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## Guiding spirit - Mark Dominiak

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### MARK DOMINIAK

#### BIOGRAPHY

Whiting resident.

He and his wife, Roberta, live in Whiting and have two daughters.

Bachelor's degree in marketing from Ball State University.

Self employed as Insight Garden, Inc.

Loves comic books.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Mark Dominiak is a lifelong member of St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Whiting. He has served the assembly by volunteering in the baptism preparation classes for a number of years and on the pastoral council as vice chair and chairman. "Having been involved in the council, I got a sense of all the things happening in the parish," he said. This insight, led him to creating a parish Web site: [sjbcatholicparish.org](http://sjbcatholicparish.org).

Dominiak worked with the church and Small Web Solutions of Crown Point to create the site that provides a wide range of information, access to parish news and quick access to sites with local and international news on the Catholic faith. "It is really, really well done and it will help connect the congregation and hopefully attract young people," he said. Dominiak feels strongly about stewardship and giving back to the church. "I have learned so much and gotten so much formally from the parish growing up how can I not give something back," he said. "If you go to church on Sunday and listen to what's said you are called to use your gifts and talents that God's given you to the best extent you can, to help other people." Dominiak continues this philosophy as a mentor for marketing students attending Ball State University.

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thing."

FAVORITE BOOK/AUTHOR: "For fun I love 'Lord of the Rings'. And I love Stephen Covey books. I love to read."

ADVICE: "Put yourself in someone else's shoes before you act. It's almost shocking how much better your life is personally when you put others first."

WHAT INSPIRES ME: "Watching little kids go through life seeing things for the first time and being able to wake up in the morning and take a breath of fresh air."

PEOPLE MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO KNOW: "How involved I am with the church and doing things for the community."

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