to help them succeed.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 32 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

<input type="checkbox"/> Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons with Disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Children of Catechetical Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Schools
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Ministry

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am married, raised 3 sons, have two wonderful grandchildren, and graduated from Iowa State University. I worked for 3 corporations for over 30 years and retired from Principal Financial Group. I served on a Corporate Development Council at Principal overseeing training and development for employees and leaders. I also received a Masters in Education from Drake University. I am retired and enjoy spending time with family and friends. My hobbies include reading, traveling, attending or watching sporting events, and antiques with my husband.



Don DoBell

REASON FOR RUNNING: I taught at St. Cecilia School for 15 years as the band director and I am currently an officer in Knights of Columbus and an Eucharistic Minister.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 17 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Children of Catechetical Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catholic Schools
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Ministry

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I have a degree in Instrumental Music Education from the University of Iowa.



Ayinde S. Popo

REASON FOR RUNNING: I would like to assist in helping govern decisions that execute the future vision of Saint Cecilia Catholic School. I am the father of a 9 year old daughter who currently attends St. Cecilia School. I am also the son of a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church. I am an IT leader working for the facilities department at ISU with a passion to do God's work. Please accept my candidacy for a position on the school board. Thank you humbly

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 3 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

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PERSONAL INFORMATION: I have been married to my beautiful wife Emalie for the past 11 years. Together we have our beautiful daughter Ammia Popo who currently attends St. Cecilia School. I currently hold a Master of Science degree in Information Technology and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. I am an automotive enthusiast who enjoys attending and mixing with the American muscle car community. I also enjoy playing and coaching the game of basketball. I love spending time with my family especially with my daughter going for evening walks, riding bicycles, and playing sports.



Mayra Stephanie Ramirez

REASON FOR RUNNING: I was nominated and being that my 4 children will be going through St. Cecilia.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 10 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE: . Before my children attended St. Cecilia I was a Catechist.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood | |

PERSONAL INFORMATION: My family and I are originally from California and moved to Ames in 2014. My husband (Efrain and I) both are employed by Iowa State University and have 4 children (3 who attend St. Cecilia). We are active members of the Spanish Mass at St. Cecilia and really have embraced the Ames community.

2019 Faith Formation Commission—The Candidates

These are the candidates running for two (2) openings for the **Faith Formation Commission** to be held at all Masses next weekend. The people that are elected will served for a three (3) year term. You will be asked to vote for NO MORE THAN two (2) of the candidates.



Adrian (Rindi) Bernhard

REASON FOR RUNNING: I have been involved in the Faith Formation as Catechist for a while. I love sharing the faith with our children and inspiring them to have deeper relationship with Jesus. I hope that eventually they can share their faith with others

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 14 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: Along with my husband, we are in charge of childcare for Date Night. I am also an EMHC and a Reader at 10:30 am Mass. This Spring I started being a minister to the Homebound and 10:30 am Mass Coordinator/Sacristan. I have also been part of the Eucharistic Adoration for over 15 years.

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

Adults Adolescents Persons with Disabilities
 Family Children of Catechetical Age Catholic Schools
 Young Adults Early Childhood

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I love making Rosary and helping the Students For Life to raise money during Christmas Market so they can attend March For Life in Washington DC in January.



Garland Dahlke

REASON FOR RUNNING: Faith that is well formed and correct is important for living as we ought in this world and necessary for a good outcome when we move on to the next. This would be that "1" talent that we are given and to bury it would not impress the Master on His return.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 16 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: Adoration, baby sitting at Date Night, Knights of Columbus and Sanctity of Life Committee are the other activities I am involved with apart from Holy Mass and the sacraments.

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

Adults Adolescents Persons with Disabilities
 Family Children of Catechetical Age Catholic Schools
 Young Adults Early Childhood

PERSONAL INFORMATION: My wife Bethany and I are transplants from the north (Wisconsin and Michigan). I work at ISU Extension in the area of beef cattle management. My work and hobbies tend to blend together since I keep a small herd of cows and a few pet chickens to tie me over between Packer seasons.



Britta Heidenreich

REASON FOR RUNNING: I am currently helping out with Kindergarten faith formation. I love being able to help young kids in learning about our Catholic faith. Along with continuing to learn myself. Growing up, my family and I would always sign up to help out our church. want to be able to be more involved with St. Cecelia which I'm hoping this will let me do so! This would be a wonderful opportunity!

