

SAINT CLARE PARISH PROFILE

LISA KOHLMAN



Lisa Kohlman’s two sons, Connor and Spencer, have since graduated from St. Clare Catholic School.

Yet she remains as dedicated as ever to the school and parish.

Kohlman, a lifelong member of St. Clare Parish, was appointed to the School Advisory Board last August and became board chair two months later. She prepares agendas, coordinates board meetings, and helps develop subcommittees and new ideas for the school, among other things.

“Even though my sons have moved on to Wrightstown High School, I enjoy being involved with St. Clare Catholic School,” she said. “That sense of community and family support has been so important over the years for my sons and I. And I think it is imperative to keep that going for future students and families in our parish community.”

Kohlman also participates in School Advisory Board subcommittees, including Finance,

Facilities Management, and the Home and School Organization. She noted the School Advisory Board is integrating with the parish by participating in other parish committee meetings.

“I really enjoy working together with fellow parishioners,” she said. “There are some wonderful people involved in both the board and parish committees who work hard to keep St. Clare moving forward. I love being around that positive energy and seeing the progress that is being made.”

In years past, she served as a member and then president of the Home and School committee. In addition to chairing the annual Scholastic Book Fair for seven years and coaching the school’s robotics team for six years, Kohlman and her family assisted at numerous school events, including concert socials, parades, the annual St. Nick Breakfast, movie nights and more.

“When my sons attended St. Clare School, I loved the family atmosphere and sense of belonging, and the way that parents pulled together to make things happen for the school,” she said. “I felt it was important to be involved.”

Fr. Brian Wideman speaks highly of Kohlman, saying: “Lisa has the interests of both our school and parish at heart, and she has shown that a lot through her volunteerism and her commitment to being what we’d call a ‘servant leader.’ She’s encouraging of others, and is willing to stretch into new roles where her talents can be used.”

Those talents include a beautiful singing voice as cantor. She also serves as choir director for the St. Hildegard and Mixed Choirs.

“I have always loved music and singing,” she said. “The children’s choir at St. Mary is where it all started, and I joined the Belles choir in Greenleaf for a short time when it first began. About six years ago, I took up singing again by joining the Adult Choir at the Greenleaf site. I began cantoring about a year later and joined additional choirs.”

Added Kohlman: “Singing really gives the Mass more meaning to me and enhances my participation. Through the choirs I have met some really incredible people, which has led to some wonderful friendships with fellow choristers, accompanists and liturgical ministers in the parish. I love singing and feel so privileged to be able to share that with others.”

Kohlman’s roots to the parish run deep. She was born and raised on a dairy farm just down the road from the Greenleaf site.

She was baptized at St. Mary and attended St. Mary School through eighth grade, including singing in the children’s choir.

“So many memorable moments in my life occurred there: First Communion, Confirmation, sponsorship of all four of my siblings as they were confirmed, the baptisms of both of my sons, and the weddings of family and close friends.”

Overall, Kohlman “can’t say enough about the family atmosphere at St. Clare.”

“It is a very strong sense of community,” she said, “especially when you get to know the people and develop friendships within the parish. Being involved with the school, music, parish events, and committees/organizations within the parish has been an awesome experience. There are so many great opportunities to be involved.”

When she isn’t busy with parish or school activities, Kohlman enjoys reading, knitting, walking, mentoring robotics students at the high school, listening to music, spending time with friends, and attending her sons’ robotics competitions and rock concerts (one son is a drummer and the other is a guitarist).