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Sammet honored for 50 years of service to Corpus Christi

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For the past 50 years, Diane Sammet has dedicated her musical talents to Corpus Christi Parish.

Sammet was recognized earlier this year for her 50 years of contributions to the parish in music ministry.

"I just felt real welcome when I came here," Sammet said. "When I started coming here, I came here for the music, but the people were just really super friendly here and just made me feel really super welcome. And when I started singing here, people were just very nice and supportive."

Growing up, she attended Sacred Heart School and Mater Dei High School. It was at Mater Dei she joined the Marians, which was a choir group at the school.

"It was a good experience and a good foundation for me, my Mater Dei experience," Sammet said.

In 1975, Sammet began singing every week at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass at Corpus Christi. She began attending Corpus Christi prior to that at a time



Diane Sammet leads the choir during the Candidacy Mass in June 2024 at Corpus Christi Parish in Evansville.

The Message photo by John Rohlf

when a group of Mater Dei people provided music there. After the group disbanded, she stepped in and started singing at the Sunday Mass.

She has since helped with many funerals, weddings, First Communions and Confirmations. The parish's music

coordinator, Sammet has directed the parish's choir since 1999. She has also assisted with many children's choirs over her years of service. Sammet said she has had many great children's choirs throughout her time at Corpus Christi.

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Submitted photo

Diane Sammet was recently recognized by Corpus Christi Parish for her 50 years of service in music ministry to the parish.



Noah Kiesel, center, shakes hands with Isaiah Schaefer, right, as Lucas Church looks on. All three were honored with the St. John Bosco Senior Award.

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Savio youth honored at Awards Night

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Savio participants and their families filled Sacred Heart Church in Evansville May 4 for the Savio Awards Night.

Select Savio youth participants were presented with four different awards, including the St. John Bosco Senior Award, St. Dominic Savio Award for Leadership and the St. Dominic Savio Award for Virtue.

Recipients of the St. John Bosco

Senior Award were Lucas Church, Noah Esch, Noah Kiesel and Isaiah Schaefer. Recipients of the St. Dominic Savio Award for Leadership were James Elpers, Aiden Fehrenbacher, Isaiah Lueken and Sam Parmer. Recipients of the St. Dominic Savio Award for Virtue were Patrick Elpers, Tobias Lueken, Mason Sammet, Luke Lovell, Luke Shumate, Matt Wilzbacher, Crewe Hasenour, Lukas Kiesel and Patrick Verkamp.

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Father Schroeder celebrates Memorial Day Mass



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Father Gene Schroeder, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Vanderburgh County, delivers the homily during the Memorial Day Mass May 26 at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. See story on page 5.

The Most Reverend
Joseph M. Siegel, D.D., STL
Bishop of the Diocese of Evansville

Is pleased to personally invite you to

the rite of Ordination of

DEACON NICK BIEVER

and

DEACON KEITH HART

and

DEACON AARON HERRENBRUCK

and

DEACON CLINT JOHNSON

to the

SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, June 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. CDT

St. Benedict Cathedral

1328 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714

If you, your family and friends have never participated in an Ordination Mass, this is a unique opportunity for you. Please join us. All are welcome!