

A note from our 10:30am Mass Choir Director, Mary Schireman

After over 36 years of enjoying the absolute best job ever – leading my choir and you in singing praise to God, I will be turning over my music bag at the end of August.

While this was an incredibly tough and emotional decision for me to make, I am also confident that the timing is right. There are several contributing factors that helped me come to a decision. Once again, I am battling vocal nodules, which make leading singers difficult. As you may recall, my sister is very sick, and I need to spend more time with her in Arkansas. In addition, as my family continues to grow, having the flexibility to not always attend the 10:30 Mass has become important.

This is definitely not good-bye, as Deacon Duane and I love our parish community. I will rest up my voice and then join you all in singing in the congregation. It will be a tough transition, I know I will miss this ministry, but it is time for me to change directions and use my skills in another liturgical ministry. Through the years, my choir has been a part of my family, with lasting friendships and great support. I cannot thank each member enough for their commitment and for sharing their skills with our parish community.

My goal when I started leading was to always do what I could to encourage participation in the Mass. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being an amazing congregation, singing along with us, and for your prayers and support over all these years!

Have a wonderful summer and keep singing!!

Mary