

## Giving in Abundance, Giving in Memory

After attending one of the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan's "End of Life with Christ" seminars, Mary Reynolds and her husband Roger arranged to look at a cemetery plot. That's where they discovered that many Catholics can't afford a proper Catholic burial.

When Roger unexpectedly passed away in 2024, Mary said, "I gave Roger the best Catholic funeral he could have had." Afterwards, she set up an endowment with the Foundation to help others have a Catholic funeral.

Mary and Roger were married for 63 years. They met on a blind date, but as Mary says, "I knew it was love at first sight. I knew he was the one." Everyone loved Roger. He was kind, laid back, and loving, and complimented Mary as they raised three children. "He lived a full life," said Mary. "He was happy. He wouldn't have done anything differently."



*Mary and Roger Reynolds.*

Mary and Roger decided to learn how to invest to better provide for their family. Soon, Mary started to view investing as stewardship of God's gifts. "God gave you the talent, the grace, and everything you need to know how to give back," Mary explained.

Before Roger's passing, he and Mary talked about setting up an endowment. As a lifelong Catholic, Mary knew the importance of stewardship. "I just had a sense of responsibility to be generous because the Lord has blessed us," Mary said. "I felt the need to give back—not because somebody asked me, but because I felt that in my heart it was the right thing to do."

After Roger's passing, Mary and her family established the Roger Reynolds Family Endowment, designed to provide funds for Catholic funerals and burials for those in need in Saginaw County. In fact, Mary set up the endowment with an initial gift from her IRA that fulfilled her Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). While receiving the tax benefits of giving from her IRA, Mary also ensured her family's gift will benefit the Catholic community of the Diocese of Saginaw for generations.

Now, Mary is the Foundation's newest board member and serves on the Investment Committee. When Mary talks to others about giving to fulfill a RMD, she recommends having a glass-half-full kind of attitude. "Start thinking differently about the giving process," Mary encourages. You can give to your children *through your church*—sustaining your family, church, and Catholic community for generations.

"When I give in abundance, I receive in abundance," Mary simply says. "God gives you the direction. You just have to be open and willing to listen."



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May 5, 12:00 p.m.  
Virtual Investment Forum  
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June 30  
Grant Applications Close

## Apply for 2026 Grants!



*Grants recipients at the Foundation's 2025 Grants Luncheon.*

**The Catholic Community Foundation's 2026 Grant Application period is now open!** Our community grants are designed to support the immediate needs of our entire community throughout Mid-Michigan. Grant applications will close on June 30, 2026.

With the Foundation's stewardship of endowed funds, we are able to provide both long-term, perpetual support to parishes and schools, while also stewarding your gifts to support the needs of our community right now.

Last year, the Foundation disbursed more than \$150,000 to grant recipients. Their service to our community focused on a range of causes, like the needs of our Catholic schools and the needs of the poor and vulnerable. From supporting food banks to providing free health care, our grant recipients work every day to lift up our community by supporting those most vulnerable.

As we celebrate the Foundation's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are so thankful for the donors who make these grants possible. In total, the Catholic Community Foundation has disbursed more than \$1.9 million in community grants. It's a part of our 20 year legacy of generously supporting the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the Diocese of Saginaw.

To apply for 2026 grants, visit our website at [www.ccfmm.org/grants](http://www.ccfmm.org/grants) or scan the QR code.

