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Alumni Spot Light Mike & Mary (Helgoth) McCawley

The McCawleys joined St. Roberts Parish in the fall of 1991, with their children Megan, Kyle and Andrew. Both of their sons attended St. Roberts school and also have two grandsons currently enrolled. Mike coached several of his grandchildren's soccer teams; and Mary was involved in several of the many parish organizations.

In the late 90's, Mary served as Chairperson of the St. Robert's Church interior decoration committee, as well as Decorations Chair for the first two (Shine) Bella Fiesta celebrations.

After our daughter's diagnoses with terminal breast cancer, the Parish sponsored a large Benefit for her family. The support and kindness displayed by this parish has reinforced our commitment to St Roberts.

Fr Don Shane found out that Mary was a Landscape Architect and in 2005 he asked Mary to redesign our

parish parking lot, parking lot islands, the planting areas bordering the parish buildings and the rest of the parish grounds. This work was done concurrently with the Church interior remodel. Since then, Mary has also designed such parish features as the Prayer Garden, the St. Francis Assisi shrine, the Stations of the Cross, the Holy Family Garden, three areas memorializing parish children and other garden areas. There are 20 "garden" spaces on campus all maintained by the stewards of the parish.

In March 2012 Mary applied and procured for St. Roberts accreditation as a Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Site; one of 26 accredited sites around the state and the only accredited church/school site in the state. Mike is chief pruner and planter along with over 25 parish volunteers that work to maintain and enhance the 13.5-acre parish grounds and exterior features through much of

the year. An additional 20 volunteers help to maintain the Prayer Garden. We are thankful for all.

In the last three years the McCawleys have also served on the St. Roberts Refugee Committee; collecting furniture, household goods and setting up our refugee family's new residences.



Mike McCawley is a 1967 graduate and Mary(Helgoth) McCawley is a 1968 Aquinas graduate.