

Meet Our Pastoral Council Nominees

The Pastoral Council, consisting of nine to twelve members, represents the parish community acting as liaison to the Pastor. Members stay current with affairs concerning the parish and give insight for planning and implementing policies and parish activities. **On January 6 & 7, we will elect FOUR new members.** Listed below are the biographies of the 13 nominees.



Dick Dickerson

My wife, Tonya, and I have been active members of Christ the King for seven years. I have been active in the Knights of Columbus, holding positions in both the 3rd and the 4th Degree. I served on the Men's ACTS retreat team and am a core member, and serve as both Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Tonya and I are Indiana/Michigan transplants! We have three sons living in Indiana and Ohio, 12 grandchildren and one great grandson. We have a daughter who lives in Temple with her husband and their six-year-old daughter, who attends Mass with us. I believe that as members of Christ's body we are called to be active in the ministries of the church in whatever capacity we can.



Steve Vanderpool

I am the father of three grown children, and three grandchildren. I have been married to my wife, Beth for nearly 33 years. I spent 27 years as owner/operator of my small family based construction company. Since then, I built a decent-sized family farm in Southeastern Colorado. Beth's job as a Physician Assistant brought us to Texas 5 years ago and we've been members of Christ the King for nearly that long. In that time I organized the garage sale for the youth attending World Youth Day, attended an ACTS retreat, ran the funnel cake booth at this year's Springfest, became a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a Eucharistic Minister. I really enjoy serving Holy Communion. It is the best job I've ever had. I have also bought my fair share of raffle tickets, tamales, and wings in support of our church!



Matt Gokingco

Our family has been active at CTK since 2015. My wife Corey and I serve in the King's Chorus. I am also an occasional cantor for Sunday Mass. A medical technologist by profession, I work at Baylor Scott & White Research. I have a Master's in Education and taught at a Catholic school for more than 10 years, teaching mathematics and Catechism. My wife and I have been married 24 years this December and have two daughters who attended Catholic school. Our family life is closely centered on our Catholic faith and I'd be honored and privileged to serve in the best of my ability if elected.



Kristine Ramirez

I have been attending CTK for a little over 20 years. My family moved to Belton from Laredo, Texas in 1997 when I was 10 years old. I am the fourth of five children. I have been with my husband for 16 years, and married for 10. We have two daughters, Lillian (passed way), and Emily, who is two. I am involved with the Joyful Hearts Mom's Ministry, ACTS, the Welcoming Committee, Pro-Life Ministry, Women's Ministry and serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. I am excited to serve as the Springfest Committee Chair for 2018. I work for RVOS insurance as a customer relations representative, and I just started CatholicTexan Prints, a small business making home decor and personalized gifts.



Bill Tartaglia

I'm married to a loving and supportive wife, we have four children and nine grandchildren. I have been a part of the Christ the King family now for 15 years and could not be happier about be a part of this parish. I'm retired now which give me the time to really support our church and Father in any way that is needed. I'm a Acolyte in our Parish and a Spiritual Director for the Diocese. I am also a member of the Knights of Columbus and very active to include being part of our Color Corps/Honor Guard.



Jeff Pustka

I have been married to my wife, Janice, for over 36 years. I attended Stephen F. Austin State University where I graduated with a degree in accounting. I have served in the accounting profession for my entire career. Currently, I am the manager of Financial Planning and Analysis for Texas Hydraulics in Temple. My family joined Christ the King parish in the early 1970's. At the time, the only building on the property is what is now known as the Christus Center. During my time here, I have humbly served in many capacities. These include altar server, Grand Knight, Finance Committee member, Choir, Youth Ministry, TMIY, RCIA, Springfest, and others. I look forward to many more years of serving Christ, His Church, and His people.



Taddy Maddox

I am a retired educator who moved to Belton in October 2007 from Austin. I am past president of the Women's Ministry and serve Christ the King as Sacristan, Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. I was a founding member of the adult bible study and continue to be a part of the group. I have two adult children and one grandchild. In previous parishes, I have served on pastoral councils and feel I would be an asset to Christ the King's council.

