



The Parish Covenant Corner

A weekly look at how our faith community is living out the Parish Covenant and growing in our relationship with God.

“ I will make a covenant of peace with them...

I will be their God and they will be my people.”

(Ezekiel 37:26-27)

We always knew an important part of parenting for us would be finding opportunities to celebrate each child’s gifts within our family, the community, even the world. While we all know that children LOVE to receive gifts, the real challenge is to convey that the most important gifts, the ones given by God, are not meant to be kept but rather to be shared with others. Whew! This is a big job—thank goodness we have found our home at St. Mary Parish.

Service opportunities are plentiful here! When we first came to St. Mary, we marveled at all the ministries. We had never seen anything like it. We are finding ways to get involved, individually and as a family. And, if “sharing our gifts” was truly going to be an important lesson for our children, we couldn’t just participate once or twice a year. So, we crafted a saying in our family, “If you don’t have a real good reason to say no, then don’t—say yes!”

We find the more we answer the call to share our gifts, the more we want to continue doing it. So, whether we’ve donated a few hours of our time, some handmade items, a few groceries or supplies, or even just a heartfelt prayer, it all feels good.

Our dream is for our children to continue throughout their lives to say “yes” to sharing their wonderful gifts with others. As a parent, that would truly be the best gift of all.

Andy, Jenny, Jon Michael, Anderson, and Camden Stroh

Each week we will highlight a family/individual or group of people that is finding their unique way to live out the Parish Covenant. It is our hope that by doing so we may all continue to grow in our faith and relationship with God. If you have a personal story you would like to share please email Sue Miller at mmiller101@wi.rr.com