

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Liz and Jim Jaeger

After meeting for the first time in a freshman orientation group at Marquette University, Liz and Jim Jaeger discovered they shared the same core values, something they have consistently practiced during their 40 years as members of the Saint Rose community.

"We purchased our home, which is four blocks from the church, so our children would be able to walk to school and we wanted quick and easy access for all our volunteer activities—which were centered in parish life," says Liz. "I don't think it is an understatement to say that our Catholic faith has always been up front in our lives. If you put God at the center of your life, everything else falls in place."

Three experiences at Saint Rose as a teenager helped shape Liz into the person she is today: the tragic death of a grade 8 classmate and the incredible support from the parish community, lending help to an elderly couple ("he became the grandfather I never had"), and the inspiration she took from Saint Rose parishioners who brought the Eucharist to Rose of Sharon residents. Over the years, Liz and Jim have been active parish volunteers. Among her activities: Cantor and choir member, Christian Service Committee (charter member), Parish Council, homebound minister and Girl Scout leader. Jim served on the School Board and was a soccer and track coach, a Christian Service Committee member and school nurse volunteer, among other things.

They enjoy camping and sharing their love of nature. They initiated Saint Rose's participation in Reservoir Woods (east) monthly clean-up and they volunteer at Harriet Alexander Nature Center. Liz has been a wilderness guide for many BWCA trips.



Other things to know about Liz and Jim:

- Liz attended Saint Rose School in grades 7 and 8, and then went to St. Bernard's High School. She moved on to Marquette University for a degree in journalism, the University of Minnesota for advanced degrees in English education, and the University of St. Thomas for ESL certification. Her work career included writing, editing and teaching. In retirement she shares her interest in literature with her grandchildren.
- Jim also attended Saint Rose School, this one 1,100 miles to the east in North Syracuse, NY. He received degrees in sociology and philosophy from Marquette and

later went to Anoka Ramsey Community College for a degree in nursing. He worked in mental health nursing for seven years. Then when their daughter was diagnosed with cancer, he shifted his focus to pediatric oncology nursing and worked in that field for 25 years. Jim has been at Gillette Children's Hospital outpatient clinic for the past nine years.

- The Jaeger children—Steve, Mary and Chuck—graduated from the parish school and were active in the children's choir (a group their mother helped start) and later as instrumentalists and singers. Liz spearheaded the effort to bring the Hill-Murray band program to Saint Rose School. The Jaegers have five grandchildren and another due soon.