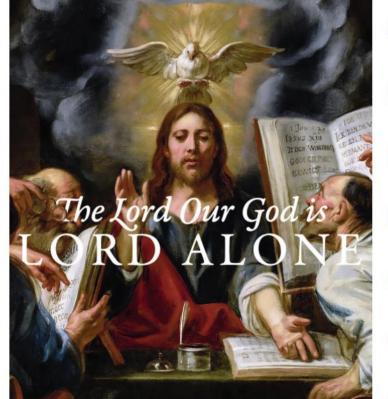
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November 3, 2024 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times



8:00 AM · 10:00 AM SUN 12:00 PM · 5:00 PM

6:30 AM · 8:15 AM MON Rosary 6:30 PM

TUE 8:15 AM

6:30 AM · 8:15 AM First and Third Wednesdays: WED Adoration 2:30 PM-9:00 PM Confessions 7:00 PM

8:15 AM · 6:15 PM Adoration 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Confessions 9:15 AM

6:30 AM · 8:15 AM First Fridays: Adoration 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

8:15 AM · 4:00 PM Confessions 2:30 PM

Rosary after 8:15 AM weekday Masses Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday-Friday 3:00 PM in the Church

Featured

Seminarian Support Fund

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The 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Worship Hymnal Readings: #1200

Entrance Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (611)

Glory to God: #320

Offertory Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is (712) Communion Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine (534)

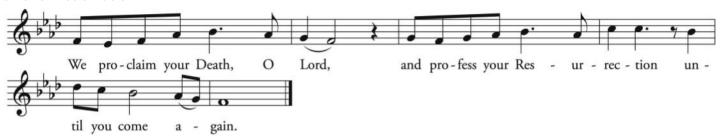
Entrance Antiphon Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my

strong salvation! Ps 28: 22, 23





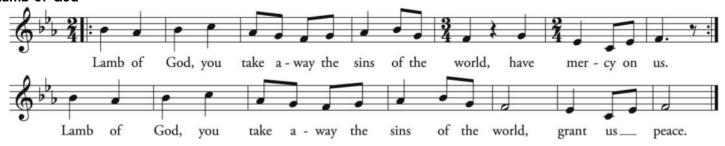
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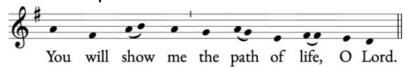
Amen



Lamb of God



Communion Antiphon



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Offertory Anthem (10:00 Mass)

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Music: Malcom Archer (b. 1952) Text: St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us.

O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother,
may we know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly.
Amen.

Communion Hymn (10:00 Mass)

Love One Another Hymnal #693

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The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying Informed:

If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you please consider getting the app so you are "in the know!" To secure the Flocknote app, just go to stpacc.org/flocknote or text STPACC to the number 84576.



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The 13th Annual Sacred Heart Congress:

Encounter love, hope, healing and renewal through the Sacred Heart right here on Saturday, November 9 from 8:00 AM until noon. It'll be a wonderful half day of renewal! Come and enjoy hearing from Father Nathan Cromly and Father Stash Dailey, as well as Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, who will celebrate Holy Mass. There is a program for children as well, led by the Daughters of the Holy Mary of The Heart of Jesus. Invite your family and friends!

Parish Pilgrimage to Italy:

As our parish pilgrimage to Italy continues, I have posted videos from many of the places we have visited on our parish website. I continue to include our parish in my prayers during every Mass that I celebrate, along with those special intentions recently entered in the intentions book. You can find videos and pictured from the pilgrimage at style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue; book. You can find videos and pictured from the pilgrimage at style="color: blue;">s

Our Sunday Offering:

I want to most sincerely thank the very many parishioners who regularly give of their time, talent, and financial support to our parish. WeShare Online Giving is a secure, and convenient platform. Just text stpaulohio to the number 800-950-9952 or go online to www.stpacc.org/donate. If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare Online Giving, please contact our Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at dhawking@stpacc.org or 614-882-2109 ext. 229. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson

MASSINTENTIONS Sunday, November 3, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

8:00 AM † Agnelo Pereira 10:00 AM † Robert Yinger

12:00 PM † Colonel Thomas Crawford

5:00 PM † Eddy Lott

Monday, November 4, Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:12-14

6:30 AM † Donald L. Weber

8:15 AM † Jim Nagel

Tuesday, November 5

Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

8:15 AM † Terry Keating

Wednesday, November 6

Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

6:30 AM † Frank Warchal

8:15 AM † Mick Clark

Thursday, November 7

Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10

8:15 AM † Peter McHale, Jr.

