

Why I Am Catholic...

The parish family of St. Clement's.

This Friday (June 6) is the one-year anniversary of my cancer surgery. Throughout this year I have continually remembered that all of you were praying for me that day and during my recovery.

Before you knew me—or had even met your new pastor—you were praying for my wellbeing. And your prayers helped! And still are helping! And they continue to mean so much. It is difficult to put that into words.

My recent checkup was good. And the CAT Scan shows all clear. Because I chose to do preventive radiation last summer, the chance of recurrence is less than two percent.

Over this last year I have seen this parish family time and time again as a community of prayer. The many times this parish has prayed with and walked with individuals and families going through health crises and other life events. We have held each other up and seen God's healing power touch people in this parish in incredible ways. My life is a witness to that.