

Deacon Michael “Mike” Germain



Mike Germain felt called to help out the church anyway that he could. With much encouragement from our first deacon, Doc Mayer, Mike entered the Deaconate program and was ordained as a permanent deacon in 2002, becoming the second deacon from our parish community to serve at Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's in Erin. Although Bishop Christensen is his official boss, Deacon Mike's responsibility is to help out the parish anyway that he can under the direction of the parish pastor in which he serves. His duties include conducting weddings and funerals where there is no Mass involved, and performs baptisms.

Although he preaches at weekend Masses once a month, he tries to deacon at Mass whenever possible. Deacon Mike states that being a deacon has been a humbling experience for him. He has always had a profound respect for God, and he believes in doing the best he can with the gifts God has given to him. Deacon Mike talked about the changes that have occurred in him as a deacon, such as the growth of his own spirituality as well as the increased desire to help people.

In regards to the consideration of becoming a deacon, Deacon Mike encourages all men to keep an open heart to whatever God asks of them.

Deacon Mike has lived in the New Richmond area all of his life and owns his own business. He and his wife, JoAnn, have four children, four grandchildren, and a cocker spaniel.