



Heart of the Parish

“People are the Heart of the Parish”

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Who is Rose?

On a couple of recent Sundays at Mass, the priest or lector made a comment thanking “Rose” for the success of the Annual Dinner Auction held in October. If you did not attend or were not one of the many volunteers for the event, or aren’t very active in parish events, you may not know who Rose is.

“Rose” Flores is the Business Manager and Director of Development for the parish and school with an office in the rectory. She wore her Development hat when she expanded the dinner auction, and with the help of the rest of the rectory staff, many volunteers, generous donors, and alumni and attendees made it a more profitable event. She has continued to lead the event with increasing profits every year, this year’s earnings, a record \$131,000!



Rose was hired by Fr. Walter Nolte as the parish Business Manager in 2013, and when he found out she liked to plan parties, he asked her to become Director of Development also. She has since hosted more parties, such as the annual Hooley, which began as a community building activity and has grown into a source of revenue, as well as an enjoyable event for all ages.

Rose is a native Omahan, and after graduating from UNO, worked for NCR Corporation before moving to California, following her husband in his military service. Her final job in California was as the Corporate Controller for a winery, a position she held for 20 years.

Once her husband retired she persuaded him to move the family to Nebraska so she could again be near her large family, the Griffiths. One of her eight brothers and sisters, Mike, told her about an open position at St. Bernard. She interviewed with Fr. Nolte and accepted the job. It fit her requirement of serving people. She loves her job and says that it brings her joy and happiness, mostly because of the loyal group of volunteers which she can always count on to answer her call for assistance. One of the recipients of the Annual Dinner Auction is the school with tuition assistance for those students whose parents wish their children could attend our award winning school but cannot afford all of the tuition.

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Many of the school's students are only able to attend our school with financial assistance. Rose works with any parent of need who wishes his/her child to attend our school. The church community benefits by maintaining a viable student population, and exposing children and families, including non-Catholics, to Catholic beliefs.

As parish/school Business Manager, Rose oversees the business aspect of the parish which has four parts—Church, School, Cafeteria, and Childcare. Each year she works with each unit to compile its budget, presents it to the members of the Parish Finance Committee and the Pastor, and after their approval, it goes to the Archdiocese for its approval.

Rose and her husband, Rick, are parishioners of St Bernard. They have three grown children, a son and two daughters, and two grandchildren. All of her family, including her large extended family, enthusiastically attend all of the 'parties' she plans at St. Bernard. All parishioners, alumni, and friends are cordially invited to all of the parties. Please join us!

Upcoming Events (Parties)

Irish Hooley—March 11

Parish Fish Fry—March 24

Parish Carnival—May 7th

Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction—October 20th

[This bi-monthly newsletter is designed to keep our St. Bernard parishioners and friends better informed about the personnel and happenings of the St. Bernard Community. The *Weekly Clairvaux*, our church bulletin, announces church and school events. The *Heart of the Parish* plans to feature people who are the heart of St. Bernard, from staff, school and childcare personnel, and the many volunteers who keep this parish alive and thriving. With the changes coming to our parish, the more information you have the more comfortable you will feel, and perhaps be encouraged to be a more active "person of the parish."]

The current editor and writer of this publication is Mary T. Mick. She and her late husband, Garry, have been members of St. Bernard's parish for over 51 years. Their daughters attended the school, and she was president of the Home and School Association and volunteered for the school library during that time. She now volunteers for the church library, writes reviews of its offerings for the bulletin, and bakes for funeral luncheons. Her writing experience includes being writer/publisher of a newsletter for a local nature non-profit for the last 16 years. She enjoys any opportunity to write. Comments, questions, or suggestions for future articles, please email: mtmick1906@gmail.com