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St. Patrick Provides the Tools of Support to Confirm Our Faith

By Lew and Pat Davis



Pat and Lew Davis

The gathering together of our story has given us the opportunity to reflect on our lives and especially the 49 years of our marriage. The reflection reaffirms how good God has been to us and the importance of the Catholic Church and St. Patrick Catholic Community. It is a fact that God created all individuals unique. Individuals must have a common base if they are to maintain a solid relationship and for us it is faith. The Catholic Church is that common base for us and St. Patrick Catholic

Community provides the tools of pastoral support, liturgies, ministries, classes and social functions to confirm our faith. We will illustrate how faith in God has guided and sustained us.

I, Lew, was born, raised and attended school in Miles City, Montana. Miles City is in the heart of cattle country in Southeastern Montana. I attended Gonzaga University located in Spokane, Washington, majoring in accounting. I graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor in Business Administration. I entered the

Army in September at Ft. Bliss, Texas to be trained in Anti-aircraft Artillery. March Air Force Base in California was my assigned station until July 1, 1956 when I was discharged. I returned to Gonzaga in 1956. I was recruited by GE and entered their Business Training Program in Chicago. I was assigned to the Lamp (light bulb) Division of GE. In 1958 GE closed the Chicago Lamp accounting and I was transferred to Cleveland. My accounting unit was located in a large building that I later

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Pat and Lew Davis are a true example of a couple serving the Lord with great JOY! This amazing duo attend daily Mass and are just consistently service oriented to the core of their being.

They not only serve with great joy but also humility in many ministries such as:

Eucharistic Ministry, Funeral Host Ministry, Lector Ministry, The Caring Place Senior Ministry, Men's Ministry, etc.

The Davis' seem to live their lives in gratitude for the gifts and miracles they have been given from God.

I know you will enjoy

reading about their journey to our community at St. Patrick.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric Tellez



Pat & Lew 1961

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Lew, Pat, John and Jean

learned was where Pat worked. I found a place to live across from St. Philomena Catholic Church where I attended daily Mass.

Pat, the oldest of five girls, was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. Her parents were immigrants from Ireland. Pat lived in a Catholic neighborhood and attended Catholic schools. In her senior year of high school she was hired as a Dictaphone typist to work after school and Saturdays for the Catholic Charities Bureau. She worked there for four years until she was hired at GE.

I did not meet Pat at GE but at St. Phil's. One Sunday in the spring of 1959 I went to the Young Adult's Club meeting. Pat was the only face that I recognized. We started conversing and I asked her for a date to continue the conversation. We had a lot in common, got along well and continued dating. We attended daily Mass during our courtship.

We discussed our future including her diabetes. Pat became diabetic in 1947. We knew that the disease had many complications including shorter life spans and problems having children. We did not let the diabetic condition bother us. We had faith that we would accept life's events and with God's help do the best that we could. We were married October 21, 1961 in St. Philomena Church in East Cleveland, OH. Our daughter, Jean, was born in October, 1962. God's blessing was with us as there were no major diabetic complications.

We transferred to Phoenix in February, 1969, bought a home in the St. Maria Goretti Parish boundaries and became active at St. Maria's in various organizations. We experienced events during the next few years in which we feel that the Lord helped. The first was that Pat had a stillborn boy June 5, 1970. The prayers of St. Maria's parishioners and our friends helped to keep us focused. God blessed us with the birth



John, Jean, Pat and Lew

of our son John on June 6, 1971. What makes this special is that Pat had a miscarriage, and a D&C in late January which John survived— thank God. He was born about three months early. He was transferred to Good Sam for six weeks where doctors and nurses kept him alive with a lot of help from God.

As a young man John became disenchanted with St. Maria's. In 1997 he found that St. Patrick's fulfilled his spiritual needs. He joined the high school program, and we joined the parish and bought a house within the parish boundaries.

We became involved at St. Patrick after I retired. We became EMs and joined the Funeral Host Ministry and the Caring Place Senior Ministry. I

became a member of the Men's Club, helped at Paz de Cristo and the sound for the Great Pretenders.

We do not want this to sound like a hospital TV program, but thanks to God's help Pat is alive today. We will just give two examples. When we joined the YMCA to exercise, the instructor demanded that Pat had to have a doctor's clearance. Pat contacted her internist and he suggested that Pat have her heart checked. Pat failed the treadmill stress test, landed in the hospital and had triple bypass surgery. Thank God the instructor was so insistent. The other situation was last summer when she had pneumonia and a heart attack at the same time. She needed lung surgery but both the heart and lung doctors were afraid to move without the okay from each other. It was decided to check the heart and by some miracle there was no damage. They operated to clean out the lung the next day.

We want to point out that in these two examples Pat received the Sacrament of the Sick while in the hospital. She wants everyone to know how much it helps the sense of well being and healing. Pat feels that the prayers and support of the community were very helpful in all her recoveries.

We pray that God will continue to bless and guide us and give all of St. Patrick Catholic Community faith to face everyday.

Get Involved

If you would like to support some of the ministries like those mentioned by Pat and Lew, here are those contacts:

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Caring Place

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