

SERVANT OF THE WEEK— ROSIE MURPHY



This week, we present one of our younger Servants—Rosie Murphy. She’s entering her senior year at Tallmadge High School, and brings her friendly smile to her job as cashier/food prep at Tallmadge Dairy Queen. Her description of her immediate family is a joy to share. “My mom, Mary Murphy (Dudek), comes from a very strong Catholic family and raised me in the Church, for which I’ve learned to be thankful. I’m pretty close to her side of the extended family. My father, Rick, has always been my model for persistent compassion. My brother, Kevin, is a year older than me and he’s one of my best friends. In recent months, many of my close friends in the congregation have become family to me as well.” Rosie says she’s been a member of OLV for about 15 years, and started her parish involvement assisting at Mass. “I became an

Altar Server in middle school for reasons I honestly can’t remember. It did lead me to go on a few retreats as a middle-schooler, however, and those couple of weekends put me in touch with God for the first time. When I started my freshman year I was invited to work on one of these retreats, and it was a great experience- I made a lot of friends, many of whom I reconnected with every few months through youth groups and, more recently, Search weekends.” Rosie retired from Serving two years ago, but has kept active in her retreats and Relay for Life. She’s also ready to help out when available, including several assists at parish Christmas decorating. For now, “working on and attending retreats is easily my favorite part of my involvement at OLV. From sharing laughs over Chinese food before kicking off a weekend to the Saturday nights spent with friends I met through it, I’ve become incredibly close to many of the people I work with. It’s easy to text or call them when I’m having an issue with God and get great advice, and I think it’s safe to say that my faith wouldn’t exist without them.” Beyond the friendships and support she receives from making time for the retreats, Rosie says she’s gained an opportunity to give to others. “What’s the point of learning something if you’re not going to teach it to someone else, or having something if you’re not going to share it? I try to live by this idea of ‘paying it forward.’ I’ve experienced the feeling that nobody cares and that God is totally absent and if there’s anything I can do to prove to others that it’s not true, I owe it to them to do so.”