

In two weeks we will have a formal farewell for our current principal, Jayme Hartmann. Jayme and her family are moving to Orlando where she has taken a position as principal of a large Catholic grade school. It has been a dream for her and her husband to return to his roots in Orlando and when a wonderful job opportunity arose there for her, she couldn't let it pass. The day she came to tell me of her possible move was a sad day for me indeed. Jayme has been great to work with over these past two years. She proved to be a competent and reliable co-worker. She improved our school in so many ways with staff and curriculum development, creating a middle school environment, and by bringing her own faith to bear. As I described her in a letter of reference she is friendly, organized, follows through, able to make decisions and sustain them, a true leader, excellent administrator and, above, all good with children. She truly made our school a better place with her bubbly and outgoing personality.

Here all I can say is that we will miss you, Jayme, and wish you God's choicest blessings at your new school and in your new home in Orlando.

Jayme will say a word of farewell at the 11 AM Mass on June 20 and will accept your personal words of thanks and farewell at a reception in the church hall afterwards.

Fr. Ken Knippel

BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
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PASTOR'S CORNER – FESTIVAL

Next weekend is our annual parish festival. It is one of the largest and best parish festivals in the Archdiocese. For us as a parish, it is a vital part of our annual income averaging \$95,000 a year over the past four years. So I'm encouraging your full support of this effort. It is not only a fundraiser, of course, but also a community builder. I hear it over and over again that many of our most involved parishioners made their entry into parish activities by volunteering to work at the festival. All of this is particularly important as annual stewardship giving has been diminished over the past years due to the economy. While some of you may no longer be able to give at the level you once did, this is a way to make up some of the difference by offering your time.

Please check the sign-up sheets in the narthex or call the parish office to offer to work a few hours to support these efforts. Also, don't forget to invite your relatives and friends to join you for one of the dinners or to enjoy the great music and rides. Finally if you can't be here that weekend, you can still be supportive of this effort with a contribution as a sponsor or by simply buying a raffle ticket.

WELCOME TO PAM PYZYK

This weekend at the Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday morning Masses, you will have an opportunity to meet and welcome our new principal Mrs. Pamela Pyzyk (pronounced "pie-zick). She will introduce herself and be available in the narthex after Masses to say hello.

I am personally very excited and pleased that we were able to hire Pam. She has been an educator all her adult life and a principal for the past several years in the Hartland School District. The people I talked to described her as a gem, very positive, having great skills with staff and parents, a great leader, sharp, respectful, and one who works with integrity.

One person told me we're truly getting someone special who, even in the public school setting, wasn't afraid to show her Catholic faith. Someone else said she is a master at scheduling and a creative problem solver who is able to diffuse conflict situations in such a way that everybody comes away feeling positive. She understands curriculum development and has been a leader in staff development for years. She is a math whiz and a master of reading instruction. She thoroughly understands test scores, state standards, and school law. The search committee's interview with her and review of her materials led us to the same conclusions. Becoming a Catholic school principal has been a dream of Pam's for a long time and our open position came just at the right time in her career. All I can say is welcome to your new home, Pam. May God bless your work with the SJV community for many years to come.

FAREWELL TO JAYME HARTMANN