



NEW TO THE PARISH



Deacon Nate Haney, wife Daria, and daughters— Gianna, Magdalena, Maryn and Anne

What is your title? What will you be doing officially in the parish?

"My title is Deacon. In that role, I will primarily be assisting Fr. Steve at Mass, but I will also be serving in ways as the parish needs. Examples of other service might include conducting vigils, weddings

without Mass, funerals without Mass, visiting the homebound and benediction.

My wife, Daria and I also anticipate becoming involved in baptismal preparation within the parish. Daria also hopes to serve as a catechist for the children preparing to receive First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion, in addition to serving as a cantor from time to time. Our daughters are also interested in being Altar Servers. All this to say that the parish can expect to see the Haney family involved in a variety of ways in the life of the parish."

Will you tell us a bit about yourself?

"I was born and raised primarily in California. I moved to Billings at the end of 1992 and graduated from MSU-Billings in May of 1996 with a degree in English and Spanish education. I then attended law school in Missoula, and continued my legal studies in New York with a degree in tax law. After spending two (2) years in Washington D.C. working for the U.S. Tax Court, I returned to Billings in 2002 and entered into private



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practice in 2003. I began my law career with Crowley Fleck and then joined two other attorneys to form a new law firm in 2008, where I focus on estate planning and business matters.

I met my wife, Daria, in 2004 and we were married in August of 2006. We have four (4) daughters: Gianna (13), Maggie (11), Maryn (10) and Annie (7). We also have an overly energetic German Shorthaired Pointer puppy named Libby. My mother, Sandy, lives here in Billings, and my two (2) siblings and their respective families live out of state.”

What do you like to do in your spare time? What are your passions outside of work?

“I enjoy spending time with my wife and family in my spare time. I enjoy coaching and otherwise supporting my daughters in their sports activities, playing yard or board games with them, and otherwise being outside with them. I also enjoy regular exercise, and I play an occasional round of golf.”

Can you name a characteristic of St. Thomas parish that you like? Where would you like to see us grow?

“I appreciate the characteristic of discipleship that I have witnessed in the parish, and the focus on the characteristics of a dynamic disciple: Believe, Grow, Gather, Love, and Lead. In the short time that I have been here, I have not identified any area where I would like the parish to grow, but if I do, then be assured that I will gladly serve in supporting growth in that area.”

Welcome!