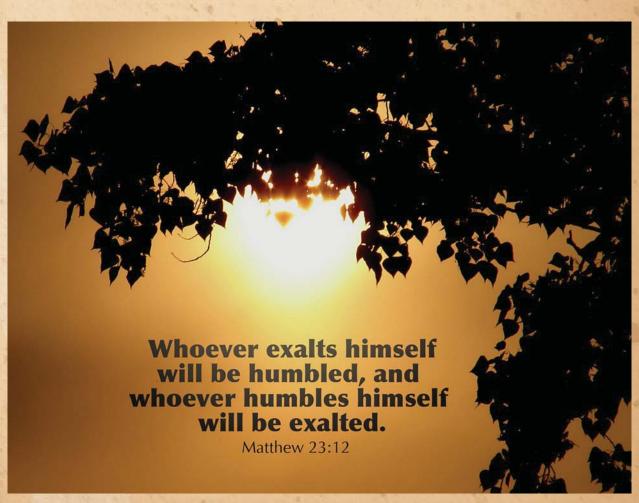


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Just as St. Paul and his fellow teachers spread the Gospel in their day, so, too, are we to do. Some of that work calls for resources beyond time and talent, calls for our treasures.



WELCOME TO JESUS THE DIVINE WORD CHURCH!

We welcome those who are new to our faith community, those returning to the Catholic Church or those simply visiting with us this Sunday. We are blessed to have you with us and are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about our parish or register as a parishioner, we invite you to contact our pastor, Fr. John Dakes at fijohn@jesusdivineword.org or any member of our parish staff at 410-414-8304. You may also go to our website

www.jesusdivineword.org to download

our registration form or stop by our Welcome Table in the church entry to pick up a Welcome Folder.

~ Father John

Rev. John T. Dakes, Pastor

Rev. Michael Witczak, Weekend Clergy

Deacon Ron Burns

Daily Mass Schedule Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM Saturday 9:00 AM First Fridays 7:00 PM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00 Noon

Weekday Adoration Monday-Friday 8:30AM- 9:30AM

Weeknight Holy Hour Wednesday:7:00PM - 8:00PM

First Friday

Adoration: 7:45 PM - 8:45 AM Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday after 8:00 AM Mass

Wednesday: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 4:00PM - 4:45PM

Dear Friends,

In the reading today from the First Letter to the Thessalonians St. Paul writes that he and his fellow teachers give thanks to God unceasingly that the Thessalonians received the word of God from them, not as his word, "but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe."

Just as St. Paul and his fellow teachers spread the Gospel in their day, so, too, are we to do. Some of that work calls for resources beyond time and talent, calls for our treasures. Last month in my Stewardship Renewal Letter I wrote regarding the need for additional financial resources. To all who have already responded to my letter, thank you. For those who are still discerning their gift, I'd like to share some of the words of a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Perhaps Amy's words may help with your decision.

"Before I get to why donate, I want to ask you a question. What has Jesus the Divine Word done for you? Have you met lifelong friends through Jesus the Divine Word? Has your family or marriage grown closer while here at Jesus the Divine Word? Or has Jesus the Divine Word helped you to grow better in your faith? Those are the reasons why I donate

... In 2012 I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in English with a concentration of secondary education, and began teaching that fall. What you don't know is I had become a fallen away Catholic . . . In 2014 I began teaching at Huntingtown High School where I met a lifelong friend, Tara Enright. Tara was an active member here and after two months of begging me to come back to the church, I finally did . . . I met Father Larry and many other parishioners who welcomed me with open arms [and] my then fiancé [now husband], who is not Catholic.

Another way the church helped me was when tragedy struck my family in December of 2014. My younger brother sadly took his life at the age of 22. I knew then, God called me back to the church in October of 2014 to prepare me for his death. Coming back to the church and experiencing this tragedy was very difficult. However, the support and love given to me . . . was so incredibly helpful . . . [My] faith and family have grown tremendously since this death and we feel closer to God and to each other than ever before.

I donate to Jesus the Divine Word because of what the church has done for me...I donate to help others in the church, just as the church has helped me. Every program and event at Jesus the Divine Word is important... It is also important that we keep our building beautiful and pay those helping us properly. I hope today, after hearing my words, you go home and think and pray about why donating to the church is important to you" (Amy Trainer).

