

Margaret Hall



Parish Council 2023 Nominees

We will vote for 3 names

To fill positions on the following
Commissions:

Education

Parish Life

Spanish Representative

Family: Heath and I married over 26yrs ago at Blessed Sacrament Church in Jonesboro. Two sons, James Michael (12) and John Thomas (10)

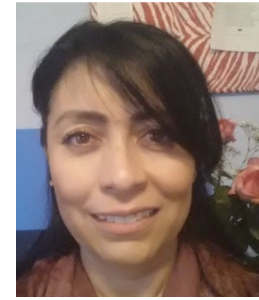
Career: Lakeside High School chemistry teacher. 24yrs teaching high school science in Hot Springs, Searcy, Cabot, Greenwood, and Fort Smith.

How long have you been a member of St. Mary's Church: Started attending St. Mary's in 2014 and registered in 2017 when my sons were baptized.

Activities: St. Mary's: Previously assisted with the coordination of altar servers for Sunday Masses. Served as substitute faith formation teacher and as a class aide.

Why you would like to be on the Parish Council: As my boys are getting older, I believe I need to set an example for them. I want to be more involved in our parish because I know my sons are reaching pivotal years in their faith formation. I want my sons, as well as all parish children to grow in their faith. If we strengthen their love for Christ and the Catholic Church, they will continue being part of our church family.

Veronica Hughes



Family: I am from Mexico. Around twenty years ago I moved to Hot Springs. I have been married for seven years to Jay Hughes. We have two dogs Rocky and Cocoa and a little kitty Titi.

Career: Teacher at Park Magnet School. May, 2018: Associate of Science in Education at National Park College. May 2021: Bachelor Degree of Science in Education at Henderson University. English is my second language.

How long have you been a member of St. Mary's Church: 5 years

Activities: St. Mary's: Faith Formation teacher for 1st Communion children in Spanish for 5 years. Currently the Spanish Coordinator at St. Mary's and before I started teaching, I worked in the office part-time as the Spanish secretary.

Why you would like to be on the Parish Council: The main reason I want to be part of the council is to help the Latino community of St. Mary's take an active part in the activities of the Church by transmitting their ideas and needs.

Debbie Beeber



David Finn



Stephanie Nehus



Family: Married to De Greg, 3 sons
Austin & Emily in Maryland
Travis & Jenny in Illinois
Cody, Sr @ Univ of Kansas
(discerning to be a priest)

Career: Retired Catholic middle school
science teacher

**How long have you been a member of St.
Mary's Church:** 3 years

Activities (both church & community):
St. Mary's: Lector, EMHC, WWP, HOM,
Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. Mary's liaison
on St. John the Baptist School Board
Community: KC Rummage Sale, volunteer
At Pocket Community Theater

**Why you would like to be on the Parish
Council:** I am a "doer" and an organizer. I
like to keep things running smoothly and
growing so people can be life-long learners.
I would like to use my education back-
ground and training in the deaconate to help
continue to be God's light in this parish.

Family: Married to Meredith and son James

Career: Senior Design Engineer at Omega
Solutions Inc in Hot Springs, an industrial
machinery manufacturer, mainly serving the
sawmill industry. We design & manufacture
equipment that processes logs into dimensional
lumber used in housing/general construction.

**How long have you been a member of St.
Mary's Church:** 17 years

Activities:
St. Mary's: Participate in Catholic
Conversations group on Sunday morning
Community: Knights of Columbus

**Why you would like to be on the Parish
Council:** To become further involved in our
local parish and serve the church community.
Education has played an important part in my
Faith. I would like to help in finding the best
way to further the educational needs of our
Parish.

Family: Married to Zack for 17yrs. Children:
Andrew, Jay, & Julia
Daughter of Beck Antoine and the late
Dick Antoine

Career: Superintendent of the Hot Springs
School Dist. For 5yrs. 25th year in education.
Began as a jr. high math teacher. Served as a
curriculum coordinator, jr. high principal,
elementary principal, & associate
superintendent

**How long you have been a member of St.
Mary's Church:** 8 years

Activities (both church & community):
EMHC, Lector, HOM, Altar servers
Coordinator
Retired after 6yrs of teaching 1st Communion
Community: United Way of the Quachitas
Board of Directors, Jan 2023 Greater Hot
Springs
Chamber of Commerce Board

**Why you would like to be on the Parish
Council:** I have a servant heart & am
grounded by my Catholic faith. My strong
faith has supported me and carried me through
the challenges that life has thrown my way. I
would like to give back to St. Mary's, a church
family that embraced and supported our family
from day one of our membership.

Ryan Burton



Family: Married 10 years to Angela and one daughter Penelope

Career: Body Shop Manager/Auto Damage Appraiser for 14 years

How long have you been a member of St. Mary's Church: 4 years

Activities:

St. Mary's: RCIA for 4yrs (Catechist & audio/video tech), Sacristan & altar server for weekday morning Mass

Community: Knights of Columbus

Why you would like to be on the Parish Council: I would like to be on the Parish Council to further serve the parish.

Lynn Pellegrino



Family: 2 grown children, Bobby (Philadelphia) and Nicole (Rogers) & 2 grandchildren Autumn and Presley

Career: retired Masters in nursing as a Geriatric Clinical nurse specialist, former owner of Hot Springs Natural bath company, & semi-retired as a Sous Chef

How long have you been a member of St. Mary's Church: 15 years

Activities:

St. Mary's: EMHC, WWP, Bereavement food ministry, HOM

Community: Chair of the interdenominational Kitchen Angels ministry serving the Hope House Movement of women recovering from addiction.

Why you would like to be on the Parish Council: To serve the needs of my church family by meeting those needing a friend in Christ & as an evangelist for my Catholic Faith. Organized team player and ready for a challenge.

Ray Rhine



Family: Married to Amy-Lynn for 3 years. 2 daughters with 6 grandchildren

Career: retired Military of 17yrs: 5yrs Coast Guard, 2yrs Army 101 Airborne Division, & 2yrs Border Patrol, and remainder of time in National Guard

How long have you been a member of St. Mary's Church: 6 years

Activities:

St. Mary's: EMHC, Amy-Lynn and I are sacristans for the Saturday 4PM Mass

Community: Knights of Columbus and Kairos prison ministry

Why you would like to be on the Parish Council: I am interested in being on the PC to be more involved in helping the church grow and move forward and have a positive affect.