

September 14, 2016

Dear friends in Christ,

This week we welcome a new office assistant. Her name is Ann Waraksa, and she comes to us after retiring from DC Everest High School, where she served as lead secretary in Student Services/Guidance Department. She brings an enthusiasm for working with people, and an understanding that communication, especially the social media, is critically important to maintaining and nurturing the life of a community like ours.

This has been a longer than expected process for me, trying to find a new office assistant. And through it all, I have heard myself telling the candidates what St John's is all about, and asking questions that will help me decide on a good choice. The questions have revolved around knowing the difference between knowing how to enter data in a computer program and using the computer, and the social media, for the members of our congregation and also to introduce St John's to visitors. For example, did you know that most of the visitors and new members over the past decade or more come to us after looking at the website first?

A strong parish family depends upon strong relationships, and a commitment to communicate with one another. Hopefully, Ann will be a person who steps into that role as communicator for the parish. But please remember that we all need to communicate, we all need to use the resources available to us to communicate with each other. Only in that way will our relationships be nurtured, and our parish family grow.

Welcome Ann! And to all our members and friends, please feel free to communicate to Ann our joy in having her in the office. Stop in and say hello, email her at communications@stjohnswausau.org, or call the church office on weekday mornings at 715.845.6947.

Yours in Christ,
Fr David