


Father John Strasser: Helping ‘people realize that God is with them’

Meet Our Priests

This week’s featured priest:
**Father
John Strasser**

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Father John Strasser, a vocation from St. Dominic Parish, Garden City, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Marion F. Forst on June 12, 1976. He is currently pastor of St. Nicholas, Kinsley, and St. Joseph, Offerle.

What was it that made you want to be a priest?

Through the people and events in my life God subtly lead me to the seminary and into the priesthood.

Was there a particular individual who inspired you to become a priest?

The priest who most inspired me was Msgr. Steve Reif.

Who were people who encouraged you in your vocation?

Parents, family, teachers. I always felt they supported me whatever my vocation would be. They encouraged my plans to enter the seminary. While in the seminary I felt they would support me if I discerned that God was calling me in another direction.

What do you like most about being a priest?

Helping people realize that God is with them in the joys and sorrows of life and in the daily routine of life.

What has been one of the greatest challenges you face in your ministry?

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What has been one of the highlights, so far, of your priesthood?

Meeting and serving with priests, religious and parishioners in diocesan and parish ministry.

If you could take a vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?

With a boat load of friends to a walleye-filled lake located near a gourmet Italian restaurant and a world class art museum.

What are your hobbies?

Fishing, stamp collecting, travel, visiting art galleries large and small.