
Parish Life Coordinators

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Born September 23, 1955. Married August 19, 1978, to Lee Black. 1980, teacher, St. Patrick School, Terre Haute; 1992, director of religious education, St. Patrick, Terre Haute; 1998, coordinator of religious education, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre

Haute; 2002,

principal, Annunciation School, Brazil; 2005, pastoral associate, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute; 2007, pastoral associate, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute. Director of religious education, St. Benedict, Terre Haute; 2010, parish life coordinator, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute; 2016, reappointed parish life coordinator, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute; 2020, appointed pro tem of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Terre Haute, while remaining parish life coordinator, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute.



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Married December 17, 1977, to Rebecca (Hoff) Blandford (4 children). Ordained, June 28, 2008. 1977, Indianapolis Public Schools; 1978, Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Indianapolis; 1984, principal, St. Roch Catholic School, Indianapolis;

1994, adjunct instructor, Indiana University School of Education, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis campus; 1995, catechist, St. Simon the Apostle School, Indianapolis; 2008, deacon at St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Village Oaks at Greenwood for the ministry of charity, and associate director of deacon formation while continuing as catechist, St. Simon the Apostle School, Indianapolis; 2011, director of deacon formation, while continuing at St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, and Village Oaks at Greenwood for the ministry of charity, and catechist, St. Simon the Apostle School, Indianapolis; 2012, part-time parish life coordinator, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis, while continuing as director of deacon formation, and at Village Oaks at Greenwood for the ministry of charity.



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Final religious profession in the Congregation of Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis (Oldenburg), August 12, 1967. 1964, teacher, St. Joseph, Princeton, IN; 1966, St. Rita, Indianapolis; 1969, St. Joseph, Kansas City, KS; 1971, St. Louis, Batesville; 1974, pastoral associate, St. Mary, North Vernon; 1984, St. Mary, Greensburg; 1987, St. John the Evangelist, Enochsburg; 1991, parish life coordinator, St. Anne, Hamburg, St. John the Evangelist, Enochsburg, and St. Maurice; 1994, reappointed parish life coordinator, St. Anne, Hamburg, St. John the Evangelist, Enochsburg, and St. Maurice, St. Maurice; 1995, parish life coordinator, St. Rose, Knightstown, and St. Anne, New Castle; 1998, reappointed parish life coordinator, St. Rose, Knightstown, and St. Anne, New Castle; 2001, reappointed parish life coordinator, St. Rose, Knightstown, and St. Anne, New Castle; 2007, reappointed parish life coordinator, St. Rose, Knightstown, and St. Anne, New Castle; 2010, parish life coordinator, St. Maurice, Napoleon; 2013, parish life coordinator, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, while continuing as parish life coordinator, St. Maurice, Napoleon; 2016, reappointed parish life coordinator, St. Maurice, Napoleon, while continuing as parish life coordinator, St. John the Baptist, Osgood.



Ianacconne, Sr. Jane, S.P.

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Professed final vows on July 21, 1993.
Taught at St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Ascension School, Evansville, Indiana, and St. Rose, Chelsea, Massachusetts. Served as Pastoral Associate at St. John's Catholic Church, Winthrop, Massachusetts for 25 years. 2020, appointed parish life coordinator, St. Mary-of-the-Woods.



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Final religious profession in the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis (Oldenburg), August 12, 1967. 1963, teacher, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis; 1964, St. Wendel, Evansville, IN; 1969, St. Anthony, Evansville; 1970, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis; 1971, St. Mary, Evansville, IN; 1973, pastoral associate, St. Mary, Evansville; 1984, Good Shepherd, Evansville; 1986, St. Joseph, Dale, IN, and St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, IN; 1988, St. John the Evangelist, Daylight, IN; 1993, CPE Chaplaincy, Deaconess Hospital, Evansville; 1994, pastoral associate, St. Anthony, Evansville; 2004, vocation director for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN; 2013, parish life coordinator, St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County.



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Final religious profession in the Congregation of Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis (Oldenburg), August 19, 1979. 1983, staff nurse, Hospice of Cincinnati; 1984, motherhouse ministry; 1986-2004, St Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis; 1988-1994, clinical instructor, Marian University, Indianapolis; 2002, case manager, St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis; 2003, clinical coordinator Hospice Homecare, Indianapolis; 2004, manager, Hospice of Hamilton In-Patient Center, Hospice of Cincinnati, OH; 2011, pastoral care, Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, MI; 2015, administrator, Ministry of Care, Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods; 2016, parish life coordinator, Immaculate Conception, Millhousesen.



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Married to John R. Schaffner, Jr., April 17, 1982. 1998, junior high religion teacher, St. Pius X; 2001, campus minister, Bishop Chatard High School, Indianapolis; 2008, young adult and college campus minister, Archdiocese of Indianapolis; 2010-2013, director of religious education and pastoral associate, St. Anthony and Holy Trinity, Indianapolis; 2012-2018, associate director of spirituality, Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis; 2016, spiritual director for candidate assesment teams, St. Luke Institute, Louisville, KY; 2019, parish life coordinator, St. Agnes, Nashville.



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Final religious profession in the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, May 3, 1975. 1968, teacher, Immaculata Preparatory School, Washington, DC; 1969, teacher, librarian, Providence-St. Mel High School, Chicago, IL; 1971, admissions coordinator, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; 1975, director of instruction, Mother Theodore Guérin High School, River Grove, IL; 1977, graduate studies, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy; 1980, director of formation, Sisters of Providence, instructor of psychology and theology, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; 1991, graduate studies, Washington Theological Union, Silver Springs, MD; 1994, therapist, Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center, Naperville, IL; 1996, general councilor, Sisters of Providence; 2001, sabbatical; 2002, administrator, St. Ann Clinic, Terre Haute; 2005, parish life coordinator, St. Mary-of-the-Woods (Village), St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and St. Leonard of Port Maurice, West Terre Haute; 2011, reappointed parish life coordinator, St. Mary-of-the-Woods (Village), St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and St. Leonard of Port Maurice, West Terre Haute; 2002, retired.

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1980, director of religious education, Notre Dame and St. Mary parishes, Ogdensburg, NY; 1986, theology teacher, Pacelli High School, Columbus, GA; 1990, associate director of religious education for the Diocese of Pensacola, FL; 2002, director of religious education, St. Joan of Arc, Yorktown, VA; 2006, director of religious education, St. Mary, Navilleton; 2011, palliative care for parents, Terre Haute; 2016, parish life coordinator, St. Charles Borromeo, Milan.



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Final religious profession in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet August 14, 1985, St. Louis, MO 1985, teacher, Holy Angels School, Indianapolis; 1989, principal, Central Catholic St. Nicholas School, St. Louis. MO; 1996-2002, served on the Provincial Council for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet; 2009, principal, Resurrection Catholic School, Montgomery, AL; 2015, pastoral associate, Holy Angels, 2018, parish life coordinator pro-tem, Holy Angels and St. Rita, 2019, parish life coordinator, Holy Angels and St. Rita.



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Ordained deacon June 23, 2012. 1986-1988, youth ministry coordinator, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Indianapolis; 1988, maintenance director, Urban Parish Cooperative; 1993, associate director of management services, Archdiocese of Indianapolis; 1999-2010, operations technical support manager, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Campus Facility Services; 2009, deacon candidate; 2010, parish life coordinator, St. Anne, New Castle, and St. Rose of Lima, Knightstown; 2016, parish life coordinator, Holy Trinity, Edinburg, and prison ministry, Edinburg Correctional Facility, Edinburg, for the ministry of charity.