

**Attn: Bulletin Editor and Intercessions Writers**

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts  
August 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.*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 27, 2025**

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)*

If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer. *Lord I will go where You want me to go. I will be who You want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Just make it my will, and make it clear to me.* Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org). or Fr. Will Wainio at [wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 3, 2025**

*"Take care to guard against all greed." (Luke 12:15)*

In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters—our relationship with Him. Is He inviting you to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org). or Fr. Will Wainio at [wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 10, 2025**

*"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

(Luke 12:40)

The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org). or Fr. Will Wainio at [wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org).

### **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2025**

*"The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.'" (Luke 1:30)*

Just as Mary said "yes" to God's plan, we are invited to reflect on how we, too, might respond to His call in our lives. Are you being invited to consider a vocation that mirrors her example? Open your heart to God's call and explore the ways you can serve His Church. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org). or Fr. Will Wainio at [wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org).

### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 17, 2025**

*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49)*

Christ's words about setting the earth on fire can inspire married couples to cultivate an enduring love for one another. The fire of love within marriage, when nurtured, grows into a flame that can bring light and warmth to the world. Our hearts should be ablaze with love for our spouse, reflecting God's love through your marital union.

### **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 24, 2025**

*"Strive to enter through the narrow gate." (Luke 13:24)*

A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but

rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org). or Fr. Will Wainio at [wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org).

### **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](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org). or Fr. Will Wainio at [wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org). or Fr. Will Wainio at [wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org).

## **Vocation General Intercessions August 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.*

### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 27, 2025) – Luke 11:1-13**

- For the Church, that in response to Jesus' teaching on prayer, many may be moved to dedicate their lives to prayer and service through a vocation to religious life. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that through prayer, they may seek and knock, trusting that God will open the door to the path He has prepared for them. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish, that we may be a prayerful community, lifting up vocations through our constant intercession and encouragement. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 3, 2025) – Luke 12:13-21**

- For the Church, that more men and women may choose to store up heavenly treasures by dedicating their lives to service through priestly, religious, and married vocations. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may recognize the fleeting nature of worldly possessions and choose to invest in a life of eternal service to God. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish, that we may support those who are called to a life of simplicity and service, helping them respond generously to God's call. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 10, 2025) – Luke**  
*12:32-48 or 12:35-40*

- For all married couples, that they may treasure the gift of their love and work together to build a strong foundation in Christ, always prepared to share their blessings with others. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For families in our community, that they may find joy in serving one another and grow in love and understanding, reflecting the love of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish community, that we may be watchful and prayerful, creating an environment where vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage are nurtured and encouraged. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15, 2025) – Luke**  
*1:39-56*

- For the Church, that, inspired by Mary's yes to God, many young people may respond generously to His call to serve as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or in sacramental marriage. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For families, that they may encourage a culture of vocations, fostering an environment where their children feel free to discern their path in life. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all who are discerning a call to religious life, that they may find strength in Mary's example of faith and trust in God's plan. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 17, 2025) – Luke**  
*12:49-53*

- For the Church, that many may embrace the radical call of Christ, choosing to follow Him in the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may find strength in Christ's message, trusting that His call will lead them to true peace and happiness. Let us pray to the Lord.

- For our parish, that we may support our priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples, encouraging them to persevere in their journey of faith. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 24, 2025) – Luke 13:22-30**

- For the Church, that many may be inspired to dedicate their lives to the service of God and His people through vocations. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those discerning their vocation, that they may be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance as they seek to fulfill God's will in their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish community, that we may encourage one another to walk the path of discipleship, supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray to the Lord.

**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.