

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Intercessions Writers

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts
January 2023/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.

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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 15, 2023

“To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 22, 2023

“Repent! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 29, 2023 - World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2nd

“Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters...” We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 5, 2023

“Let your light shine before others” Shine your light on those closest to you, especially your spouse and family! Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions January 2023/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.

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

That young men and women will answer the call to bring the word of God to his flock as priests and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Feast of the Holy Family – December 30, 2022

For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

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

[Holyday of Obligation]

That Mary, the Mother of God and patroness of Vocations, will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood, diaconate, and the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

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

That, just as the Magi were inspired by the Holy Spirit, young men and women will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the Lord as priests, deacons and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

The Baptism of the Lord – January 9, 2023

That, like John the Baptist, all those called by the Lord to serve his church will accept his invitation, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 15, 2023

Lord, we know that You call us to our vocation from the moment of our baptism. Help young men and women answer this call most faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 22, 2023

For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 29, 2023, *World Day for Consecrated Life - Feb. 2nd*

For those called to service for the Lord as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord and faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 5, 2023

That the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married people present here, we pray to the Lord.