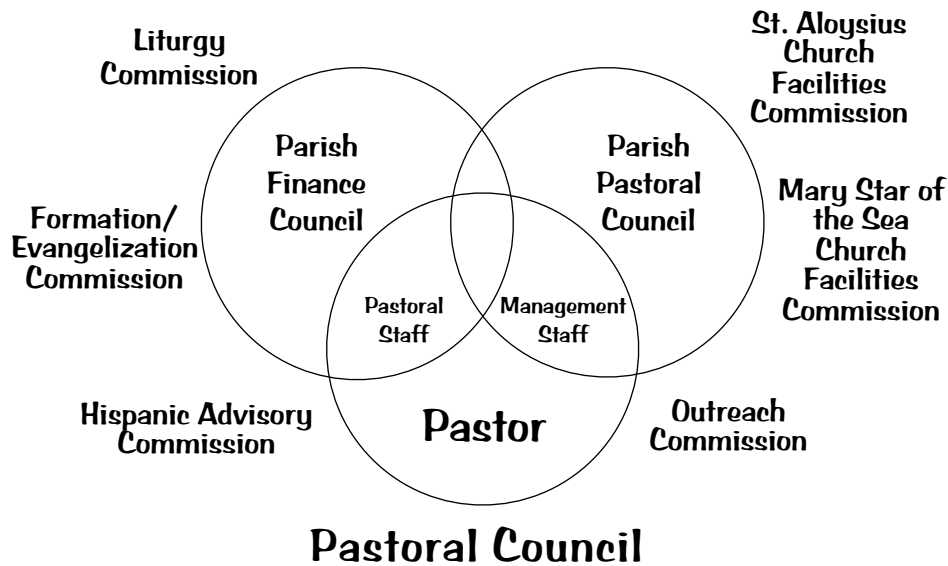


The Mission of Saint Aloysius Parish, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and intercession of Mary, is to embrace the Holiness of God by validating the dignity and goodness of all people. Centered in Christ and the Eucharist, we seek to accomplish Christ's mission through active participation in spiritual, charitable, educational, and social programs. We strive to build God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace with hospitality, worship, evangelization, and good works.

Parish Leadership

The Pastor is entrusted with the leadership of the parish and has the responsibility for providing for the overall day-to-day pastoral care and administration of a parish. Together with the councils and commissions the pastor enables and empowers the community to be a faithful witness to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. As the leader, the pastor appoints the members of the councils and commissions and through their advice responds to the diverse needs of the parish. The parishioners, likewise, are challenged to support the parish vision by sharing their time, talent and treasure through involvement in parish ministries.



The Pastoral Council is composed of the pastor, the pastoral council chairman, a finance council representative, representatives from each of the six commissions, and two parishioners at-large. The Pastoral Council is the chief advisory body to the pastor for planning and providing overall vision and direction to the parish. The members meet with the pastor and offer him the wisdom of the community and are responsible for seeing the bigger picture of the parish. Whereas the finance council has a limited scope that deals with budget and financial matters, the work of the pastoral council embraces all the pastoral dimensions of the parish. Within the context of servant leadership and extensive consultation, the Pastoral Council seeks to answer such questions as: Who are we as a parish? What is our unique identity in the diocesan and universal Church? What are our needs and priorities? In addition to doing long range planning, the council members deal with whatever pastoral concerns the pastor brings before them. A consensus style of operation is paramount in the Pastoral Council, and all decisions are ultimately the prerogative of the Pastor.

Finance Council

The Finance Council is composed of the pastor, the business manager, and a group of parishioners with expertise in financial matters. The Finance Council, within the context of servant leadership, is the chief advisory body to the pastor on fiscal matters. It is the Finance Council's responsibility to assist in developing the annual budget, monitor its execution throughout the year and advise the pastor on all matters pertaining to finance. The Finance Council meets to review balance sheets, income/expense statements and cash flow reports. Members of the finance council are appointed by the pastor on the basis of their expertise in accounting, finance, investment, development, budget, and law. All financial decisions are ultimately the responsibility of the Pastor.

Commissions

Six facets of parish life are addressed through the work of the commissions — Liturgy, Formation/Evangelization, Outreach, Hispanic Advisory, St. Aloysius Facilities, and Mary Star of the Sea Facilities. Each commission is composed of parishioners appointed by the pastor to advise the pastor on issues in their respective areas and to fulfill the mission of the ministries which fall within their purview.

Liturgy Commission

The Liturgy Commission serves as an advisory committee to the pastor seeking to encourage full, active, conscious participation of the whole community at worship to help connect faith with life. This commission coordinates all aspects of prayer and liturgy in the parish. It provides direction and vision for what the parish seeks in communal worship. The Liturgy Commission oversees a number of ministries including lectors, altar servers, Eucharist ministers, hospitality ministers, music ministry.

Formation/Evangelization Commission

The Formation/Evangelization Commission supports all levels of religious education encouraging all to participate in life-long spiritual formation through community-wide catechesis. It is also committed to providing a welcoming, hospitable atmosphere throughout the parish community. The commission fosters interaction and communication among parish organizations, encourages broad-based parishioner involvement in parish life and ministry, and promotes opportunities for community building.

Hispanic Advisory Commission

The Hispanic Advisory Commission supports the Spanish speaking members of the parish. The commission advises the pastor and the pastoral council on issues specific to the Hispanic Community.

Outreach Commission

Outreach ministries are multifaceted, reaching out to the broader community, creating a loving family environment and hospitable parish, providing comfort and service to those in need, especially the poor, and involving parishioners in social justice and pastoral care programs.

St. Aloysius Church Facilities Commission and Mary Star of the Sea Church Facilities Commission

The Saint Aloysius Parish Facilities Commissions are responsible for the care, maintenance, and operation of the parish physical assets at the two geographical locations, Point Arena and Gualala. Their responsibilities include: interior and exterior maintenance, landscaping and grounds upkeep, general operations, and rentals.