

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



Fr. Rob Muhlenkamp

Pastor

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PASTORAL MINISTRY

My name is Fr. Rob Muhlenkamp, and I have been blessed to serve our five parishes for the past three years. I am currently serving as pastor, since July 2024. I have office space at the Immaculate Conception campus and at the Holy Rosary campus. Being a priest is awesome—even if it is not easy. Mass and confession give me a front-row seat when God's love is working in people's lives. I have particularly enjoyed accompanying engaged couples through marriage preparation and the men's book

club I hosted in St. Mary's during my two years as a vicar.

Right now, love for God's Church and the good of our Family of Parishes, requires me to give more attention elsewhere; however, I hope to re-incorporate those in new ways in the future. This past year I have been encouraged and enlivened by the energy that I have found among those on the Stewardship Commission for our family of parishes.

SAINTS & PRAYER LIFE

I include a short litany of Saints as part of my morning prayers. While the list varies from time to time it is likely to include St. Catherine of Siena, St. Luke the evangelist, and more recently St. Joan of Arc. Come with me to see the important places in the life of St. Joan this June ;-). My favorite book of the Bible is Ruth, my favorite chapter of the Bible is John 15: *“I no longer call you slaves; I call you friends.”*

Do I have a special prayer? There are several that speak at different stages in my life. While I do not use it regularly, I have at times found it very helpful to pray, *“Lord, what do you want for me?”* Then listen. Then add, *“Lord, what do you want from me?”* Listen again.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

One of my favorite pastimes is playing strategy board games. (Just ask my brother, Chad.) The games Splendor and 7 Wonders are two of the quicker ones—45-80 minutes—that I enjoy. Oddly, I rarely play Chess—except at St. Teresa's family fun night two years ago. I also remember fondly a six-day backpacking trip along part of the Appalachian Trail and side trails in the Shenandoah National Forest.

In addition, I have been involved in the performing arts in the past. I was involved with theatre productions during college, and I sang with the Butler Philharmonic Chorale while I was in Hamilton, Ohio.

By God's grace I continue to serve his people here in Mercer and Auglaize County—God's country.