

## ***VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Zach Zgabay***



*Zach and Natalie Zgabay*

Visiting the Vatican and ornate Catholic churches during a trip to Europe last summer made Zach Zgabay realize what he was missing at home.

“It knocked me upside the head that I need to do better, not just go to church and be a bump on a log but learn more about the faith,” he said.

While he had never lost his faith, Zach felt he “fell of the radar” for a while — as many young adults tend to do in their 20s and 30s. “You get busy and life kind of loses its way a little bit,” he said.

Since that vacation, Zach has attended Mass every Sunday at St. Joseph Parish in Dime Box, where he and his wife, Natalie, are members. He participated in the sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence. He actively participated in the Knights of Columbus, attending meetings regularly and moving to the Third Degree from the First, where he had been for 10 years.

And in the fall, when he noticed a blurb in the parish bulletin for *Encountering Christ*, he volunteered. At 37, he found himself the youngest member of the campaign committee at St. Joseph, which is using its share of *Encountering Christ* funds to refurbish and replace the church’s original pews.

“When I went to that first meeting, it reinvigorated for me a sense of charity, to help out,” he said. “Because some of this money does go back to your local parish but also it’s for the Catholic family as a whole, the Diocese of Austin. That’s why I’m contributing to it.”