For those who did not pick up their Stewardship letter, you will find it in your mailbox. To you and those still discerning, the commitment card can be dropped in the offertory basket or back in the mail. As Amy said, please consider all that the parish has done for you, and in thanksgiving to God, return a gift to him through your financial support. Thank you.

Peace and blessings, *Father John*



ADVENT: A NEW YEAR AND THE EVERGREEN WREATH

The Church's new Liturgical Year begins with the season of Advent, just four weeks away. In preparation for our celebration Advent we are looking for individuals and/or families who would like to participate in the lighting of the Advent candles of our evergreen wreath during the weekend Masses.

A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex of the church beginning today.

Please print your name, telephone number and the Mass at which you and/or your family would like to participate. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING BOXES

Support local families this Thanksgiving by providing a box with items needed for Thanksgiving dinner and \$\$ for a turkey. Boxes are in the narthex - to be returned by **next Sunday**, **November 12**.



Please tape an envelope with the \$\$ for the turkey on the outside of the box or put in the offertory basket. You can also turn the check into the parish office.

Please make checks payable to: JDW- memo TURKEY. Thank you for your generous support!

Let us all prepare our hearts for next Sunday's Mass by reflecting on the readings in advance.

IISIS III

The readings for next Sunday, November 12 are:
Wisdom 6: 12-16
Psalm 63
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13
"And the Word was made flesh . . . "

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Bulletin Entry Deadlines Listed below are upcoming bulletin deadlines:

Bulletin Date	Due by Noon
November 12	Monday, November 6
November 19	Monday, November 13
November 26	Monday, November 20

Your cooperation with these deadlines is greatly appreciated.

bulletin@jesusdivineword.org

The month of November is dedicated to All Souls .





Poor Box Designation

For the month of
November,
donations will go to the
Carol Porto
Treatment Center in
Prince Frederick.

Thank you for your generosity.



COMMUNITY SUNDAY

The donations on the third Sunday of every month will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in conjunction with our parish's Community Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity.





Serving the Lord with Joy:

November 11 & 12

Saturday 11/11 5 PM

EMHCs: Tom Couteau, John Hemmer, Gail Gordon, Mary Ann Silva, Concetta Schmitz

Readers: Judy Weilmuenster,

Carlos Carbo

Servers: Grace & Stephen

Hayden, Sarah & Hannah Naron

Sunday 11/12 8 AM

EMHCs: Wendy Henson, Jenny

LaBille

Readers: Dave Henson, Melissa

Rottman

Servers: Lilly, Koy & Gy

Greenwell, Carter Lord

Sunday 11/12 10 AM

EMHCs: John Barth, Alice LeRoux, Patti Hartley,

Raean King, Rick LaBonte, June O'Conner,

Denise Waters

Readers: Ernie & Nathan

Lagimoniere

Servers: April Higgs, Marian &

Joseph Rank, Sean

Conner

Sunday 11/12 12 Noon

EMHCs: Eric Byrd, Chris Fulginiti, Karen & Steve Mondorff

Readers: Laura Warlitner, Priscilla

Hammett

Servers: Caili Cunningham, Lilly

Luskey, Alivia & Kayla

Rogers



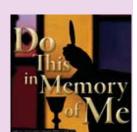
SCHEDULES & STEWARDSHIP

Mass Intentions for November 5 - 12

All Masses here at JDW throughout the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.





Events

SAVE THE DATES

November 9......Sodality meeting 7:30 pm
Nov 11 & 12.....Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

November 12......Thanksgiving Boxes Due Back

November 17......IGNITE Middle School Night 6:30 pm

November 18.......Men's Steak Dinner Night 7 pm November 23.......Thanksgiving Day Mass 10 am December 2.......Run for Vocations Craft Fair

Dec 31 - Jan 7......Safe Nights

January 19.....March for Life

January 27......Day Retreat for Women with Danielle Bean



Hospitality Schedule

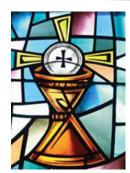
November 5: Bernie & Lucy Schuler, Treva Kirby
November 12: Pellegrino Family
November 19: Community Sunday



