

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:

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 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:

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 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:

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 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.