

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Intercessions Writers

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts
September 2025/Cycle C**

The following parish bulletin blurbs are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar for placement in your weekly bulletin. Your support is most appreciated.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 31, 2025

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org. or Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7, 2025

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org. or Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 2025

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org. or Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 21, 2025

"No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Luke 16:13)

A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-hearted service to God. If you think you have a vocation to one of these, then talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org. or Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 28, 2025

Priesthood Sunday

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." (Luke 16:31)

This Priesthood Sunday, pray for vocations and for those who have answered the call to be witnesses of the Gospel. Write a letter or send a message to a priest who has inspired you, letting them know that you are praying for them, and ask them to pray for you as you discern your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org. or Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 5, 2025

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17:6)

God can do great things with even the smallest acts of faith. If you feel a calling to priesthood or consecrated life, have faith that God will provide the strength to follow His will. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org. or Fr. Will Wainio at wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions

September 2025/Cycle C

The following intercessions are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar. Please consider including them in the Prayers of the Faithful at Holy Mass.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 31, 2025) – Luke 14:1, 7-14

- For the Church, that through humble service, many may respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life, reflecting Christ's love for all. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may find joy in serving others, recognizing their unique gifts as God's call to serve. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish, that we may foster a culture of generosity and service, encouraging young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage. Let us pray to the Lord.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 7, 2025) – Luke 14:25-33

- For the Church, that many may hear Christ's call to sacramental marriage and embrace the commitment and sacrifices it entails, fostering love and faith within their families. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may be willing to carry their crosses and follow Christ, trusting in His plan for their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish community, that we may support those who are called to a life of sacrifice in service to the Gospel, encouraging their journey of discernment. Let us pray to the Lord.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14, 2025) – *John 3:13-17*

- For the Church, that the power of the cross may inspire many to dedicate their lives to God as priests and religious, following Christ's example of love and sacrifice. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may find strength in the cross, embracing their unique call to serve God and His people. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish, that we may support those called to a life of sacrifice and love, encouraging them to respond generously to God's call. Let us pray to the Lord.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 21, 2025) – *Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13*

- For the Church, that many may recognize their call to serve God and others through the priesthood or religious life, using their gifts for His glory. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may be faithful stewards of the gifts God has given them, responding to His call with generosity. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish community, that we may encourage a spirit of stewardship and service, fostering an environment where vocations can thrive. Let us pray to the Lord.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 28, 2025) – *Luke 16:19-31*

Priesthood Sunday

- For the Church, that we may honor and support our priests, encouraging more young men to answer the call to the priesthood and serve God's people. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may be inspired by the example of faithful priests and recognize God's call to serve. Let us pray to the Lord.

- For our parish priests, that they may be strengthened and inspired in their ministry, and that our community may support them through prayer and encouragement. Let us pray to the Lord.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 5, 2025) – *Luke 17:5-10*

- For the Church, that in faith, many may respond to God's call to serve as priests and religious, trusting in His guidance and grace. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may grow in faith and courage, seeking to do God's will in their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish community, that we may pray for and encourage those who feel called to a life of service, nurturing their journey of discernment. Let us pray to the Lord.