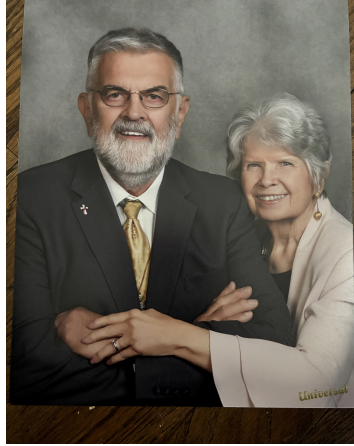


Introducing the Deacons of Heart of Jesus Parishes



Meet Deacon Mel Schaecher

Deacon at St. Patrick's in Battle Creek

Date of Ordination: October 7, 2011

Family Members: Wife, Nancy. Sons: Lenny & wife Angie Lance & wife Una

Daughter: Amanda Grandchildren: 10

What first attracted you to the Diaconate and how did you know that God was calling you?

A statement by a friend put the thought into my mind. Then life got busy with circumstances. Attending Bible studies from 2003-2007 and a trip to Israel brought back the thought of being a Deacon in a more intense way. In the fall of 2007, I began Deaconate studies.

What are your duties with your Parish or our Family of Parishes?

My parish service entails conducting baptisms and wake services, taking Communion to the home bound and nursing homes, assisting at wedding nuptials, funerals, wakes and burials.

What is your favorite part of being a Deacon in our Parishes?

I enjoy being able to serve God in different Sacramental ways of service, knowing that I am serving His people for discernment in their lives.