

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Intercessions Writers

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts
December 2022/Cycle A**

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.

First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks....” If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 4, 2022

Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2022

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2022

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2022

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God – January 1, 2023

“God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord – January 8, 2023

“And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him.” God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy and worship Him through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions December 2022/Cycle A

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 your mass intentions.

First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022

That we all may be attentive in listening for God's call, and especially that those who God has called to the priesthood or consecrated religious life will hear Him and answer, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 4, 2022

For all those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and in the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 11, 2016

For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 18, 2016

For a deeper trust and docility to the Holy Spirit among persons discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas -- December 25, 2016

That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2017

That through our Blessed Mother's intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and faithfulness in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

The Epiphany -- January 8, 2017

For an increased understanding among our young people that they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ, we pray to the Lord