

Deacon James M. Sturgeon



"As a deacon, I see myself as a soldier for God, to change the world in some small way by sharing the Gospel that I so strongly believe in either by teaching or by practice."

Deacon Jim Sturgeon and his wife Mary are parishioners at St. Monica Church in New Boston where he is assigned. They have two adult daughters, Anne Sturgeon and Sarah Pettay, and three grandchildren. His internship parish was St. Peter in Chains in Wheelersburg where he is also assigned.

He and Mary have been involved with Marriage Encounter for many years and they plan to continue in marriage ministry.

"I see a huge need to increase the understanding of the sacramental relationship of married couples and to enhance the love couples have for each other. I believe that strong marriages make strong families," said Deacon Sturgeon.

He also feels called to help in Catholic Schools, especially Notre Dame High School. "Youth need to hear from priests, deacons, and individuals who have chosen consecrated life to help them discern their own vocation."

Deacon Sturgeon describes his wife Mary as "the cornerstone of his personal faith journey."

"I believe I am being called to preach the Gospel in words and experiences that people can relate to in their everyday lives. This is only the beginning – I will spend the rest of my life developing skills."