

## MARCY NELSON



**Most important issue facing St Andrew Parish:** I believe that the most important issue facing St. Andrew is increasing parishioner involvement. We have so many parishioners and yet so few seem to be doing the work and reaping the benefits of the many activities we offer outside of Mass. If every parishioner would get involved in at least one ministry or program then we would go from being a good parish to a phenomenal one. We could be a great presence in the community and a wonderful witness of the Gospel. I recommend addressing this issue by continuing ministry fairs and stewardship Sunday and increasing adult faith formation with programs such as Why Catholic. I also recommend that those of us who are already involved reach out to others and invite them to participate.

**Most significant positive about St Andrew Parish and why:** The most significant positive about St. Andrew Parish is the people. We have been blessed with such a diverse group of people of all ages and backgrounds who are friendly, kind and generous to those in need.

**What gifts would you bring to the Pastoral Council:** I am a good listener who loves to learn new things. I can offer the perspective of a married young adult who is striving to deepen her own faith and nurture the faith of her young children. In addition, I have just completed a one year term on the Pastoral Council and feel that there is much more I can contribute.

**Optional Information:** My husband and I have 4 children ranging in age from 6 months to 10 years. We have lived in Fort Worth for 9 years and have been at St. Andrew for about 7 years. St. Andrew has become a second home for me. I am involved in Catholic Scripture Study, the MOMS group, Religious Education, Vacation Bible Camp, and Pastoral Council. I retired from teaching 10 years ago so I could be at home with my kids.