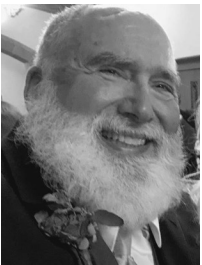


PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION 2020

Meet the Nominees



Mark Godar: My wife Donna and I have been members of St. Mary for about 25 years. We have four children and three grandchildren. I was Director of Facilities Management at Grinnell College for about 18 years, but I'm now retired. I served two terms on Pastoral Council under Fr. Bill and Fr. Nick, including being chair person. I also chaired the Buildings & Grounds committee and was on the Finance committee. I am currently serving a second term on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, and was a facilitator for the Vision 20-20 Listening Sessions and meetings. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a Eucharistic Minister. I've also helped my wife with Religious Ed.

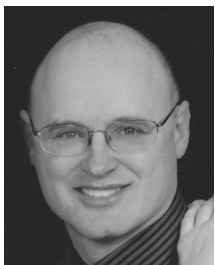


Patricia Gosselink: I have been a member of St. Mary Parish since 2012, I've been blessed with serving on Family Life, Stewardship, and Linen Ladies committees. I've also been active in celebrating Mass by ushering, reading, and serving as Eucharist Minister. As a retired mother of two, I enjoy following the activities of my 7 grandchildren, spending time with my sisters and father, going for walks, and participating in our adult faith formation opportunities here at St. Mary. It would be an honor to serve St. Mary and my fellow parishioners as a member of the Parish Council.



Shane Hart has been a member of St Mary since moving to Grinnell in 2006 with his wife Lisa and daughter Kalli (now 15). Their family has since grown to include Isabel (14), Drew (11), and Mya (8). Shane has been the general manager of Grinnell College Course for the last 5 years. Shane served on the parish council for 2 consecutive terms in the early 2010's, during which time he also served as council president. After taking a hiatus from church leadership, Shane looks forward to helping support the church once again.

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Mo Pelzel moved to Grinnell in 2017 with his wife Pam. He is the Director of Academic Technology for Grinnell College. Mo has spent his career in higher education and was a full-time professor of Catholic theology for twelve years. He continues to teach theology in an online program for Creighton University. He and Pam have a daughter, Madeleine, who lives in Houston.



Michelle Rebelsky, MD: I have been an active member of St. Mary for 23 years during which time I have taught religious education at the grade school and high school levels, raised three boys and enjoyed participating in multiple activities at the Church. I am also a family physician in the community. I know we are all struggling in this time of quarantine and I would be honored to serve on the Parish Council to bring both my work and faith life together for the benefit of the St Mary Community.



Vicki Nolton: Along with my husband, Brian, I have been a member of St. Mary Church since we moved to Grinnell in 1997. We both attended Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, IA and are blessed to have two daughters, Danica (20), and Kendra (11). Over the years I have served our parish as a lector and Eucharistic Minister and served on the Worship and Spirituality Commission, helped teach Faith Formation classes, assisted with the recent church remodel and various church projects as needed. I have also been called to live my faith through my professional roles: I currently work at Grinnell College as a program associate for Service and Social Innovation within the Center for Careers, Life and Service, and enjoy supporting our students in learning about creative solutions to tackle root causes of pressing social justice issues. Prior to that, I managed a maternal and child health program at Grinnell Regional Public Health and assisted families in accessing preventative health care services and affordable health care coverage, and also worked at Mid-Iowa Community Action helping at-risk families address barriers to success. If elected to the Parish Council, I would like to serve by fostering efforts to make St. Mary Church a welcoming and supportive faith family for all ages and a place that challenges all members to live their faith each day.



Christopher Zug: My wife, Mary, and I have been parishioners of St. Mary since early 2018, after a couple of job related transitions brought us to Grinnell in late December, 2017. Prior to that, we'd been at Sacred Heart in West Des Moines for about 20 years, joining the Church together through RCIA just before our daughter was born in 1998. Our relationship with Grinnell extends back much further, though, as I graduated from the College in 1993 and Mary had been on campus quite frequently, as she graduated from Central College (Pella) in 1992. Yes, we're high school sweethearts, having both graduated from Des Moines Roosevelt in the late 80s.

I work in a compliance role for the retirement area of Principal Financial Group, commuting a day or two each week to Des Moines, while enjoying working from home the rest of the time. Mary works in the Development and Alumni Relations office at the College. Our daughter, Meghan, completed three years at UNI and is in the final term of her accelerated BSN program at Allen College in Waterloo. Our sons, Matthew and Nathaniel, are sophomores at Grinnell High School.

A lot has been written about creating a "Zone of Confluence" in Grinnell. I see our parish as having a very similar role; blending rural and urban, young and old, town and gown. A parish that welcomes all to listen to the word of God before sending us forth to do His work.