

Hello Queen of the Holy Rosary Wea parishioners. I'll be writing a monthly update to you regarding projects completed, those underway, future projects, and areas of concern. It will be our way of **"Keeping You in the Know"**. For this initial article I'd like you to know a little about my family and I. I'm Mark Andrasik – Andrasik rhymes with Jurassic. Just remember old and dinosaur – that'd be me. I'm married to the love of my life, my best friend, Lynda Andrasik. She's not old or a dinosaur, although she kind of walks funny, swings back and forth, and eats low hanging vegetation. Just kidding babe! Lynda teaches 1st grade at Harmony Elementary (BV). Anyways, we've been married for 33 years, parishioners here since the mid 1990's, we have four children Nick, Matt, Lizzie, and Grace ranging in age from 33 to 18 years old. The two boys are married, and Lizzie is engaged, Grace will be going to college in the fall.

I went to KU for my Business Administration degree, UMKC for my Masters in Business Administration (concentration in Finance) while I worked for the City of Leawood. I worked there for 34 years, 25 of which I was the Director of IT and then retired. I had many responsibilities outside of technology from Project Manager for our Enterprise Resource Planning system (General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Fixed Assets, HR, Cashiering, etc.), to re-designing our business processes to meet best practices and the capabilities of our ERP software, serving on various committees including the construction of our Leawood Justice Center, and yearly I budgeted all city employees pay and benefits. I say this only to provide assurance that I did more than just IT related work. After retirement I struggled with what is my purpose. Dave Borgerding and Bob Triano had been on me to join the Knights of Columbus and I finally said yes. What a personal blessing that's been for me. Ten minutes after saying "yes" I got a call from Father Gary asking if I'd like to be a part-time IT Manager for the school, for they'd been testing me out as a volunteer for a number of years. Interesting how saying "Yes" can change your course. I've been working part-time at the school since April 2020. This summer I was approached to become a 30 hour a week Business / IT Manager for the parish by Father Gary & approved by Father Jerry. Purpose becomes clear.

Personal Challenge – to take small steps to a greater faith. To, hopefully, be an example for my family to help keep them in the faith. Sometimes I feel like I'm losing that battle, but it's God's timeframe not mine. To finish the Bible in a Year podcast.

Personal Prayer – Here I am Lord the whole imperfect me. I'll do my best and have faith You'll fill in the rest. I pray to be a good and faithful steward of our parish assets and to the best of my ability fulfill the duties for which I've been hired.

My Parish Prayer - that we embrace the joy (the forever joy, not the passing happiness) of knowing light came into the world through the birth of Jesus, that we make Jesus central in our hearts, we give and receive forgiveness, and that unconditional love is present. I hope and pray the new school year sees an end to the effects of the pandemic, we embrace each other fully, recognize that someone else is in control, and we allow the peace of Christ to lessen our burden and provide grace to others through how we handle our own crosses.

QHR Technology Past & Future – [click to view](#) what we've done over the past few years. See on-line bulletin or hardcopies at front of church.

God Bless – Mark Andrasik