MEET OUR 2022-23 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS





Eric Dean is the Secretary of Pastoral Council, and has been a member of St. Michael since moving to the area in 2001. He attends the 4:30 mass with his wife, Chris, and kids Evan, who is now a Sophomore at Grand Valley, and Emma, who is a Junior at GLHS. He has served as a Eucharistic Minister, a Reader and volunteered at the annual Parish festival. Professionally, he works in the Michigan Legislature, having served in various roles for more than 20 years, and is a licensed REALTOR®, where he and Chris make up the "Dean Team" of Gateway Group. An avid cyclist, he rides thousands of miles each year, having completed his 4th DALMAC in 2022. He loves to landscape, and travels as much as his schedule allows. He is blessed to be able to further serve our parish on the Pastoral Council.



Hi! My name is **Isabella Dionise** and I am a junior in high school at Grand Ledge, I am the Pastoral Council's youth representative. I have 2 younger siblings that go to St. Michael School. I am involved with the archery club, the French club, the National Honor Society, the *Comet's Tale* Newspaper, the Symphony band, and I write the yearbook for St. Michael School. I hope to see you around the church or the school and I look forward to this year on the Pastoral Council!



Larry Doyle, Worship Commission Liaison, was raised on a farm near Grandville, went off to Michigan Tech for his college education, worked for General Motors in Lansing for nearly 41 years, and has been retired since 2005. He and his wife Susan have six children, ten grandkids, and two great grands. Larry has been a member of St. Michael Parish since 1972, and has served in a variety of ministries and commissions. Of other activities, family comes first, then walking, golf, cooking, and reading.



Fr. Jim Eisele grew up in Fowlerville and is in his 19th year as pastor of St. Michael and 35th year as a priest of the Diocese of Lansing. He enjoys gardening and traveling.



Joe East grew up in Ann Arbor and has been living in Maine for the last few years. He and Nicole, his wife, moved to Grand Ledge In the fall of 2020 when Nicole took over a dental practice in town.

Joe loves to get involved in the community, take lots of walks with their 2-year-old, Peter and 7-month-old Angelina, and spend time with family. Joe and Nicole feel very welcomed into the St. Michael church community. They are happy to help others grow in it as well and be connected to our local faith life."



Francis Jacobs - My family moved to Lansing from Carson City when I was young. I went to I.H.M. (started in 1965 when the church and school building were about 2-3 years old) for most of my life. Carolyn and I were married in 1986. That same year I graduated from Grand Valley State. For many years I have been involved with the Cursillo and the Charismatic Renewal movements. In 2012, Carolyn and I started attending St. Michael. I served on the Worship Commission (2015-2020). In 2017 I graduated from Siena Heights in theological studies. I am a certified catechist in catechism for the Diocese of Lansing and for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Francis enjoys working as a scorekeeper at college baseball and basketball games.



Laurie Mooney, along with her husband and family, have been parishioners of St. Michael since 2003. Laurie and Chris met at Central Michigan University. Laurie has volunteered/worked in the Parish School since 2004. She is now the full-time school secretary. Laurie likes to stay active with running, skiing, and volleyball with fellow St. Michael parishioners.



Dan O'Shea was born and raised in Bay City and has been a member of St. Michael Parish since 1992. Dan went to college at Ferris State and has worked at Farm Bureau Insurance for over 35 years. He lives in Grand Ledge with his wife Judy and they have three adult children Riley, Nolan and Katie. Dan is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has previously served on the Finance Council.



Rhonda Ramsey and her family have been members of St. Michael Parish for 34 years. Rhonda and her husband, Kirk, have 4 children and 12 grandchildren. Spending time with her family and sewing are some of her favorite pastimes. She has been a daycare provider for 35 years and feels the reward of working with children. For 16 years, Rhonda was a religious education catechist.



Steve Siegrist has been a member of St. Michael Parish since 2006. His wife Vicki and he have five children and seven grandchildren. Steve has served as a Eucharistic Minister and Hospitality Minister. Steve is a past member of the Social Justice Commission and for many years conducted faith groups and communion services as a volunteer in the Eaton County Jail. Steve retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections after 32 years of service and from Eaton County after 11 years as the Community Corrections Director. Steve has taught criminal justice at Lansing Community College for 30 years and Ferris State University for 20 years. Steve is an adjunct professor and continues to teach for both schools. Steve enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, the cottage, running and wilderness adventures.



Jan Theis was confirmed and received into the Catholic faith in April 1994. That year she and Tom were married here at St. Michael Parish. They now have two adult children and one very sweet granddaughter. Jan worked at M&M Distributors, Inc. before becoming a stay-at-home mom in 1998. In recent years Tom and Jan had the honor of being caregivers for her parents. They both enjoy spending time with family, hiking and traveling. They also enjoy gardening, their next challenge being "winter gardening." Tom and Jan have volunteered in several areas including the Parish FunFest team. Jan has had the pleasure of serving on several committees and commissions and she looks forward to her time with the Pastoral Council.