

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Rita Spinn

A member of the Building Committee and Pastoral Council at St. Mary Parish in Temple, Rita Spinn couldn't help but raise her hand and volunteer for the Campaign Executive Committee for *Encountering Christ*.

"It's important to have active parishioners to help with the capital campaign," Spinn said. "Each of us knows various individuals in the parish, so we can reach out to many different families. One person cannot do it, the pastor cannot do it. It takes a team."

She credits her pastor, Father Steve Sauser, for his leadership and encouragement, which helped lead the parish to raise **119** percent of its \$595,000 goal. St. Mary will direct its share of campaign funds toward transforming the parish hall into a new Family Life Center. The multistage project will include improvements and upgrades to accommodate the growing parish's vibrant ministries.

Also important to Rita, as a volunteer and a donor is how *Encountering Christ* will affect the diocese as a whole.

"I see a very large need to help with so many areas, such as on our college campuses and with our retired priests, the impoverished and religious education," she said. "To me, the campaign is a wonderful way to bring it all together and help a wide variety of people."