

The Advisory Committee is a consultative body which represents the parish community. Together with the pastor and in a spirit of prayerful reflection, the committee discerns how the parish can best carry out the ministry of the church.

Working in a spirit of shared responsibility (as called for by the Second Vatican Council), the committee and the pastor consider current needs, pastoral priorities, long-range plans, and other strategic issues that affect the parish.

The Advisory Committee consults with other groups in the parish, such as the Finance Committee, the Core Teams, and the staff who recommend more specific policies and initiatives to the pastor.

Parish Advisory Member Qualifications:

- Registered parish member for at least two years
- Accept and work with the consultative and advisory nature of the committee
- Willing to work with pastor and staff members
- Able to listen and be open-minded to the ideas of others
- Accept and honor your role as an active disciple, parish leader and communicator
 - Honor the integrity of the committee's work
 - Maintain confidentiality and avoid conflict of interest
 - Members are expected to sign parish confidentiality and conflict of interest forms
 - Respond with impartiality to parishioner concerns
 - Honor the pastor's role as ultimate decision maker
- Commitment to the committee's work includes:
 - maintain a good working knowledge of the parish - its mission, structure, leadership, and activities;
 - participate actively in monthly meetings and any additional meetings that may be called;
 - prepare for meetings
 - Establish two-way communications with parish constituencies that you may represent and bring knowledge and insights from those communications to issues under consideration;
 - help with additional tasks as requested.

Core teams, staff, and parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider individuals to nominate to Advisory. Each nominee must fill out an application form and send it to Fr. Eric before August 10th. Using your gifts of leadership in service to the parish is very interesting and rewarding; we hope you will consider this invitation to volunteer or answer the call if asked.