



***NWMCP Strategic Planning Update
April 2023***

Our new Pastoral Associate, Joe Pense, is excited to be of service to our three parishes! For those not familiar with the role of a Pastoral Associate, the following are just some of the ministries and duties that are encompassed in that position.

Ministry of Worship

Joe will bring his knowledge and spirit to this ministry aiding our pastor in areas such as:

- Assisting in the collaborative preparation of parish sacramental celebrations
- Assisting in the formation and preparation of individuals and families for the sacraments
- Responding to human concerns crises involving parishioners or other people seeking assistance

Ministry of Education

Ongoing formation and education are critical to the future of our parishes and our Church. As a Pastoral Associate, Joe will support these important ministries by:

- Assisting parish staff, volunteers, and parish groups in spiritual development and formation
- Developing retreats, in-services, and prayers that foster faith in individuals and groups
- Collaborating with other parish staff in providing child, youth, and adult religious formation, including catechist formation

Ministry of Human Concerns

The needs of the poor and underserved continue to grow. A Pastoral Associate increases our ability to serve all our parishioners by:

- Assisting in responding to the needs of the poor, the uninsured, and the forgotten in the parish and the community
- Directing pastoral services for individuals suffering from illness, grief, and spiritual crisis
- Assisting our pastor in fostering a sense of community within the parish in which new members and established parishioners feel a sense of belonging to each other, the parish, and the larger Church

As Pastoral Associate, Joe will help us broaden the scope and ability to minister to all parishioners as we look toward the future of the Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes. Please pray for Joe in his new role and welcome him into our parish family.