

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:

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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
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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:

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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.

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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.

FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCE:

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PERSONAL INFORMATION: Sharon and I returned to Ames when we retired in 2013. Sharon (Liberal Arts) and I (Computer Science) both were ISU graduates in 1972. Our daughter, Amy, was baptized at St. Cecilia's in 1974. I worked 40+ years in management, marketing and sales of Business Computing Systems for Burroughs, Unisys and NEC. Sharon worked several years for a logistics firm. We are both retired, both participate with St. Cecilia volunteer efforts, and are involved with family, other volunteering, gardening, travel, fitness and golf.