6:15 PM † Mary Ann Olvera

Friday, November 8

Phil 3:17—4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8

6:30 AM † Bill Klein

8:15 AM † Mary Ann Olvera

3:30 PM Wedding of Andrew Clark and Emily Kraker

Saturday, November 9, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

8:15 AM † Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

1:30 PM Wedding of Tyler Schroeder and Rachel Hallman

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Anticipated)

** 4:00 PM † William McGhee

Sunday, November 10, Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

8:00 AM † Mary Ann Olvera

10:00 AM † Earl Schaad

12:00 PM † William Breck

5:00 PM † Margaret Tell

ABOUT ST. PAUL

Welcome to Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Inspired by our patron Saint Paul, we are a parish of disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring His truth and love into our community through humble, collaborative service that is faithful to the Word of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and centered on the Holy Eucharist.

Stay Connected with Us

Sign up for our Flocknote newsletter to receive email and text updates from our parish!



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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you are curious about Catholicism or seek to enter the Church, we invite you to get involved in our preparatory program for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Find more information at stpacc.org/ocia.

St. Paul School

Want to give your children a Catholic education? Discover our St. Paul Catholic School (preschool and grades K-8) dedicated to teaching, living, and learning in the light of Christ. stpaulk-8.org

Parents of our young children, may we suggest...

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you must suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- Sit toward the front, where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's happening at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.
 Children learn by copying you.
- If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- Remember that how we welcome children in church directly affects their responses to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To other members of our parish:

- The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our parish is growing!
- Please welcome our children and encourage their parents with a smile. If you see a parent struggling, please offer to help them!

^{**}Incense-Free Mass.

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Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. (614-882-2109)

Parish Registration

If you will regularly be worshiping with us, we encourage you to register at <a href="style="style-type: style-type: style-typ

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should contact Annette Ramos at aramos@stpacc.org.

Matrimony

If you would like to be married at St. Paul the Apostle, please visit stpacc.org/weddings to begin planning.

Confessions

7:00 PM on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month; 9:15 AM on Thursdays; & 2:30 PM on Saturdays.

Marian Gift Shop

Our Marian Gift Shop is located in the Church. Shop hours: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Monday: Closed

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM-6:30 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Looking for a special gift: 614-882-5257; stpacc.org/shop

Bulletin

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to stpaulcommunications@stpacc.org. Thank you!

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 St. Paul School
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 Preschool
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 Parish School of Religion
 614-882-5045

Prayer Line stpaulprayerline@stpacc.org

St. Vincent DePaul Helpline 614-973-9772

Young Adults StPaulYA1@gmail.com

Spirit of Peace Counseling stpacc.org/counseling-services

Pregnancy Support Resources

 Women's Care Center
 614-251-0200

 Birthright
 614-221-0844

 PDHC
 614-444-4411

 Mommies Matter
 614-723-9308

Option Line <u>optionline.org</u> 1-800-712-4357

Stowe Mission, Columbus 614-445-8400 Pregnancy Resources of Delaware Co. 740-417-9358

