

# Betty Leith and Her Call to Music Ministry

**1. What do you like most about providing music in Mass?** I hope that my contribution to the Mass helps people grow closer to God. That the music lifts their souls to heaven, not that I'm that good of a musician, but just in some small way they connect with the Lord.



**2. How many years have you been providing music for Queen of the Most Holy Rosary?** I began helping with the music when we first moved here in 1986. Fr. Walter learned that I played piano and asked when I wanted to start playing at Mass. I told him I had never done that and that I had a 2 year old and, and, and. But, he didn't let me get away with my excuses for not being able to play. He told me to talk to the other musicians and get on the schedule. So, I did.

**3. Do you have a favorite hymn to play?** Wow! I have many favorite hymns. I would say my long time favorite is "The Church's One Foundation". I love playing "How Great Thou Art", because I can add some fun piano playing to it. There are so many, but I have to mention, "Be Still My Soul", so beautiful. And all the Christmas and Easter hymns.

**4. Are there any challenges you experience in your music ministry?** Yes. I still get nervous. I can really be hard on myself if I mess up. I wish I had more skill. When I feel inadequate, I really try to focus on serving the Lord with the gifts He has given me. If I feel humiliated when I make a mistake, I try to think about how much humiliation Jesus endured for me.

**5. How are you fed spiritually?** I have a prayer room in my house. I light incense and read my Bible and pray. I read a lot of good Catholic books. One of my favorites is "The Imitation of Christ". And, of course, Mass and regular confession.

**6. What are your favorite hobbies?** I do like to sew, but it has turned into a business more than a hobby. I like to crochet. I have crocheted a blanket for each of my grandchildren. I like to read. I like the author, Mary Higgins Clark.



## Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Newsletter

**Holy Rosary** October 2022

### A Powerful Weapon: Quotes on the Holy Rosary

1. "The Rosary is the Bible on a String" - Father Ronan Murphy
2. "Daily recitation of the rosary in the family was once widespread. How worthwhile would such a practice be today! Mary's rosary removes the seeds of family breakup; it is the sure bond of communion and peace." -St. John Paul II
3. "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." – Saint Francis de Sales
4. "The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results." -St. Josemaria Escriva
5. "Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary's which purifies the monotony of your sins!" -St. Josemaria Escriva
6. "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." – Pope Pius XI

**A BIG Thank You!** Thank you to the many parishioners who generously lead the Rosary before each Saturday and Sunday Mass. This is a very welcome and powerful devotion. The Rosary is prayed 1/2 hour before Mass begins. It is completed in time to allow people at least 5-10 minutes before Mass to prepare in silence for the sacred celebration of the Mass.

## Question for Father Jason

### Where does Halloween come from?

There was a Celtic, pagan festival called Samhain, on November 1st of each year in Ireland, Scotland, and surrounding areas, which celebrated the end of the harvest season. The festival was also said to be a time when the boundary between the dead and the living was thinned. Bonfires were lit to repel the spirits of the dead who supposedly roamed about terrorizing. Pagan sacrifices to false gods are also sometimes described as part of the festival.

Eventually, however, as the Catholic Faith spread, the Church saw an opportunity to rid the calendar of the evil and pagan connotations of this day by moving All Saints Day to November 1st. Instead of fearing the dead and performing pagan rituals, the Catholic Church began celebrating the lives of all the saints in Heaven with Mass on that day.

This great feast of the Church was called Hallowmas. "Hallow-" referring to the holy (hallowed) saints in Heaven. And "-mas" meaning, of course, Catholic Mass celebrated in their honor on November 1st. That meant the evening before Hallowmas was "Hallowmas Eve," which eventually morphed into the word "Halloween."

The secular culture has taken Christ and Mass out of Christmas and has replaced him with a bunny at Easter. It has done the same on Hallowmas Eve, taking the Hallowed out of Halloween. As Catholics, we can still celebrate Halloween, so long as we avoid the evil and occult. Let us celebrate all the saints instead!

### Re-enactment - First Holy Communion Video

**A MUST- SEE!** Scan the QR code and view the re-enactment of grades 9-12 First Holy Communion video! Including: Ethyn Jessen, Evelyn Lebrun & Coale Rodgers



THE KIDS CORNER

Q. What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark?  
A. Floodlights!!

### ...And the Winner is...

Congratulations to **Marshall Fjeldahl!**

He guessed the closest number of miles that Father Jason rode on his vacation.

Without going over, Marshall guessed 305 miles. Father Jason rode a total of 343.6 miles. Great Guess!



Thank you to Connor Gustavson and Coda Fladeland for glorifying God by sharing their singing voices during Mass on Saturday, September 17th. Please compliment these boys when you see them - what great role models!

Singing in Mass helps children feel the power of the presence of God. Song can lift our hearts in a way that spoken words may not be able to achieve.

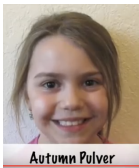
A few more students have requested to sing during Mass. Expect to hear them soon! Please encourage others to share their voices during Mass. Who knows, there may be a Kids Choir in the future of Queen of the Most Holy Rosary!

**T-SHIRTS:** We are planning on ordering Queen of the Most Holy Rosary t-shirts for the CCD students. Students are encouraged to wear their t-shirt to events that they participate in and on Wednesdays to school! What a great way to promote a sense of belonging and community. If you would like to make a donation to help purchase these t-shirts, it would be greatly appreciated!

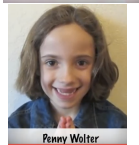
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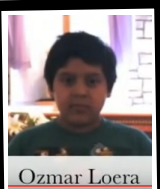


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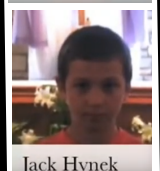


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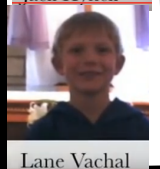
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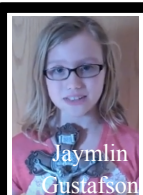
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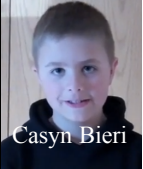
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