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 1.5 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: I am originally from Fort Dodge, went to Saint Edmond Catholic School. I helped out with kindergarten senior year as a service class. I am currently helping out in Kindergarten faith formation here at St. Cecelia.

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

Adults Adolescents Persons with Disabilities
 Family Children of Catechetical Age Catholic Schools
 Young Adults Early Childhood

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I was born and raised in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Was a part of Holy Trinity Parish. I am hard of hearing - wears hearing aids, since birth. But doesn't let that stop me! I've been living in Ames for a year and a half now and loving it. I have a younger brother who is a sophomore at Loras in Dubuque. I love being crafty. From making cards to painting when I have time. I have a business degree from Iowa Central Community College.



Kathy Wipf

REASON FOR RUNNING: One conspicuous characteristic of my adult life has been my commitment to faith formation, for my own spiritual growth, and as a parent/grandparent, as a certified catechist (30+ years) and ultimately as a certified Parish Director of Faith Formation (10 years). As a parish catechetical leader, I served on diocesan committees to represent a faith formation perspective as well as a mentor and resource to new catechetical leaders. I would like to continue my life-long dedication of promoting and supporting faith formation through participation on St. Cecilia's Faith Formation

Commission.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 36 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: I have been active in many ministries and opportunities over 36 years as a parishioner at St. Cecilia, most significantly: school parent/grandparent and volunteer, catechist, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Eucharistic Adoration, Social Justice Committee, Pastoral Council, Board of Education.

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

Adults Adolescents Persons with Disabilities
 Family Children of Catechetical Age Catholic Schools
 Young Adults Early Childhood Sacramental Prepar

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am married (47 years). We have five children, nine grandchildren (with more on the way). I am retired and looking forward to my husband's retirement at the end of this year. I enjoy cooking, needlework, yardwork, crossword puzzles, word games and working on spiritual, mental, and physical fitness.

2019 St. Cecilia Pastoral Council—The Candidates

These are the candidates running for two (2) openings for the **Pastoral Council Election** to be held at all Masses next weekend. The people that are elected will serve for a three (3) year term. You will be asked to vote for NO MORE THAN two (2) of the candidates.



Linus "Eddie" Boylston

REASONS FOR RUNNING: During our 20 years in St. Cecilia's parish, we have come to know St. Cecilia's as more than a faith community... The parish is part of our family. The parish supported and directed us in raising our children to be disciples of Christ. More importantly, St. Cecilia's was the living Christ to us when we encountered the most difficult experience of our lives. From this example I want to give back to the community that has given tremendously to me. I look forward to serving my faith community as a member of the Pastoral Council.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 20 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

Adults Adolescents Persons with Disabilities
 Family Children of Catechetical Age Catholic Schools
 Young Adults Early Childhood

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Teri and I have been married since 1990. We have three kids, Orion, Payton and Quinn. Our darkest day was Quinn's passing one month shy of his 7th birthday. We have been members of St. Cecilia's parish since moving to Ames in 1999. My hobbies revolve around our family. We greatly enjoy the outdoors biking, golfing, hiking and watching our kids' activities and sports. We are very proud of Orion a graduate of West Point class of 2017 and Payton who is a member of the West Point Class of 2020.



Mike Brown

REASONS FOR RUNNING: Now that I am retired, I can dedicate more time to parish life. Currently, I attend mass 4x/week, and serve as a substitute for adoration because I thoroughly enjoy my prayer time. I enjoy my parish life and being part of it and hope that I can further serve the church through the Parish Council.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 14 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: In my previous parish, I was involved in parish finance, taught CCD classes, served as Liturgical Reader, Eucharistic minister, mass server, greeter, and usher. At St. Cecilia, I am involved with Food at First, adoration, serve as usher, and am an original member of the Military Caring Outreach ministry. For several years, I served as a mentor with Roland-Story Community Schools for 5th grade and below, providing the best support to the students through coordination with the Principal, Guidance Counselor, and Teachers.

