

SERVANT OF THE WEEK—

DIANE MILLER



Diane Miller has been a member of OLV for 27 years, and is a proud mother of three, noting that all are college grads. She has a married daughter who lives in Colorado, a single daughter in Virginia, and a son who spends months each year in long distance hiking. Diane has had a variety of jobs, from years at Ohio Bell, to working at Kaufmanns/May Co. For the past fourteen years she's been a bus driver for Weaver Summit County MRDD. But Diane has made time to be of service, where needed in the parish, in several different ways. Taking our Parish Mission Statement to heart, she says, "It is a must. I am to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I've tried many gloves and shoes to find the perfect fit. At first I was very afraid to commit my time, but I would never know my talents if I sat at home. So I keep trying to see where I fit in, knowing Jesus is next

to me saying, 'You can do it! I'm with you. Be not afraid, you're not alone!'" Here are some of the "gloves" she's tried on at OLV: Spiritual Growth Committee; High School PSR assistant; Hunger Center volunteer; Rummage Sale helper; Minister of Communion to a nursing home; and lots of liturgical ministries. Diane started as an EM at Mass, then added the ministry of Lector/Commentator. She said, "becoming a lector gives me great happiness, especially after being afraid to speak in front of people." She had her first experience of proclaiming Scripture at Holy Family when a reader was needed for a small group during Eucharistic Adoration. "I continued to increase in courage. By the grace of God, and the Holy Spirit's gifts I brought my perseverance to OLV's Lector calling." When OLV needed available adults as Altar Servers, Diane took that training too, and now serves at Mass and for some funerals. She attends our Palm Braiding sessions, which led to her joining our Decorating Committee, which led to her becoming our primary Plant Care person to give our Christmas and Easter flowers lots of TLC. Diane is grateful that she's tried many different ministries. "I can grow and become what God intended. I must first choose to let go and let God guide my life. I find it's not a heavy load. Serving Christ is a joy." Summing up, "I find many caring friends at OLV. You are my brothers and sisters in Christ."