Stewardship October	r 28 & 29
Offertory Collection	\$9530.79
Roof Fund	\$2313.00
ADW	\$125.00
All Souls Day	\$136.00
Poor Box	\$17.00
RFV	\$345.00
Sodality	\$100.00
All Saints	\$26.00
Turkey Donations	\$15.00
Total	\$12,607.79



LITURGY & PRAYER



LITURGY COMMITTEE

A reminder to the Liturgy Committee that there is a meeting *this Wednesday, November 8th, at 7:00 PM* in the parish library. We will be continuing our discussion and planning for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Fall 2017 Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be offered on Saturday, November 11 from 9am-12pm at Holy Family Church in Hillcrest Heights, MD (2210 Callaway St.). This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. It is intended primarily for those who wish to be certified as an EMHC in the Archdiocese of Washington, but it is open to all. A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Please RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org. If you have additional questions, you may call Maria Hamm in the Office of Worship at 301-853-4594.

Fall 2017 Workshop for Lectors

A workshop for lectors, open to all, will be offered on Saturday, November 18, at the ADW Pastoral Center in Hyattsville, MD (5001 Eastern Ave.) from 9am-12pm. This workshop will instruct lectors on how to be effective proclaimers of the Word in a liturgical setting, and it will also explain the Lectionary and the structure of the Catholic biblical tradition. A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Please RSVP by contacting the Office of Worship at liturgy@adw.org or 301-853-4594.

WELCOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

If you are a Catholic who for any reason has been away from the Church, know that we are praying for you and have been thinking about you. We are glad you're here with us today and invite you to be an active member of the Church again.

If you have questions, wish to simply talk or would like information on the sacraments or on our parish programs and ways you can become involved, please contact

Fr. John Dakes – <u>frjohn@jesusdivineword.org</u> or 410-414-8304, x11 at the parish office.



WELCOME MINISTRY

A meeting of the newly created Welcome Ministry will occur *this Tuesday*, *November 7th* at 7:00 PM in the parish library.

New members are invited and encouraged to participate.





PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral
Council is meeting
this week.

Members are reminded
that they are gathering
on *Thursday evening*, *November 9th at*7:00 PM in the
parish library.





SUNDAY AND DAILY MASS READINGS:

Interested in finding the texts for the Sunday and weekday Mass online?

Go to www.usccb.org/bible/readings/



Electronic giving is convenient for you and helps the parish better plan for programs and expenses. If you are giving electronically and have been considering an increase to your donation, forms are available from the office, in the church narthex, and on our parish website under

narthex, and on our parish website under "Resources". If you are not giving electronically, please consider it as an option for your donations to the church. Simply fill out the form, submit it in a sealed envelope to the business office in care of Marcy Chaney and your contribution will be automatically transferred from your checking account to the church. You are able to specify the amount and whether you would like it to recur on a monthly or semi-monthly basis, changes to your electronic giving or discontinuation of this giving can occur at any time.



Parish Happenings

One Sweet Deal! November 11th & 12th



After each Mass, Knights of Columbus

Jesus the Divine Word Council 14775 will distribute Tootsie Rolls to raise money for people with intellectual disabilities. While the Tootsie Rolls are free, we ask for a donation that will be divided equally among 5 non-profit organizations in Calvert County.

Please be generous!

VETERANS DAY

This Saturday, November 11 we celebrate Veterans Day, pausing to honor and thank the many veterans who have served our country.

As we give thanks for their service, we also pray for and with our veterans and their families. There are many veterans

residing in Calvert County, worshipping here at Jesus the Divine Word, and there are some active duty military in our parish.

We thank our veterans and our active duty military men and women for their service to our country and community.

May God bless you and keep you close to Him.

Mission Trip to Haiti

Sign-ups are now open for the mission trip to the Missionaries of Charity Convent and Children's Home/Hospital in Port au Prince, Haiti next January 2018.



The trip will run from Thursday, January 11 through Wednesday, January 17. The trip will be led by our Deacon Ron Burns.

If you are interested, please send an email to Priscilla Hammett at phammett1962@gmail.com



Parish Happenings

Men's Steak Dinner Knight Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Come join your Knights of Columbus council on for a hearty steak dinner.



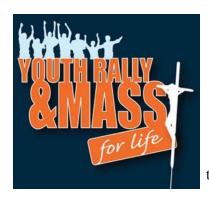
All men are welcome!