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

Adults Adolescents Persons with Disabilities
 Family Children of Catechetical Age Catholic Schools
 Young Adults Early Childhood

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I was born into the Catholic faith and attended Catholic grade and high school, growing up in Pocahontas, Iowa. After high school, I joined the Navy and served in Vietnam. Upon my return, I attended Loras (Catholic) College. Prior to retirement, I worked in the grocery industry, both as manager in large corporation as well as a small business owner. I am married to Jill and live in Ames, near St. Cecilia (across the street from Father Secora). I have one son, Billie, three step children, Braden, Nicholas, and Brooke, and four grandchildren. I enjoy fishing, traveling, hiking, exercise, attending musicals/concerts, and watching sports. I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I keep in touch with old classmates and friends with whom I served in Vietnam. I spend a great deal of time in prayer daily, either at home or at church. I enjoy regular visits to friends that are sick and have a special relationship with them. I enjoy attending at least a few retreats or pilgrimages each year.



Madonna Johnson

REASONS FOR RUNNING: I am running for parish council because I want to do more for my parish family. We are all gifted with different talents. I have been using my musical gifts of singing and playing piano/organ for the church most of my life. I also assist at funeral lunches as needed. Now that I no longer am employed, I feel God is calling me to serve the St. Cecilia parish in another capacity. I have the time, and experience of age, to offer the parish council and I will be happy to put time and effort into serving my St. Cecilia Church family. I hope to be a good listener to help serve all those in our parish.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 20+ years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: I have been a life long Catholic, treasuring the gift of faith instilled by my parents. My adult faith started to mature when I participated in the inaugural Teens Encounter Christ program in the Crookston Diocese of Minnesota. TEC is still going strong there 43 years later. As a college student I was a peer minister and served on the parish council for St. John's Newman Center. Over the years, besides singing, I have been a lecturer, and eucharistic minister.

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

- Adults
- Adolescents
- Persons with Disabilities
- Family
- Children of Catechetical Age
- Catholic Schools
- Young Adults
- Early Childhood

PERSONAL INFORMATION: I am a farm girl from Brooks, MN. I made my way to Ames via Fargo and Madison. I've been married 37 years to Danny, who serves as an usher. I have two grown children. I have a degree from NDSU, and I have spent over 35 years in various administrative support jobs. Since retiring, I have been involved in an indepth Bible study which has increased my knowledge of God's Word to a whole new extent. I believe this will help me share my faith and love of the church with others. I enjoy reading, baking, sewing, and time with friends and family.



Sarah Swanson

REASONS FOR RUNNING: I have been blessed to serve on the St. Cecilia Pastoral Council during the past 4 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the wonderful people involved in St. Cecilia's and I am excited about the direction our parish is headed. I look forward to offering up my time to contribute what I can to the parish in the future. I would sincerely appreciate your vote electing me to another 3 year term.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH:

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: Currently I serve on Pastoral Council and serve as the liaison to the Social Justice Committee. I have volunteered to help with nominations and communication within the parish.

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

- Adults
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PERSONAL INFORMATION: My husband Brent is the Business Manager at the ISU Library and we have three children. Aly (13) and Brennan (10) both attend St. Cecilia School, Camy is 5 years old. Brent and I both attended Iowa State University for our undergraduate degrees and we were married at St. Thomas Aquinas here in Ames. I am originally from Denison, IA where I attended St. Rose Catholic School/Parish. I work for Great Western Bank and oversee retail banking for the offices in Ames, Story City and Nevada. I have served on Pastoral Council for several years and look forward to serving again in any capacity needed.

2019 St. Cecilia Pastoral Council—The Candidates



Charlie Weber

REASONS FOR RUNNING: I would like to expand my volunteer efforts with St. Cecilia, to increase contributions to parish life and activities and learn more about multiple committees and church operations. I would leverage my career management and marketing experience to contribute to the church mission, goals and objectives. I currently enjoy my volunteer efforts with the Social Justice Committee and the Bereavement Ministry, and would plan to continue to participate in both organizations. I am retired and have time available to participate.

LENGTH OF TIME IN PARISH: 6 years

PARISH LIFE INVOLVEMENT: I am involved with the Social Justice Committee (Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance and Food at First), plus the Bereavement Ministry (including the role of Sacristan and Server). I attended 12 years of a Catholic school in Independence, Iowa, and was an altar boy. I also participate in Special Olympics.

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