Order of Christian Initiation update

The inquirers in our parish's OCIA program will be moving into the second stage of their journey, signified by the unbaptized going through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the baptized going through the Rite of Welcoming at this Sunday's 10:00 am Mass. The first phase of their journey of initiation has been a time for seekers to hear the mystery of Christ proclaimed. The inquirers have consciously and freely sought the living God and entered the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. We ask you to please pray for the inquires as they continue their conversion journey and for our OCIA process as we assist them in moving toward a closer relationship with God. Your prayers are critical to the success of our program. We invite you to take an active role in welcoming our soon-to-be catechumens and candidates and to be models of faith and Christian charity for them. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Jovinraj Amalraj	Ben Damage	Taylor Larkin
Rionah Amalraj	Gabby D.	Susan Matheson
Eliane Amara	Dave Fleming	Christopher Mitek
Vanessa Amara	Brian Gardner	Aubri Myers
Aliya Anderson	Robert Garner	Francis Ozuloha
Eric Anderson	Sarah Gehres	Christopher Paris
Cayla Andrick	Ryan Goff	Carmina Reid
Daniel Barstow	Ben Gordon	Hoa Luong Rich
Mark Benver	Zoe G.	Samuel Roy
Alyson Bergandine	Alisha Guerrero	Rachel Rzepecki
Faith Bermeo	John Hilliard, Jr.	Mackenzie Smith
Marlise Bloir	Emily Hirtle	Haleematu Taillu
Justin Blumer	Phil Holbrook	Aaron Villanueva
Brian Bowman	Ashley Hood	Alane Wallace
Ashton Boyd	Auvi H.	Drew Wallace
Cameron Bryant	Levi H.	Rosemary Ward
Tiffany Burger	Ben Jay	Kenna W.
Jules Bussdieker	Mark Katko	Stephen Webb
Evann Carpenter	Kevin Keefer	Sarah Whybrew
Emaleigh Caudill	Wendy Klatt	

Charlee L.



What is the OCIA Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens?

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is for inquires in the OCIA process who are preparing for their Baptism. They are now ready to publicly declare their intention to continue their journey towards becoming Catholics. At this Rite, they are asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message with the help of God, and are also signed with the Cross to show that they now belong to Christ, the Shepherd of souls. In this Rite, the parish community has the opportunity to more fully participate in and pray for those in the OCIA process. At Sunday Mass, some of the inquirers who are considering joining the Catholic Church are going through the Rite of Acceptance. This Rite places these catechumens in a formal relationship with the universal Church. By Church law, the Pope and all bishops are to pray for those who have gone through this Rite. We encourage all parishioners to pray for these souls as well, as they continue in the initiation process over the coming months, and to reach out to them as fellow members of the Household of Christ.

What is the OCIA Rite of Welcoming?

The Rite of Welcoming is for inquirers who have been previously baptized and are ready to publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church. At this Rite, they are asked if they are ready to listen to the apostles' instruction, gather with the worshipping community in prayer, and join that community in the love and service of others. They are signed with the Cross to show that they belong to Christ.

Why is the parish community important at the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming?

Members of the parish community should affirm that they are ready to help and support the OCIA candidates seeking to follow Christ.

Brandon Coss

SACRED HEART CONGRESS

ENCOUNTER LOVE, HEALING AND RENEWAL THROUGH THE SACRED HEART



NOVEMBER 9, 2024

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH 313 North State Street | Westerville, Ohio

8:00am - Noon

- Testimonies
- Holy Rosary
- Teachings and Talks
- Prayer
- Reconciliation
- Food and Fellowship



BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES



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NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Special Youth Program (K & Up) After Mass

Provided by the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus Servicing St. Paul's Parish and School and the Diocese of Columbus

\$20 for INDIVIDUALS | \$30 for FAMILIES

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

REGISTER AT: WWW.WelcomeHisHeart.com



This Week in Our Parish

We invite you to get to know one of our community opportunities and explore our many ways to serve among all our parish ministries. stpacc.org/ministries

Sunday, November 3 Seminarian Appeal Second Collection

Coffee & Doughnuts in Lower Level Room 3 after AM Masses (and come learn about our Prayer Shawl Ministry!)

11:00 AM - OCIA, Klinger Center

6:00 PM — Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

6:00 PM-7:30 PM - Middle School Youth Ministry, Klinger Center

6:00 PM-8:00 PM - High School Youth Ministry, Miller Hall

Monday, November 4 3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday at 3 PM in the church. Join us in praying this devotion to the mercy of God! Learn the prayers at stpacc.org/chaplet

6:30 PM — Rosary, Church

Join us in this timeless prayer, enriching your spiritual life as we contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

6:30 PM - Walking with Purpose, Lower Level Room 3

Tuesday, November 5

8:00 AM & 9:15 AM - Walking with Purpose, Lower Level Room 3

3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

7:00 PM - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Parish Office Room 2

