

Living Discipleship

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Disciples: Jim and Lorraine Christie

Jim and Lorraine Christie have worshiped at Holy Cross Church for the past seven years. They have four daughters and ten grandchildren, three of whom attend Holy Cross School.

Jim is one of eight children raised in a strict Irish Catholic home. He attended Holy Rosary School, served as an altar boy, and even considered the priesthood as a young boy. He served in the Army and had a career in construction. As a young adult, Jim drifted from his Catholic roots. However, receiving a charitable invitation from a perfect stranger, he began the journey back to his Catholic roots. Holy Cross reminded him of his boyhood home at Holy Rosary Church. He received an MSW degree from Roberts Wesleyan College that launched him into a second career in the field of addictions counseling.

Lorraine had Lutheran roots, but later joined the Methodist Church becoming quite involved in ministries. Lorraine and Jim worked together leading marriage encounter groups and a ministry for the grieving. Lorraine worked for 29 years as a nurse manager in a psychiatric care unit at Strong Hospital and recently retired. They were both involved with Holy Cross parish for seven years before she made the decision to “cross the Tiber” and become Catholic this year through RCIA. With grandchildren at Holy Cross School, Lorraine has been very involved as a Girl Scout leader. She helps at coffee hours, participates in a nursing home greeting card ministry, and now works with Jim as an usher and greeter.

Lorraine says her conversion to the Catholic faith was quite smooth as she was already attending Mass with Jim and their grandchildren. She had become disillusioned with the direction of the Methodist Church and disliked celebrating the Lord's Supper only monthly while never having been made aware of the Protestant belief of only a symbolic presence of Christ in their communion.

Their granddaughter's enthusiasm over Fr. Martuscello's recent homily about the miracle of Fatima has sparked an interest in miracles and a desire to explore this topic further. You can find Jim and Lorraine greeting at the 10am Mass. Stop to say hello and welcome Lorraine to our family of faith. We pray for Jim and Lorraine as they continue to grow in Christ and live out their mission as Disciples of Christ.

*Jim and Lorraine
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