

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Mary Jo and Frank Haggerty

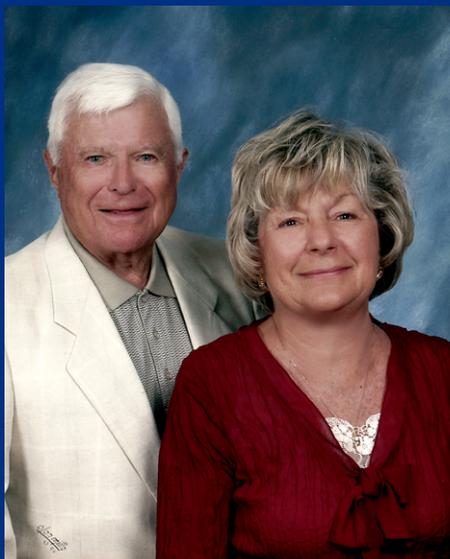
When the home in North St. Paul became too small for the young family, and the parish school was full, Mary Jo and Frank Haggerty began looking for a new place to live. “At the time my criteria for a new home was it had to be brick or stucco and the parish school had to have space for our kids,” recalls Mary Jo.

The house they were looking for turned out to be in Roseville and fortunately for them Saint Rose School had plenty of openings because the St. Odilia parish had just opened a school. The first Haggerty child began attending Saint Rose School in 1962 and 19 years later the youngest of the six children graduated.

During that time Mary Jo became a busy school volunteer. Among other things she was part of a group that presented a program to the classroom spotlighting great master artists.

Around the parish she was also known as a tireless volunteer, including time as a member of the Altar and Rosary Society and CCW. She was a member of the Parish Council twice and president of the Religious Development Board. She delivered groceries to shut-ins and up until two years ago was part of the parish Loaves and Fishes team. Now she spends time doing the Prayer Line and for 17 years has been a regular in the Adoration Chapel. Mary Jo states: “My life centers around Jesus.” “The Saint Rose parish and school has been very good to our family,” she says. “It has been a blessing to be part of this community for almost 60 years.”

Frank passed away in September, 2021



Other things to know about Mary Jo and Frank:

- As a youngster Mary Jo attended Sacred Heart parish and school in St. Paul. After graduating from St. Agnes High School she was employed as a secretary until she and Frank married and started a family. One of her brothers was Raymond Lucker, former Bishop of New Ulm.
- Frank grew up in the St. Vincent DePaul parish in St. Paul and graduated from Mechanic Arts High School. The couple met on a blind date and were married in 1952. He was an over-the-road truck driver, mostly hauling steel to the East Coast. At Saint Rose Frank was an usher for more than 15 years and was a very active member of the Knights of Columbus. He often worked with the disabled.
- Today all six of the Haggerty children are retired and live in the Twin Cities area. So do most of Mary Jo and Frank's 21 grandchildren and great grandchildren. “They are a big part of our lives,” says Mary Jo.