Wednesday, November 6

9:00 AM - Mom's Mornings Lower Level Room 2

2:30 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 2:30 PM on the 1st and 3rd Wed of each month. Adoration concludes with Benediction & Reposition at 9:00 PM

3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

4:45 & 6:45 PM - PSR Classes, St. Paul School

Parish School of Religion is part of the educational arm of our parish community, responsible for providing religious instruction, formation and sacramental preparation to children attending public or non-Catholic private schools. stpacc.org/

6:15 PM - Youth Ministry Rosary, Lower Level Room 2

6:30 PM - That Man is You! St. Peter Room

Rosary at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM *That Man is You!* honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture. stpacc.org/tmiy

6:45 PM-8:00 PM - High School Discipleship, Lower Level Room 2

7:00 PM - Confessions, Church

7:00 PM - Overeaters Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

Thursday, November 7

6:30 AM - That Man is You!, St. Peter Room

Rosary at 6:30 AM; meeting at 7:00 AM

9:15 AM — Confessions, Church

Experience healing through the forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God and His Church - whether it's been two weeks or two decades since your last Confession.

Thursday, November 7 (cont'd)

3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

7:00 PM — Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

7:00 PM - Young Adults Bible Study, Lower Level Room 2

7:00 PM - Sacred Heart Monthly Meeting, Lower Level Room 3

7:30 PM — Al-Anon, Parish Office Room 2

Friday, November 8

3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

7:30 PM—Alcoholics Anonymous, Parish Office Room 2

Saturday, November 9

Monthly Food Collection for SVDP Catholic War Veterans Info. Table in Parlor 2 after all Masses

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study Parish Office Room 1

We invite all men are invited to on the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays of the month for Bible Study stpacc.org/menbiblestudy

8:00 AM - Noon, Sacred Heart Congress, Church

2:30 PM — Confessions, Church

Sunday, November 10

Second Collection for WARM Monthly Food Collection for SVDP Catholic War Veterans Info. Table in Parlor 2 after all Masses

11:00 AM - OCIA, Klinger Center

6:00 PM — Alcoholics Anonymous, Parish Office Room 2

6:00 PM-8:00 PM-- High School Youth Ministry, Klinger Center



Christmas Scarf Project

Once again, the parish Prayer Shawl Ministry invites you to join us in our Christmas Scarf Project as we turn donated yarn into scarves for those in need. Yarn will be available along with quick, simple directions at **Coffee & Donuts this Sunday, November 3.** Completed scarves can be dropped off on **Sunday December 1,** outside of LL Room 3 or at one of our upcoming meetings on either, **Saturday, November 2 or November 16 or Thursday November 14.** We meet from 10:00 till 11:30 AM; drop in any time. Check the bulletin for meeting location. For further information, please contact either Ruth Keating 614-975-0578 or Maureen DiDomenico 614-599-0126.

Father-Son Retreat Opportunity

Family Honor of Central Ohio is offering a new Father-Son retreat program on **Saturday**, **January 11** and would love to see you there!

The Real Love & Real Life Retreat Program is for dads with your 7th or 8th grade son/s. It will be held at St. Martin de Porres Family Retreat House, located in the scenic Hocking Hills area in Hocking County, in South Bloomingville, Ohio. The retreat begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 7:00 PM with an optional bonfire following. Please scan the QR Code for additional information about this retreat and to register.



Lector Training

When Sacred Scripture is proclaimed in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are essential in the Mass.

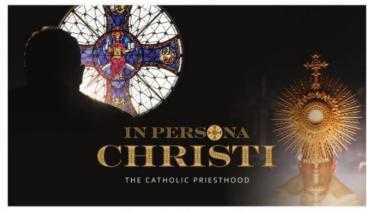
Lectors are members of the parish who proclaim the Word of God during the liturgy. The ministry of Lector requires skill in public reading, knowledge of the principles of liturgy, and an understanding and love of the scriptures. Lectors should thoroughly prepare themselves to proclaim the Word of God through study, prayer, and practice.

Training for current and new Lectors will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 PM in the Church. New books will be distributed at this training.

