

Good evening, my name is Sharon Valois. I moved into this parish in 1941 when I was 5 years old. If you do the math you will know how old I am.

My husband Bob and I were married in 1955, had 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls. They all attended Corpus Christi school, way back when. 3 of our kids never left this parish, and another one has moved back, about 4 years ago. My youngest daughter lives in Egan. When Bob retired we moved to our cabin in northern Wisconsin. We were back so often that it was awhile before some people knew we had moved. And we lived there quite a while. When Bob's health was failing we moved back to Roseville to live with our daughter Yvonne. He died there a little over 2 years ago.

I have a question for you? What makes a church vibrant? Besides the pastor, and we are blessed to have Fr. Paveglio, it's the people. The people are the church. This parish has many ways, that we the people, can help make it a vibrant community. I know I am very thankful for all the people I have gotten to know, through my volunteering. They have helped influenced my spiritual growth. They are very special people. Volunteers help in so many ways. From helping with funerals, the giving garden, being ushers, lectors, musicians, Eucharistic ministers, decorators, dancers, taking communion to hospitals and nursing homes, teaching our children, working at Dorothy Day Center, and St. Anthony Senior Center, praying the rosary outside of planned parenthood, being a member of the parish prayer chain.

If you can't physically help, you can pray for the people requesting prayers. And there are many other things I haven't listed. Also, there are groups you can join. I am involved in Moms in Prayer, bible study, eat a little talk a lot, and from St. Rose, The Legion of Mary. And there are a number of things we do with St. Rose. The Lenten fish fry, the summer barbeque, and a book club. I volunteer at the St. Rose Adoration Chapel. They are in need of volunteers to spend 1 hour with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. They do it 24 hours a day.

In closing I would like to say, if you want to help make this parish vibrant and make some very special friends,-- volunteer.

I would like to leave you with this little saying I have in my prayer book.

I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.
And what I can do,
I ought to do.
And what I ought to do,
By God's grace, I will do.

Thank You.