

Jane Arthur Duffy

Sister Jane Arthur was born in 1928 in Jackson, Mich. She had four brothers and two sisters. Shortly after completing the 11th grade in 1945, she entered the IHM community.



She started her teaching ministry in 1948 at St. Charles Borromeo in Detroit. Her other assignments were at St. Patrick, Wyandotte; St. John, Jackson; Our Lady of Lourdes, River Rouge; Holy Trinity, Detroit; and for 32 years at Holy Redeemer, Detroit.

After spending the first 12 years teaching in Detroit and Wyandotte, she remembered how excited she was to receive her next assignment. As was customary with the IHMs, she was going to be assigned to a different city that year to teach. She picked up her assignment papers and sat in the back of the Chapel to read them. She yelled out, “My God, it can’t be – but it is!”

Her new assignment was her hometown of Jackson at St. John! The sisters sitting in the Chapel all turned around to see what caused the commotion.

Sister Jane Arthur recalled a proud moment when she attended the ordination of one of her former students, Jim Arsenault.

“He was a student of mine at St. Patrick, Wyandotte. We kept in touch and years later he invited me to attend his ordination.” She and three other IHM Sisters attended the ceremony and his first Mass in Philadelphia.



do better in school. The program also gives individualized attention to advanced students so they can learn at their own pace.

After spending 23 years in the traditional classroom, Sister Jane Arthur devoted the next 10 years to this special classroom experience.

Some of her favorite summertime memories were spent at Wampalers Lake in Michigan at a cottage owned by Sister Regina Mary’s family. A bus would bring a load of sisters out to spend the day relaxing, swimming and picnicking on the beach. Sometimes there would be rides in the pontoon boat. There was always a lot of fun.

In 2003, Sister Jane Arthur retired from teaching and moved to the Motherhouse. Here, she found ways to help out; taking Communion to residents was a great joy. She also sorted and took mail to residents, which gave her an opportunity to get to know them better and share time.

She takes time to have fun. She enjoys listening to music and doing jigsaw puzzles. Sister Jane Arthur also enjoys a good game of cards.



“We are blessed,” she says. “We have everything we need and time to spend in Chapel with prayer. I thank God every day and ask God to continue to bless our community.”