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Gary Chalupa

Nebraska born, I was raised Catholic and attended Catholic grade school and high school. I served 22 years in the U.S. Army and served as a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) and on two pastoral councils. My family and I settled in Nebraska. I accepted the position of Lancaster County Veterans Service Officer and served in that capacity for twenty years. During that time I joined the Knights of Columbus. I also assisted in finding people jobs as a member of Saint Cajetan Committee of St. Joseph's Parish. Upon retiring from the county at the end of July 2017, my wife, Ann, and I moved to Belton and joined Christ the King. I am now a 4th degree Knight, EMHC, usher, and handyman when called upon by parish members and Fr. John. I believe my past experience, the joy of being part a CTK Parish, and the Holy Spirit will be beneficial as CTK grows as a family and parish.



Darlene Wallis

Robert and I joined Christ the King in March of 2015. I entered the faith on March 26, 2016. I have assisted with RCIA for the past two years. I also serve as lector, cantor and this year Robert and I managed Project Angel Tree for our parish. In 2014, I retired after 35 years with Mobil Chemical/Tenneco/Pactiv/Reynolds as the Plant Production Scheduler and Materials Manager. I have an associate's degree in business from Temple College (Summa Cum Laude). While God did not bless us with children, we are proud aunt and uncle to 13 nieces and nephews and 11 great nieces and nephews.



Paul Koss

My wife Rachel, my daughter Jesse and I live in Belton and have been parishioners at CTK since 2006. I also have three sons who live in the Sacramento area. Additionally, we have recently been blessed with a precious grandson, Hudson, whom you may have noticed at church because he is so incredibly cute. I first came to the area while assigned on active duty Army to Ft. Hood as a Fixed wing aviator. I am now retired from the US Army Reserve and have been a Captain with NetJets Aviation for the past 15 years. Rachel and I served on the Springfest committee for 5 years. I am extremely proud to be a 4th degree, Sir Knight of our Knights of Columbus Assembly. I spend as much time as possible staying involved in our multitude of fund raising events and charitable activities. I am honored to be nominated for the Pastoral Council.



Steve Demney

I have been married to my wife, Pam, for 30 years. We have two grown daughters: Rachel, and Leslie. I'm a Professional Real Estate Inspector and Consultant. I have managed facility maintenance for mechanical, electrical and plumbing contracting services. We joined CTK in 2015 after moving from the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. I want to serve on the Pastoral Council, to give and share my talents, and assist Fr. Kim to help grow and continue to strengthen our Catholic community.



Ben Martinez

I am from a small town in California just south of Santa Barbara. I am an attorney, and have primarily practiced in Bell County since 2015. As a member of the legal profession, I strive to carry my faith into my practice and consider myself fortunate to be able to work in a profession that allows me to daily advocate for those on the margins of society, commit a corporal work of mercy, and minister to those in need. I joined the Christ the King parish community in 2015. I never cease to be amazed at the warmth and receptivity of the kind people of this parish who are always willing to step up to help their fellow parishioners and serve their community. I am an active member of the Knights of Columbus, a leader with the youth ministry, and a lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.



Kevin Meyer

I was born in Queens, NY and got to Texas as fast as I could! I was in the U.S. Army, which brought my family and me to the area. I deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and left service in 2009. Since then, I have worked as a Financial Advisor to businesses and families. I assist in the long-term planning and execution of financial goals. I have a B.A. in Economics from Penn State. Our family has attended Christ the King since 2007. I have been on the RCIA team for several years and the coordinator for the past 2. I have been involved in That Man Is You since inception. My wife (Michelle) and our daughters (Shaila & Priscilla) are also very active in parish life. Outside of church, I coach youth sports, enjoy spending time with family and friends, am an avid reader and a recent triathlete.