Catholic War Veterans

Are you interested in joining Catholic Veterans Advocate and support all veterans, their families, and our communities through fellowship, charitable activities and veterans' services? If you are a baptized Catholic and a veteran of any era, you are eligible for membership in the Catholic War Veterans (CWV) Gen. William S. Rosecrans Post 1936 here at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Please stop by the information table in Parlor 2 next weekend after Mass (November 9-10) for more details about their many activities. You may also contact Commander Mary Ann Janning at majanning@gmail.com with any questions you have.

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH.



In Persona Christi: The Catholic Priesthood

The Catholic priesthood comes to us from Jesus Christ. Building on this pattern of priesthood from Old Testament times, Jesus chose twelve men to act in His place as priests of the new and everlasting covenant. This film explores the essential nature and theology of the sacred priesthood, the importance of a deep prayer life, the centrality of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, devotion to the Blessed Virgin, priestly fatherhood and celibacy, and the necessity of a missionary zeal.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and (geocicus pre





MOM'S MORNINGS

When: Wednesday November 6th **Lower Level 2** Where:

Are you longing for a bigger community? Would you like to meet more Moms here at St. Paul? It sure takes a village! Join us on the first Wednesday of the month while school is in session!



Scan or visit https://momsmornings.rsvpify.com Contact Sarah Price (614) 371-7021 sprice@stpacc.org for more information





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It's easy to direct your Ohio tax dollars to provide scholarships to Saint Paul School with a gift to the

Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund



- 1. Make your gift and indicate it should go to Saint Paul School
- 2. Receive an acknowledgement and save it for tax time
- 3. Give the acknowledgement to your tax preparer to claim the tax credit
- 4. Receive the donation back in your state refund (dependent on your withholdings through the year)
- 5. Make your donation for the next tax year

Reach out to Andrea Lopez, St. Paul Stewardship Director, at alopez@stpacc.org or 614-882-2109 x733 if you have any questions about the program.

Learn more about the fund and make your gift at emmausroadscholarship.org

Please consult your tax professional when making decisions that impact your tax liability.



Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Week Ending	Count	Collection
Sept 29	3,386	\$51,047
Oct 6	3,158	\$102,742
Oct 13	3,246	\$37,452
Oct 20	3,300	\$80,786

Year to Date Collection Summary - through Oct. 20, 2024

Note: Totals vary by week due to timing of on-line contribution reporting

Week #16 Summary Actual		Budget	Difference	
Sunday Collections	\$1,226,411	\$1,321,077	\$(94,666)	
Prior Week Totals	\$1,136,518	\$1,238,510	\$(101,991)	
Prior Week Actual Total adjusted to reflect WeShare receipts				

Special Collections to Date

St. Vincent de Paul \$34,975 WARM \$28,308 Building Fund Envelopes \$27,556

Church Loan Balance: \$3,369,695.68





Vocations Awareness Week

During Vocations Awareness Week, we are called to reflect on and celebrate the ways God invites each of us to follow Him. Whether through the priesthood, religious life, or the sacrament of marriage, every vocation is a path to holiness and service. This week, we share the inspiring stories of individuals who have responded to God's call in these different vocations, offering their lives in love and dedication to Christ and the Church. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how God may be calling them.

Tips for discerning your vocation

- 1. Pray: A vocation is a call from God. In order to hear this call you must spend time talking to Him in prayer. Prayer is a conversation with God and like conversations with friends you have to take turns talking. Learning how to listen to God's voice can take time but comes with practice.
- 2. Frequent Confession and Mass: Going to Confession frequently helps keep you free from sin and gives grace to overcome your sinful tendencies. If we are immersed in sin, it will be very difficult to hear God's voice. Going to Mass more than just on Sundays can be a huge catalyst in growing closer to God and discerning your vocation. Receiving the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus in the Eucharist will strengthen you tremendously.
- 3. Talk to a priest: No matter what vocation you are discerning, talking with a priest can help you to see how God is working in your life and the ways in which He is calling you.
- 4. What are your deep desires: Discover the deep desires of your heart. God has given you these desires and wants to fulfill them in your vocation. These can often help lead you to your vocation.

