

SERVANT OF THE WEEK—

SUE J. KLINE



Sue J. Kline is married to Dan, and has 3 children, sons Sandy & Sean, and daughter Samantha. Since 1987 she's been employed as RN at Akron General Medical Center, currently in the cardiac catheterization lab. Sue said that lots of home time is spent in sports activities. "My children were/are interested in sports, something Dan and I have always enjoyed - be it participating (bowling, golf), or spectating (football, basketball, volleyball). More recently I have taken up biking (no motor!) and, of all things, jogging. I love to put in a garden, though not very good at it, and I like to recycle/repurpose whenever possible". Sue has attended OLV since 1968 when she moved to Tallmadge, but her spiritual activities became important to her much later. "In the mid 90's I was encouraged to participate in a women's bible study which led me down an entirely new avenue that I had never pursued before. After completing this study, two things happened. First, I was exposed to some of the most wonderfully put-together women I know, who laid down an awesome example of servitude. They practiced what they preached, which is a biggie in my book. Then, I was lucky enough - just good timing I guess - to be included in the inaugural OLV Mothers' Club. As I was surrounding myself with motivated and involved people, I couldn't help but want to join in!" After Mothers' Club, Sue volunteered to coach CYO volleyball, spent a few years with PSR as a teacher and sub, then, in 2003, took over all the work of the 200 Club. When she retired from this job in January 2011, OLV staff divided the big job and got more than two people to do the work. Sue said that service is an important part of life. "It's what we're put on this earth for isn't it? It's the example that's been laid down for me, and I hope to perpetuate it, and it needs to be perpetuated. There is an image of 'church' as a body with Jesus as the head and we as the other parts. I want to do my 'part' (I always fancied myself as a good foot), and I truly believe that with Jesus the sum of the parts will always be greater than the whole." Sue credits her first OLV involvement as a favorite. "I will always have a special memory of the early Mothers' Club meetings - they truly impacted my life in the right direction. From the wonderful babysitters who enabled us with little ones to come, to the insightful studies we pondered over, to the social discussions that kept us on top of things that can get overlooked as a busy mom, this group of women will always be special to me. Thank you all for allowing me to be a 'part' of you!" Her experience of our parish is a great one. "What I love the most about OLV is the community feeling of our parish. Being the only Catholic Church in Tallmadge, we are out there in everyday life. I see my family, my friends, my neighbors, my coworkers, my friends from high school AND even grade school, and my kids' friends' families. I see them not only on Sunday but Monday through Saturday, too. This community presence helps take what I hear on Sunday and make it work all the other days. It's comforting as well as empowering. A solidarity!