

Epiphany Parish Pastoral Council Election Sample Bios

David Bernemann

My name is David Bernemann and I am a candidate for the Pastoral Council. I feel that being a member of the Pastoral Council is a way to serve the parish, and I am willing to serve. I have been a member of St. Joseph/Epiphany Parish for most of my life. I attended St. Joseph/Central Catholic School and graduated from Newman High School. I was away from Mason City for about 20 years before returning in 1999. I am married to Laura, and we have 3 children (our youngest is graduating from Newman this year). I was part of the RCIA program for a couple of years, shortly after we returned to Mason City. I am now a member of the Adult Choir. I teach Engineering and Math at NIACC.

Robert (Bobby) Weiner

My name is Robert (Bobby) Weiner, and I am married to Catherine. Together we have 4 boys: Robert (6), Oliver (4), William (3), and Frederick (8 months). I attended high school at Nora Springs-Rock Falls and college at Iowa State University. I work at the Cartersville Elevator. I became a member of Holy Family Church in 2005 and I am a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1006 in Mason City. I am excited to become a more active member of the parish if given the opportunity.

Andrew Morse

I am Andrew Morse, son of Doug and Ann and a junior at Newman Catholic High School and an active member of Epiphany Parish. I have two siblings, Aaron and Abby. I participate in baseball and speech and am part of the Epiphany Parish Youth Choir. If re-elected, I would like to serve the parish by continuing to work on the implementation of the Vibrant Parish Plan as well as serving as a bridge between the Pastoral Council and youth.

Jim Fitzsimmons

I am Jim Fitzsimmons. I currently serve as President of the Newman Catholic Board of Education. My wife Shelley and I have been members of Epiphany Parish-St. Joseph's Church for 25+ years. We have four sons: Michael (19), Matthew (17), John (15) and Andrew (11). Michael graduated from Newman and is enjoying his freshman year at Benedictine College in KS. The rest of our boys are students at Newman Catholic. The Catholic education of our sons has always been a high priority for our family. Over the years I've served Epiphany Parish in many ways including: helping organize and maintain monthly Eucharistic Adoration; stocking the Catholic CDs and books available at St. Joseph's; serving in the past on the Liturgy Committee as coordinator of the Lectors; and helping plan the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration. I helped organize a Men's Prayer Group that currently meets every Wednesday Morning at 6:30 a.m. Shelley and I are the pro-life couple for the Knights of Columbus and schedule pro-life events for the parish. I would like to continue my service for Epiphany Parish on the Newman Catholic Board of Education. I don't believe my work is done yet. I would appreciate your vote.