

Volunteer of the Month

Mary Lou Kemmerling

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I graduated from St. Mary Academy in 1957 and from Providence Hospital School of Nursing in 1960. In 1961 I married my grade school and high school sweetheart. From that union we were blessed with three wonderful children and eventually eight outstanding grandchildren, ranging in ages from five to 20.

For 32 years, I was employed at Mercy Memorial Hospital. Being with patients in a hospital setting gave me a great feeling of satisfaction and pride. Now I enjoy being involved with my grandchildren in their many exploits. I also like to relax with a good book and occasionally dabble in doing some counted cross stitch.

My mom and a very dear friend passed away recently. I felt a real loss and emptiness. I knew I had to do or discover something to fill the void. I happened to meet Sister Pat Glaab at a dinner one evening. She expressed a need for help in the IHM Gift Shop. Then I also remembered Sister Rose Bernadette being at St. Michael's awhile ago requesting help at the Motherhouse. So I knew I wanted to become an IHM volunteer. I have been here about six months and have enjoyed every minute of it. I have met so many special people. I am so grateful that the IHM community allows me to be a volunteer.

