

St. Joseph Parish Council Elections

2023 Candidates

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Carrie Budd

I grew up in Bennet and attended the Bennet Community Church. After living in Minnesota and Michigan, I returned to Lincoln and began attending St. Joseph Catholic Church. I completed RCIA classes in 2014 and joined the Church and St. Joseph parish. I have two children at St. Joseph's School – Elizabeth is in 5th grade and James is in 3rd grade. I volunteer at various school events and participate in Perpetual Adoration. I work in Lincoln as a physical therapist. I look forward to the possibility of serving on the Parish Council.



Elly Sand Fugleberg

I am honored to be nominated for Parish Council. I came into the parish as a young child in 1985. I am a proud alum of St. Joseph's School. My husband, Eric, and I have been members since 2008. We have three children (James-12, Nathan-11, and Sam-7) whom I currently homeschool. They are involved in serving, youth ministry, and JH4L. In 2015 we moved to Kansas City for two years, but we felt pulled to come back because of the devout faith of the Lincoln Diocese and the strong community of St. Joe's parish. I have been involved in Family Ministry Bible studies and Women at the Well. St. Joseph Parish has been an integral part of my faith formation and a blessing to me and my family so many ways. I would love the opportunity to give back by serving the parishioners of this community. Thank you for your consideration.



Travis Harrison

My wife and I have been members of St. Joseph's Church for the past 3+ years. We have three children Lauren (3), Jack (2), & Kirby (3 months). I have a Masters of Business Administration degree from Chadron State College and currently work for Blue River Technology, a subsidiary of John Deere. I would like to serve and give back to our parish community.



Paula Kucera

I was born and raised in Lincoln and attended Blessed Sacrament school growing up. My husband, Don, and I have been married 48 years. We have three children: Kate, Anne, and David. Our family joined St. Joseph's parish 30 years ago when we moved into the neighborhood. All three kids attended St. Joseph school and graduated from Pius X high school. I am a retired school social worker and the head of one of the three District response Crisis Teams. My husband and I have been active in our parish. I attend a women's bible study group, am an active member of St. Vincent de Paul Society, have been a Eucharistic Adorer for many years, and am a long-time lector at St. Joseph's. My husband and I have served on the CANA board since its inception and my husband is an active member of Knights of Columbus. He and I are prayer warriors and pray the rosary weekly at Planned Parenthood. I would be honored to be elected to serve on the Parish Council. Our parish family is very important to us.

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Mike Meagher

My wife, Judy, and I were members of St. Joseph Parish from 1989-2011 while I was a faculty member at UNL, with our five children attending St. Joe's School. We were very active members of both the parish and school in numerous ministries. In 2011, I began work at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN as president of their GMP Facility where I was responsible for the development and manufacturing of biological drugs for the hospital's clinical trials. My recent retirement brought us back to Lincoln, and to our beloved St. Joe's. I am delighted to be active in music ministry here once again. As with all of you, I am called to share my time, talent, & treasure with our faith community. My career focused on developing & writing proposals to bring new ideas and life-saving drugs into practice. It required building teams and empowering members, solving problems, and sweating the details to bring projects through to completion. I firmly believe that there is always a solution! These are the skills and dedication I would contribute to the Parish Council.



Jeremy Skrdla

My wife, Kati, and I have been members of St. Joseph's Parish since 2011. We have seven girls and two boys, ages 16 down to 1 year. In our time at St. Joseph's, I've been a part of a number of men's groups, including *That Man is You* and *Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters*, plus a few other small groups. Our family has also enjoyed being part of perpetual adoration for much of the ten years. From a farming family with roots in small-town NE, I am passionate about my faith, family, hard work, and spending time outdoors. By trade I am a software engineer for Telcor but I love working on our little hobby farm just outside of Lincoln. In my spare time I enjoy coaching youth sports, teaching science for our homeschool co-op my kids attend, playing board games, & woodworking. I've been looking for an opportunity to give back to this parish which has given us so much over the years. I'd be honored to serve on the Parish Council.