

# St. Joseph University Parish Council At-Large Member Candidates

Election will be held on May 19-20



**Dan Clark** is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at ISU in his 16<sup>th</sup> year with the university. He and his wife, Janet, joined the parish about 12 years ago. They are both life-long Catholics and wanted their daughters, Betsy (16) and Abby (12) raised in the faith as we were. Dan served on hospitality and stewardship committees early on, and more recently has served on Parish council (in his second year). The Clark family has volunteered for the pancake breakfast. It has been his privilege to serve on the council with such excellent colleagues and to witness the welcoming compassion of our parish. Dan grew up going to Catholic school in a very strong parish, and is happy to say that St. Joe's has inspired that same sense of a "home" parish thanks to the relationships formed over the years.



**Shannon Hahn** joined St. Joe's in 2010 while a student. After graduating ISU in 2013, she became a caseworker for the State of Indiana Division of Family Resources. Shannon is a convert and officially entered the Church in 2014, but has participated in several ministries over the years, including the Honduras Mission, Campus Ministry, Samaritan Pancake Breakfast, ACTS, and Franciscan Young Adult Ministry. She is co-chair for the Respect Life Ministry. Shannon also serves as a lector. Since St. Joe's has given her so much, she would consider it an honor to give back by serving on the pastoral council.



**Jean McCleary** and her husband, Daryl, have been members of St. Joseph University Parish for over 30 years. They have two children and four grandchildren. Jean has been employed by the Vigo County School Corporation for 39 years serving in a variety of positions. She and Daryl enjoy volunteering and helping maintain the grounds at St. Joe's. Jean has been a Eucharistic Minister for several years and has served for the last four years as the Spiritual Life Ministry Representative on the Parish Council. She is interested in continuing to be a member of the council as well as maintaining an active role in our parish.



**Mary Umphries** has been a member of St. Joe's for 12 years, along with her husband, Roger, and daughter, Sara. She and Roger also have two married sons. Mary currently serves as a Hospitality Minister, a Eucharistic Minister and a Lector. She feels blessed to have attended an ACTS retreat. Mary has served on the ACTS team in the past – most recently for the Fall 2017 retreat. She feels we are all called to serve our parish family in any way we can. Mary hopes that her life and faith experiences and passion for the Catholic faith will serve as a good foundation to support the council in planning for present and future needs of our parish and neighbors. She feels that being active in the parish encourages us to grow in our faith.



**Kevin Verst** and his family have been members of St. Joseph University Parish for the past 10 years. He is a life-long Catholic. Kevin and his wife have been married for almost 19 years and have five wonderful boys that they have raised in the Catholic faith. Kevin is also active in the church and community. He teaches baptismal classes with his wife. Kevin has been a Cub Master for Cub Scouts for 7 years, a Youth Football coach for 5 years and a Youth Baseball coach for 4 years. Kevin is strong in his faith and feels the personal experience he has with his family life and Catholic faith would be beneficial to the parish council.