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Vocation Story: Father Michael Haemmerle

I grew up in a good Catholic family outside of Columbus near Lancaster. I am the oldest of five with a brother and three sisters. When I was young, I wanted to be an engineer just like my dad. When I was in 8th grade I had some time in adoration as part of a youth group type event. During this I took some time to just have a conversation with Jesus as I looked at Him in the Eucharist exposed on the Altar. I heard or sensed this small voice in my head saying "you could be a priest". I was surprised and wasn't sure what to think about it. I figured that if God was asking me to consider being a priest, I should probably give it a shot. I prayed about my vocation throughout high school and especially senior year. That senior year I didn't feel any pull or call to go to the seminary so I went to Ohio State and studied mechanical engineering. While I was at OSU, I began to hear God calling me to the priesthood again. I began to see more and more how the deep desires I had were met in the priesthood. That I was made to love and make sacrifices through the priesthood. After I graduated, I entered seminary and continued to see how awesome the priesthood is and how much I would love the life of a priest. To be able to celebrate the sacraments, to make Jesus Christ present in the Mass, to absolve sins in Confession, it's incredible. I get to be a part of every family. To be present at all the special moments of life, the hard and sad one and the joyful ones. I was just ordained on May 18th and have loved being a priest!



Vocation Story: Tabitha Kuckuck



The Catholic Church defines marriage as a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman that is ordered to the good of the couple and the procreation and education of children. A covenant is more than a contract, more than a piece of paper. It is a lifelong partnership between a man, a woman, and God. This is serious, and this is a magnificent gift from our Creator. Luke 9:23-24 states, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Marriage is an excellent path to put that call to action into practice.

My husband and I are converts, and we honestly had no idea the beauty, depth, sacrifice, and true blessing of which the vocation of marriage consisted when we were first married. Over years of realizing that marriage is not a fairytale, overcoming trials together, experiencing great joys, and having children, God has truly poured graces over us. He's taught us that two are better than one, even while we are still imperfect. He has given us one another to sharpen, as iron sharpens iron. He has given us children to instruct, which has strengthened our bond to one another, and to Him. We've been given the job to be the leaders in our domestic church, and that is as much of a blessing to us as it is to our children.

We have seen firsthand the bountiful graces the Lord lavishes over marriage time and time again in our eight short years (and counting). God gave us this gift so that we can draw closer to Him. He gave each of us a partner so we could learn to serve others before ourselves, to be forgiving and generous, to comfort in hard times, and celebrate in good. The vocation of marriage teaches us to be sacrificial, selfless, humble, patient, diligent, forgiving, and generous. All of these are virtues of Saints. As we work together and draw one another closer to Jesus, we are given the grace and mercy to progress closer to an eternity in heaven, and that sounds like a perfect plan to me.

Vocation Story: Sister Amor de Maria

I was born in Tennessee and grew up in Steubenville, Ohio. I was Protestant, but when I went to Franciscan University for my last year of college, I converted to the Catholic Faith. From the beginning of my conversion, I had a very strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; I wanted to imitate her in every way. While at first I thought it would be in marriage, I discovered later that my desire to be a bride and mother could also be fulfilled in the Religious Life. I met the Sisters during a Rosary Procession and began volunteering with them. At the same time, I started Spiritual Direction with a priest. This helped me to understand what I was seeking and what God wanted of me. On a Lenten Retreat, Our Lady granted me a very special grace to understand that She was calling me to be her Daughter. I was afraid to enter the Religious Life because I knew it implied sacrificing many good things, but seeing the joy of the Sisters gave me hope that God could give me something even more beautiful than that which I would offer Him. After entering the Community, formation gave me a clear knowledge of our Charism. Being very sincere with myself and with the Mother, we continued the journey to discover the Will of God. I will never forget a phrase that the Mother said to me, "Sincerity is the key to perseverance." Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and adoring Him every day, I can say has completely changed my life. Through prayer, I received a desire for God and to offer my life to Him. This reaffirmed me in my vocation. My devotion to Mary grew and grew and I know She helped me at every step. On August 28, 2021, I happily made my first vows in the Motherhouse in Spain. Now, I am back in the United States as a Daughter of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, eager to spread the Love for God to the children at St. Paul!

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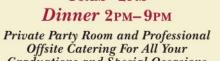
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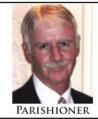


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