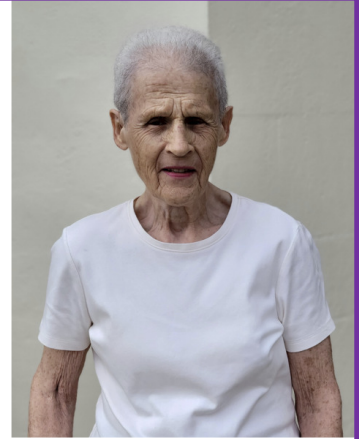


Parishioner Profiles

“We can’t do anything without our Lord Jesus Christ to help us,” said **Marion Rader**. She and her husband, Charles, say the Rosary and attend mass on T.V. everyday.



Marion Rader

They joined Holy Name when St. John Nepomucene Church, which she attended since kindergarten, closed. She often passes the statue of St. John that was moved from her former church to stand near our hall entrance.

They live in the same house where Charles was born 88 years ago. They married in 1971. Although he suffered a stroke, he maintains a strong sense of humor, supported by Marion’s loving care.

Marion maintains her nurse’s certification which she earned as a graduate of the St. Vincent School of Nursing in 1957. She started a long career of helping patients at St. Vincent Hospital in Obstetrics, moved to Bridgeport Hospital for 3 years, and then worked in doctors’ private practices.

At Holy Name, she serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Financial Secretary for the Ladies Guild, and Parish Nurse in the Blood Pressure Ministry which she helped originate more than a decade ago. Charles served as an usher. Her favorite saints are St. Anthony and St. Jude.

This October 5th, **Joan and Richard Krehel** will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary in the same church where they exchanged their vows and Richard was baptized. “Holy Name is the only church I belonged to,” Richard said.



Joan and Richard Krehel

They live on the same street where they grew up, one block from Holy Name. But growing up, Richard didn’t pay attention to Joan. “She was too young,” he said. At 17, Richard joined the Army, served 3 years in Germany during the Berlin Crisis. When he came home, an Army buddy’s sister had a cute friend, Joan, and they finally went out.

When they married, Joan stayed home and “kept the family going,” taking part in many Holy Name activities. In his first week back from the Army, Richard was asked to join the Service Department at the old Henderson Chevrolet dealership on Barnum and Main, the first of many job offers that came his way throughout his career. He owned Richard’s Sunoco gas station in Devon, taught auto mechanics, learned to fly, had his own boat, was an officer at the East End Yacht Club in Bridgeport, and helped at the Stratford Y.



Richard with his '65 Covettes

“We’ve been blessed with 2 daughters and 5 grandkids,” Joan said. One grandchild is in the Navy’s Special Optics program, another teaches History in Boston, our third is studying at the College of William and Mary, one is studying to be a welder, and the youngest is a rising senior in high school. And they mind “the kids’ dogs,” and they have a classic ‘65 Corvette.

“Holy Name gave us ways to bring up our kids with hope and purpose,” Richard said. “It’s where you go for guidance and help if you have issues.”