

JANICE (JAN) DWORSCHAK

ARCADIA - TREMPEALEAU COUNTY

Occupation: Music Minister

Employer: Self-Employed

Jan serves as music minister for several rural churches in western Wisconsin and teaches keyboard lessons from her home in Arcadia.

In 2010, she returned to her family home to care for her mother who entered hospice care. Jan's father died in 2009. While caring for her mother, Jan provided chaplain services at the hospital as it closed in February 2011, and nursing home until it closed March 2014. Jan's mother died in June 2014. Caring for her parents, as they advanced in age, and patients and residents in the hospital and nursing home, provided Jan with cherished memories.

As an educator, liturgy and music director, pastoral associate and board certified chaplain, Jan enjoyed opportunities to study, travel and work with people in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, California and Minnesota. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Mount Mary University, a Master of Arts from St. Joseph's College in Indiana, and a Master of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University. During a yearlong residency at Mayo School of Health Sciences, Jan completed certification for chaplaincy and is board certified through the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. Working with people of all ages and backgrounds continues to bring Jan joy.

Jan appreciates connections with people: in-person and, when in-person is not possible, enjoys maintaining contact through letters, notes, phone calls and digital means. Jan hosts a Centering Prayer Group and provides volunteer service to the homebound and folks at the local food pantry. Her more active involvement in city and regional issues began in April 2014 with a letter to the editor regarding the closing of the nursing home and tensions over area land use. Then, struck by an article in a local newspaper, Jan began investigating why *Arcadia City Council Quarrels over Excessive Engineering Bill*. Her communications with the mayor and city council lead to her greater involvement in the community and the community's successful recall election.

Jan savors free time to pray, read, play piano and organ, sing, hum, walk, practice yoga and bike. Jan has a sister Betty, a brother-in-law Rollie, a niece, nephew, two great-nieces and two great-nephews. A quote from Dag Hammarskjöld in *Markings* inspires Jan as she moves forward into the future: *For all that has been – Thanks! To all that shall be – Yes!*

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