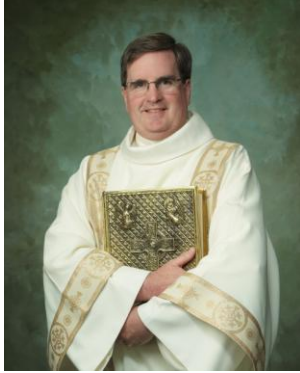


Deacon Jim Kelly



"Our Lord, through His Church, has blessed me so abundantly with His mercy and grace that I want to say 'yes' if His Church discerns a call for me. But even the desire to respond positively is His grace at work. This is a source of great joy."

Deacon Jim Kelly, his wife Leah, and children Tom, Patrick, and Hannah are parishioners at St. Pius X in Reynoldsburg where he will serve as deacon. His internship parish was Seton Parish in Pickerington.

"I would like to work in the area of catechesis, whether in adult formation, religious education, youth ministry, RCIA, or a combination. I have begun organizing an adult faith formation program at St. Pius X parish," said Deacon Kelly.

He would also like to discern the possibility of a marriage enrichment ministry with his wife Leah.

Deacon Kelly, whose father is also a deacon, is mindful to balance work and family. "I do hope to be an example of 'radical availability' for service, but not at the expense of Leah and our children," said Deacon Kelly.

"I think my greatest gift is my ability to communicate, orally and in writing. I look forward to preaching and presenting and I would welcome an introduction to specialized pastoral ministries, such as prison or hospital ministry."