

## SERVANT OF THE WEEK—

### DIANA HARR



Meet our first featured volunteer for 2009—Diana Harr, who's been a member of OLV for five years. She and husband Jim have 3 boys: Jimmy-17, Joey-15, and Jake-8, all who attend Tallmadge schools. Diana worked as a secretary for many years before her family grew, but was a stay-at-home mother for 12 years. Recently she started working at Physical Facilities for University of Akron. Before coming to OLV, Diana was a Eucharistic Minister for Annunciation Church, taking communion to people that were unable to attend weekly mass. When she came to our parish she said, "there was a notice in the bulletin stating a need for Eucharistic Ministers. This was the second time that I had seen it in the bulletin and felt that maybe this was my calling to help at my new parish."

Diana stepped forward to become an EM at Mass, and also helped fill a great need for ministers to take communion to Summit Villa nursing home. She added "when there is a need, I bake for the funeral committee." Answering needs is important to Diana's faith. She said, "I am at a point in my life where I do not have the amount of time that I would like to have in order to serve others, but I feel if I can do what I can for now, that later on in my life I can commit more of myself to helping others. I hope that by offering some type of service, my children will learn how important it is to offer your help to others. It is not just attending mass regularly but what you can do to serve and help others." Diana has good things to say about OLV. "I love the parish community and activities at OLV. The parishioners and staff I have encountered have made OLV a very wonderful parish to belong to and I am very grateful that my family and I are a part of it. The most special memory happened recently when my husband and son both received communion for the first time together at Easter Vigil. My husband participated this past year in the RCIA program and at the Easter Vigil was initiated into the Catholic community. My son, Jake, who is in the 2nd grade was to make his 1st communion this year. Diane Hardick had asked us if Jake would like to receive communion with his father at Easter Vigil! To be able to taste the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together was an indescribable moment! One that I will remember forever! Many thanks to Diane for making it possible and for making my husband's journey into the Catholic faith such a rewarding experience."