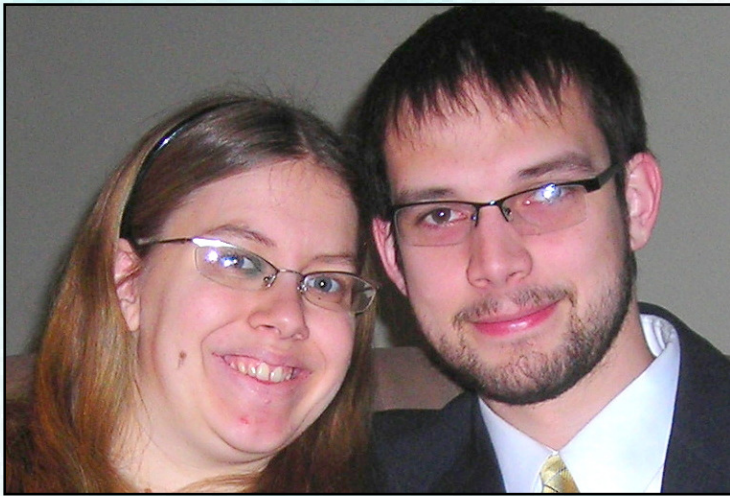


SERVANTS OF THE WEEK—

JOE & ANGELA FILOUS



Our Servants of the Week are Joe and Angela Filous, a young couple already contributing much time and talent to the good of our parish. Angela (maiden name) Nord became a member of OLV in 1998, and was active in our Youth Groups, Vacation Bible School, and Living on a Prayer Retreats. She graduated from Tallmadge HS in 2004, and went to Walsh University where she graduated in 2008 with a BS in Pre-professional

Chemistry, with a minor in Theology. Joe graduated from Buckeye HS in 2003, and graduated from Walsh in 2007 with a BA in History, minor in Philosophy. Both of them are continuing their education; Angela is pursuing a PhD in Neuroscience at Case Western Reserve University, and Joe, who received his Masters in History from John Carroll University in 2009, is currently pursuing a PhD in History at Case Western Reserve University. While at Walsh, Our Lord brought Angela and Joe together as they met while volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. In addition to Habitat, both have an impressive servant history of community involvement, especially to assist those in need. Angela was a volunteer at Akron General Medical Center and Gennessaret Soup Kitchen. Joe offered Spring Break trips to Appalachia to repair houses, went to Florida to help migrant workers, and volunteered in a Baltimore soup kitchen. They were married at OLV on 12/27/08, and soon moved to Tallmadge to join us as a couple in April of 2009. On April 4, 2011, they added first baby Thomas Julius to their family. Angela said, "Our faith has always been important to us. We were both active in college in different things, so there was no reason for us to change that when we came to OLV." Angela became a member of Pastoral Council in 2009; Joe joined the Knights of Columbus and worked with a Youth Group. Together they have been active in PSR, became Ministers of Communion at 9:00 Mass in 2010, and have become involved in the Cluster 20-Somethings group. Responding to why they make so much time to stay active in the parish, Angela said, "We don't expect anything, but God expects this time from us. He has given us so much, and all He asks is that we share our time and talents with others. In our busy lives, serving the Church is one thing we can do together." Of the many OLV activities they've shared, "Working with the youth has been a rewarding experience. We have truly enjoyed teaching our 5th grade PSR class together. We have met so many wonderful students who we will always remember and will hopefully maintain lasting relationships with throughout our time at OLV."