

Good morning –

My name is Cheryl Brady and our family joined the Corpus Christi community when we moved to Falcon Heights 20 years ago. We feel blessed to have found a home and a church family here.

This community offers many opportunities to become involved through a variety of ministries. There is something for everyone, no matter what your stage in life or what talents you have.

When our children were young, we started volunteering with our kids at Project Home and serving meals at the Dorothy Day Center. These were wonderful ministries for us to experience as a family.

As our kids got older, I helped out with the religious education program and the senior high students. Another chance to work with our youth has been the Give & Grin program each summer. This amazing program gives students a chance to volunteer at a variety of sites in the morning, share their experiences as a group at lunch, and then participate in a fun activity in the afternoon. Adult volunteers are always needed and it's so rewarding to work side by side with these great kids!

One of my favorite aspects of this church community is when we gather for "hospitality" after Mass in the gathering area. It is great to see how many people stay to socialize and get to know one another. My husband, Bill, and I serve hospitality after the 10:30 Mass once a month. It has given us a chance to meet so many wonderful people, from young couples just starting off, to immigrants who've found a new home here, to families whose membership stretches across two or three generations.

I also help with the funeral ministry when I can. Every funeral Mass is followed by a meal, prepared by a group of quietly dedicated parishioners. My family experienced the blessing of this ministry earlier this year when my Mom passed away, so I know it is a wonderful gift to the family.

Bill and I joined the Social Justice Committee within the past year. We feel that the activities organized by the committee allow us to put our faith into action. Speaking of activities ... just a reminder about the potluck and continuation of the discussion about teen homelessness that will take place after Mass today. Please join us!

The cover statement on our Mass Guide welcomes us all to Corpus Christi, whatever our family or marital situation, whatever our race, color or sexual orientation, whatever our past or present status in the Catholic Church. We all have a place here, and we all have gifts that we are given to share. I'm grateful for the opportunities this community has given me to share my gifts, and I encourage you to explore such opportunities as well. Thank you.