

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Intercessions Writers

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts
February 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.

***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.

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 12, 2023 - World Marriage
Day***

Catholics believe marriage to be a sacrament. By this we mean that the faithful love of husband and wife is a sign of Christ’s lasting love for us. On this World Marriage Day, let us pray that those who are married seek to bring each other closer to heaven each day.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19, 2023

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” Cooperate with the Holy Spirit to discern God’s will. Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

First Sunday of Lent – February 26, 2023

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2023

“He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design...” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions February 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.

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 12, 2023, World Marriage Day

For all married couples: that they may continue to give, be able to forgive, and find happiness deepen with the passing of each day. We pray to the Lord.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19, 2023

For perseverance in sincere prayer on the part of the faithful, asking the Lord for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Ash Wednesday – February 22, 2023

That men and women will answer the call of their vocations, denying themselves, taking up their crosses, and following Christ, we pray to the Lord.

First Sunday of Lent – February 26, 2023

That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2023

For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.