

TO VOCATION PARISHES

CHICAGO VOCATION NEWS

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Exploring Priesthood Weekend is going to be held March 20-22, and there is still time to register! This will be an incredible weekend of discernment and honest questioning at Mundelein Seminary for any man college-aged or older who is open to discerning the call to the diocesan priesthood. Contact Fr. Joe Noonan as soon as possible for more info or to register: 312-534-8298 or jnoonan@archchicago.org.

INSEARCH is a discernment group for post college-aged men who want to take a closer look at diocesan priesthood. It will continue to meet until March 24. For more info, contact Fr. Dick Mueller, at 847-272-7090. Come join us!

Vocation Parish Training will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 8am-noon at Holy Name Cathedral Parish Center. Your parish is invited to join others in the Archdiocese to develop vocation parish action plans and to pray for vocations. Please contact Susanne Smith for more info: 312-534-5234 or susmith@archchicago.org.

Seeds of the Kingdom will be held April 3-5th and is a Lenten discernment retreat for college-aged men who would like to know more about the mystery of priestly celibacy. It will be held at Mundelein Seminary and will be a great time for questions and reflection. Contact Patty Drummond for more info and to register: pdrummond@usml.edu or 847-970-4814.

Called by Name will be taking place in many of our parishes the weekends of April 19th and 26th. Please remember to keep this program in your prayers as we hope that many will be inspired to explore vocations to religious life through being "called by name" by those who see the potential for a religious vocation in each one of them. [Click here](#) for more information.



VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR



Did you know?

In our Archdiocese, there is a direct correlation between parishes that have weekly Holy Hours and parishes who have men entering the seminary.

30% of all Mundelein seminarians come from a parish that has a weekly Holy Hour.

60% of the seminarians from Vicariate I come from a parish that has a weekly Holy Hour.

Does your parish have a weekly
[Holy Hour for Vocations?](#)

271 parishes in the Chicago Archdiocese have a website.

If your parish has a website and would be willing to add a link to ChicagoPriest.com, please contact Susanne Smith: susmith@archchicago.org or 312-534-5234.

This is a great way to encourage the Culture of Vocations in your parish!

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Pray for our Seminarians



March & April Seminarian Birthdays



March 2

Marek Rosiek (St. Joseph's Parish, Poland)

March 3:

Orlando Flores (St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish, Chicago)

March 4:

Andrew Kirchoff (St. Odilo Parish, Berwyn)

Marcin Zasada (Our Lady Mother of the Church, Chicago)

March 7:

Brian Kean (Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Park Ridge)

March 11:

Leopoldo Sylvania (St. Louis the Bishop, Philippines)

March 17:

Rafal Stecz (Najswietszego Serca Pana Jezusa, Poland)

March 18:

Edwin Rondan (Our Lady of Mercy, Chicago)

March 25:

Thomas Nyagako Ongige (Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge)

Michael Owen (St. Alphonsus, Chicago)

Phillip Owen (Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago)

April 1:

Juán José Ramirez Torres (Good Shepherd, Chicago)

Gregory Lange (St. Gerald, Oak Lawn)

April 6:

Piotr Rappia (Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Chicago)

April 10:

Jimmy Bohorquez (San Juanquin Parish, Colombia)

April 12:

Gilbert Mashurano (St. Kilian, Chicago)

April 20:

Connor Danstrom (Sacred Heart, Winnetka)

April 25:

Luís Gutiérrez (Holy Family, Waukegan)

Luis Valerio (St. Henry, Chicago)

April 27:

Pawel Matuszewski (St. Helen, Chicago)

April 30:

Jamie Mueller (St. James, Arlington Heights)

A Daily Prayer for Vocations By St. Therese of Lisieux

Heavenly Father,
Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg You to bless our Archdiocese and our world with many priests and religious men and women who will love You fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to Your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray that their lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord; that they be always faithful to the Holy Father; and that they may be devoted sons and daughters of Mary, our Mother, in making You known and loved; and that all may attain Heaven. Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Seminarian Prayer Calendar:

Archdiocese of Chicago Seminarian Prayer Calendar						
MARCH 2009						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Shelby Dugan 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	2 Luis Valerio 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	3 Andrew Wawrzyn 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	4 Thomas Bohoric 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	5 Thomas James 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	6 Elliott Demu 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	7 Lorenzo Gianese 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary
8 John Hefner 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	9 Ryan Ebinet Aguilera 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	10 McMarran 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	11 Culter Krasa 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	12 Joseph Gage 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	13 Phillip Owen 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	14 James Przyrak 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary
15 Juan Rojas 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	16 Gabriel Rosalencia 2nd Theology Mundelein Seminary	17 Francis Efferman 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	18 Jose Conzelmann 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	19 Herminio Cuevas 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	20 Brendan Cochran 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	21 Rafael Hernandez 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary
22 Robert Krueger 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	23 Marquez Merla 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	24 Matthew O'Donnell 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	25 Rodrigo Paredes 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	26 John Roddy 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	27 Jesus Pheasant 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	28 Piotr Rappia 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary
29 Marek Rosiek 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	30 Javier Viquez 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary	31 Timothy Warrington 1st Theology Mundelein Seminary				

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Pray for our seminarians!

A track and field meet was held at St. Joseph College Seminary in the annual Mundelein Seminary Struckout.

Admission for Mundelein seminarians:
-Seminarian (tuition)
-University of St. Mary of the Lake
1000 E. Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60069

Click on the image above or visit ChicagoPriest.com to print your own calendar so that you can pray for the seminarian of the day!

The Value of Prayer and Sacrifice for Priests

"Why, then, pray for priests? Because through prayer we gain graces for them which otherwise they would not obtain. If we all need the help of one another, and we do to receive the graces we need, how much more should we pray for priests from whom we have received Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—and by whom we have been so often absolved from our sins."

—Fr. John A. Hardin, S.J.