

## PARISH ELECTIONS MAY 20/21, 2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

(3 candidates will be elected)

**Scott Ronhovde** - Scott Ronhovde has been a member of St. Mary's Parish for two years. He is originally from Eagle, Nebraska and works as an optometrist at Magnuson Hopkins Eyecare. He and his wife, Anne, live in Wayne with their children Elladee and Max. Scott serves as a lector and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

**Matt Jones** - I am a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and we send our kids to St. Mary's School. I have been married to my wife, Becky for 15 years this summer and we have been blessed with 3 children, Andrew 13, Katy 11, and Jackson 8. I was raised in Ponca, NE and graduated from Ponca Public High School. After high school, I attended Briar Cliff University and received my degree in Business Administration with a minor in Management Information Systems. I have worked in the banking industry for the past 18 years and have worked at F&M Bank in Wayne the last 2 ½ years. Before moving to Wayne in July 2015, we lived in Hartington, NE and our family attended Holy Trinity Catholic Church and we sent our kids to Holy Trinity School. We lived in Hartington for 13 years, which is Becky's hometown. I am involved with several organizations in Wayne. I am on the Wayne Ag Task Force, Wayne Rotary, Wayne Business & Industry, Wayne Ambassadors, Wayne Leadership, coached Wayne youth baseball and basketball and belong to the Wayne Country Club. I enjoy many outdoor activities and my hobbies include hunting, fishing, golfing, camping, spending time with my family and attending my kids' activities.

**Tina Sharpe** - I grew up in Bow Valley, Ne. I am the oldest of four children. I am married to Craig Sharpe and we have three children Drew (13), Addison(9), and Graham(3). I taught special education for years and am currently teaching 1st grade in Wakefield. After this school year I will be working with Craig in our office on main street. I am excited to be able to help Craig with our business, attend more of our kid's events, volunteer, and be more involved in our community.

(Board of Education Candidates on other side)

## PARISH ELECTIONS MAY 20/21, 2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

(2 candidates will be elected)

**Marlon Brink** – member of St. Mary's Parish since 2004. Currently have 3 kids attending St. Mary's school in 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Kindergarten grades. Have a daughter who attended K-6 also at St. Mary's 2009 – 2016. I have also volunteered serving lunches to the students 1 day a week. I am in my 17<sup>th</sup> year as the head cross country/track & field coach at Wayne State College. I enjoy all types of sports, outdoor activities, and traveling with my family.

**Kyle Huff** - Hello. I'm Kyle Huff. My wife Cassandra and our children Waylon and Lucille have lived in Wayne for eight years. We are members of the St. Marys parish family. Waylon loves being in 2nd grade and Lucille is excited to attend St. Marys this year. Cassandra is a pharmacist at Shopko. I am employed by Cedar County Road Department. I currently serve on the St. Marys Strategic Planning Committee. I would love the opportunity to serve on the St. Marys school board. It would be a great honor to help St. Marys to grow as an outstanding place of strong academics and strong Religious Education.

God Bless  
Kyle J. Huff

**Anne Ronhovde** - Anne Ronhovde has been a member of St. Mary's Parish for two years. She grew up in Columbus, Nebraska. Anne works as a Speech-Language Pathologist through ESU 1, and is full-time at Wakefield Community Schools. Anne has worked in the education setting for 3 years. She and her husband, Scott, live in Wayne along with their children: Elladee (3) and Maximilian (1).

(Pastoral Council Candidates on other side)

**St. Mary's Board of Education Minutes**  
**April 11, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Fr. Jeff Mollner, Stacy Uttecht, Emilie Osten, Chanelle Belt, Jason Heithold, Karissa Hays, Anne Sty, and Mollie Spieker.

**Absent:** Mary Ann Lutt

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM with prayer led by Fr. Mollner.

**Agenda:** Approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Report of Committees:**

**Technology:** All components for the enhanced computer system have been installed. The school is still waiting for the new color copier/printer, iPads, and a price quote for a portable projector. The new materials are being integrated into the classroom curriculums.

