

Who's Who at St. Isidore the Farmer Family of Parishes



Deacon Martin Brown

Deacon

“I love the variety of people I serve and I love living in rural Ohio.”

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Deacon Martin Brown has been joyfully married to his wife, Angie, for 41 years. They are blessed with four children—Matt, Jason, Ben, and Jenny—and 15 grandchildren. Ordained a Permanent Deacon 15 years ago, he has also served his community through 25 years with the St. Marys Township Volunteer Fire Department and 20 years working at Holy Rosary. Today, he ministers to senior communities and helps care for two cemeteries, finding great joy in serving a wide variety of people.

SAINTS & PRAYER LIFE

His favorite saint is **St. Joseph**, and his go-to Scripture is the **Road to Emmaus** from Luke's Gospel. His personal prayer, “Heaven Help Us!” reflects his humble reliance on God.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

A fan of John Wayne movies and the Knights of Columbus fried chicken dinners, he once appeared on the cover of *Successful Farming* magazine for an article titled “*Trained for Trouble.*”

Deacon Marty can be reached through the Holy Rosary office and continues to embrace his love for life in rural



Deacon Charlie Salway

**Deacon &
Director of Evangelization**

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PASTORAL MINISTRY

My wife, Judy, and I have three children — Travis, Ben, and Katie. None of them live nearby, so we enjoy traveling to visit them. We have been blessed with five grandchildren: Amelia, Gavin, Parker, Quinn, and Brooks. I began serving as Youth Minister at Immaculate Conception in 2013. I entered the Diaconate in 2016 and was ordained in 2019. In January 2024, I accepted the role of Director of Evangelization. This position allows me to meet parishioners of all ages and walk with them through both struggles and cele-

brations. I strive to share the vision of the Hope we have in our Lord and Savior. My office is located on the second floor of the rectory at Immaculate Conception.

SAINTS & PRAYER LIFE

My favorite saint is **St. Paul the Apostle**. It takes daring to be a witness to Hope in a fallen world, and St. Paul exemplifies what it means to dare great things for Christ. A scripture that I often turn to for reflection is **1 Peter 3:13-17** and my favorite prayer is the **Prayer to St. Michael**—seeking his protection.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love fly-fishing, woodworking, and golf — all spaces where I can reflect and appreciate the wonderful world God has given us. While I've used my artistic talents throughout my career in design and construction, I was once offered a scholarship to study art in New York but chose to stay here instead. I have no regrets about that decision, though I hope to return to art someday. I especially enjoy finding a remote stream to fish for trout — there are so many beautiful places to explore here in the United States.