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Biography of Margaret Marshall

Submitted by St. Dominic Savio Parish

Margaret and Jim Marshall settled in the St. Dominic Savio Parish in 1970 after moving from Scotland to Edmonton. They, along with their three children, immediately become involved in parish life. Jim helped in the Men's Clubs and with the Cubs group. Margaret became the first President of the newly formed Catholic Women's League. Jim formed the first Boy's Club and was on the first parish council in the 1970s. He also helped with church maintenance. Both Jim and Margaret helped with summer camps and with the St. Mary's Boys School for movie nights on Saturdays.

Jim and Margaret were also active members of the parish social club, whose first task was to raise money for a new church building. They helped organize parties, dances, turkey suppers, and wine and cheese parties. Margaret recalled a particularly eventful turkey supper which was prepared at St. Mary's Boys School in the kitchen. The committee decided to use the kitchen's motorized potato masher. The masher was more powerful than the ladies thought and they ended up with potatoes all over the kitchen. Without time to make another batch they scraped them up, put them back in the pot and said nothing!

Margaret and Jim, along with many other parishioners, helped to form the building committee that oversaw building the Parish House at a cost of \$21,790.00. The basement of the house was used as a gathering and meeting place. Soon after another building committee was formed to oversee the construction of the church that was completed and opened in 1974. In 1991 when plans started to have a basement constructed for the church, Jim was initially involved, but became sick was not able to continue to volunteer. In the 1990s Margaret and Jim, along with Hilda and Charles Bachand, and Frank and Hazel Klotz, organized rides for parishioners who resided at local nursing homes to Sunday Mass. Though Jim passed away, Margaret continues to help transport parishioners to Mass on Sunday.

Margaret will always have fond memories of the many nuns who enhanced the parish, like Sr. Alphonse and Sr. Helen, but it is Father Tom Juarez, who buried her husband, who will always have a special place in her heart.