

## A message from your Parish Council President

Happy Belated New Year! Hi my name is David Gendreau and recently I have been blessed with being chosen as the President of the Church of the Holy Family Parish Council. I would also like to introduce the other council members, Kate Petrozza (VP), Jane Golino (Secr.), Geoffrey Connors, Lois Roy, Tom Griffin, Chris Jurovaty, Ellen Ludwig (Education), Ken Kron (Finance), Mike Burns (K of C), Roberta Murphy (Liturgy), Tom Loto (Parish Planning) and Deacon Tom Casey.

The Parish Council meetings typically occur on the first Tuesday of each month and any member from the Parish is invited and welcomed.

In speaking with Fr. Michael lately and listening to one of his sermons he talked about DREAMS and the need for new and fresh ideas. Recently, we had a joint meeting with members from our Parish Council, Financial, Planning and Stewardship committees to come up with new ideas. Three major points came out of our discussions:

- o Improve communications within the Parish.
- o Define a two year plan for the Parish.
- o Increase participation (volunteers) in activities.

We are truly blessed with some amazing leadership in this Parish. Even though I don't consider myself a leader, I ran across this explanation the other day in The Word among Us for November 2009 about leadership which encourages each one of us to be a leader.

*"The most important leadership role any of us can take is to lead people to Jesus. For example, simply taking the time after Mass to get to know a young couple and share with them about God's work in your life can make a huge difference. Offering to help a neighbor can open up opportunities for witnessing. Volunteering can put you in a position to begin to pray with people and help them find the Lord. You can make a difference because Christ is in you. Each of us can lead, even as we follow the Lord!"*

Fr. Michael, the parish council and I place a high value on the insights and opinions of every parishioner within our family of faith. We do not want to be satisfied that everything is running fine. We want to improve on living out our faith and reach out beyond the four walls of Holy Family.

In closing, I would like for you to contact me or anyone else who you know on the parish council with some great ideas that we can share with everyone. To reach me you can email me using the link for the Parish Council President on the parish website.