**Booster Club:** Mollie Spieker reported that the May Day breakfast buffet will be held after Masses on Sunday, April 30th and that planning has already begun for the 5K Run this summer.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Stacy reported that the committee will be analyzing the results of the Parent Survey, the core values and needs of the school, and assessing the direction in which the school might move forward.

**Principal's Report:**

—Jilliane Allemann will become a full-time faculty member for the 2016-2017 school year.

—School tuition for the 2016-2017 school year will be \$1225 for parishioners and \$1675 for non-parishioners.

—4th graders will be going to Lincoln for a field trip on April 21. The all-school field trip is scheduled for April 28.

**Pastor's Report:**

—Father would like to have a school representative on the Parish Council.

—Father commented that he enjoyed the 3rd and 4th grade Last Supper play.

**Old Business:**

—School Brochure: Stacy presented school brochures for K-6 and Pre-K for consideration and review by the Board before final printing.

**New Business:**

— School Board Members Term and Nominations for Next Year: The terms of two members are ending. A minimum of 3 candidates are needed for this year's Parish election.

— Aluminum Cans/Trash Bins: A metal recycling fundraiser is being planned for early summer. The pop cans from the shed will be included in the pick-up. Relocating the trash bins was also discussed.

—Tree Planting: The Board members suggested various businesses in the community to contact about planting a tree near the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM and a parting prayer was said.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sty

## Religious Ed

This is an exciting weekend and year for our church! This Saturday, May 13 marks the 100 year anniversary of the appearance of Mary to the three Fatima children.

I believe there are a few points worth reflecting on. The first, these three children, Lucia 10 years old, Francisco, 9 years old and Jacinta 7 years old were able to completely devote their lives to God. Especially after seeing the vision of souls tormented in Hell, these three young children took on lives of suffering, penances, and prayer. They would often give up their own food and water to give to others, wear tight ropes around their waste (until Mary told them not to), or run to the church to sit for hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament. When we look at our own children, do we see this potential, and if not, how can we start moving their hearts in this direction?

The second point worth pondering, Mary came during the first World War. She told the children that this war would soon end, but if people didn't turn their hearts back to God, a second and greater war would begin. World War I ended a year later, only to be replaced by the devastating World War II. But are we any better off today? Have we changed our hearts? With the extreme tensions between and within countries that we find today, would this be the perfect time to work towards that change of heart? What could we do in our own lives to begin this mission?

And finally, Mary came, on God's behalf, to ask us to make reparation for the offenses against her Immaculate Heart. Mary was God's greatest creation. Do we see her being treated as such? So often in life we aren't seeing her treated with the dignity and love she deserves. We even read in the news horrific sacrileges done against her. So how can we help atone for this injustice? Well, she tells us, we can **pray the Rosary**. She has asked us so many times to pray the Rosary daily. We can do this! We all can, it may seem daunting at first, but we can all manage to find the 15 minutes somewhere in our day to do this. And our kids truly can tear themselves away from their hectic schedules long enough for this great devotion which can change the world. Secondly she asks us to make reparation by **attending the first Saturday Mass (9:00 AM)** once a month, to go to confession, pray a Rosary and think about her for 15 minutes. That's just once a month for 5 consecutive months. God offers great rewards to those who help Him in this way.

I know we can start changing our hearts back to God. As a parish I'm confident that if these devotions spread we will change our families, our parish, Wayne, and even our country. At a time this is so desperately needed, I challenge all religious ed families to take those first steps to turning closer to God.

### Upcoming Events

St. Mary's Family Rosary May 21<sup>st</sup>  
at Trujillo's home, 619 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Religious Ed discussion meeting May 24<sup>th</sup>  
(open to anyone) 7:00 – 8:00 in the rectory

Little Flower's Tea Party June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM.

Totus Tuus June 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

VBS June 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Blue Knight's Bonfire June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:45