Cost for Knights is \$10.00, but is **free** to Parishioners who are not Knights.

This is an opportunity for all men of our Parish to enjoy a night out and talk to Knights to see what we do for our church and our community. There is no obligation to join.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 14 to gk14775@gmail.com (or Bruce Evartt at 301-704-8409) in order to determine how many streaks to order. We hope to see YOU there!

Knights of Columbus Jesus the Divine Word Council 14775



We will have 30 to 40 openings for high school youth beginning on November 8th for the

Youth Rally and Mass for Life in DC for the annual March for Life

taking place on January 19th, 2018.
You will be able to reserve a spot for your high school teen on our youth ministry page starting November 8th. We will be sending any unused tickets back to the Diocese on November 23rd so that other youth from around the country can attend, so sign up as soon as you can!

Collection for Retired Priests

This weekend, November 4-5, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the second collection for our retired priests. Please use the second collection envelopes that have been mailed to your homes and/or the special collection envelopes that are in the narthex. There is currently a shortfall in funding for priests' retirement, and the archdiocese is working diligently to address this shortfall through such efforts as this special collection.

The priests of the archdiocese have been there for you and your families. Please be there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service.



HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE

Have you met someone new in our parish this week? Make sure to introduce yourself.

"There are no strangers; only friends you haven't yet met." ~William Butler Yeats



DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Saturday, January 27, 2018 at JDW



Join us for a day designed by author Danielle Bean to help you discover the life-changing truth about Jesus' unique and personal love for women.





Hope for the Homeless

Store Hours: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM

> 885 Main Street Prince Frederick

443-975-7376 ECHOthrift@comcast.net www.ProjectECHO.net



I lift my eyes to you, oh God, enthroned in heaven. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

~ Psalm 123

Please pray for our sick:

Phil Ates, Carleton Berry, Jim Borell, Goyena Boucher, Alyssa Bramble, Dcn James Brown, Rob Brown, Sandy Buchanan, Dolores R. Burbage, Oscar Camacho, Lill Caplins, Diane Chaney, Mark Chaplin, Shirley Clement, Regina Coakley, Lisa Coltrain, Allison Consoli, Jean Corcoran, Thomas Cullen, Zahira Davila, Jack DeGrange, Terri DeStefano, Tammie DiMichele, Linda Donaldson, Laveta Emory; Mary Ferrante, Anna Freeman, John Gatt, Reene Gawronski, Michelle Goodwin, Jeff Gott, Frank Grant, Charles Grimes, Barbara & Margaret Grofic, Doug Hansen, Brooke Heiston, Jeanne Hemmer, Hayden Hettel, Ann Hill, Denise Hilton, Norma Holmes, Connie Key, Stephen Killian, Micah Kirk, Ernie Lagimoniere Sr., Meagan Laughlin, William Lavin, Margaret Elizabeth Lee, Susan Lees, Melissa Lescinsky, Doris Lynch, Kim McGown, Michael McNamee, Sandy Manuel, Marita Moniger, Dcn John Montgomery, Bruce Mrowca, Pat Nahas, Michael Nestor, Mary Ellen Norris, Richard O'Dell, Kathy Pannebaker, Laura Peck, Michael Pellock, Rusty & Donna Perkins, Mark Pierce, Monica Haley-Pierson, Kathy Poole, Marilyn Quinn, Janet Reing, Keely Reuwer, Fr. Jim Reynolds, Colin Ripple, Rafaela Rodriguez, Steve Rogers, Caroline Rutledge, Grace Rymer, Marie Samaha, Jesse Schwenk, Theresa Sefcik, Joseph Seminara, Kay Siewertsen, Les Silva, Thomas Sita, Laurie Smith, Mariann Stackpole, Shirley Talbot, Mary Tayman, Noah Thompson, Rebecca Triplet, Dcn Richard Walker, Katie Ward, Nathaniel Weiskircher, Sam Whedbee, Kay Whelan, Susie Wommack, Diane Wood, Wendy Zurenko.

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Give the Gift of Service

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back this holiday season by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland.

For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit *catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer*.





DR. SCOTT HAHN PRESENTATION

Living Sacrifice: The Gospel According to St. Paul

Do not miss this special event with world renowned Catholic Biblical Scholar, teacher and apologist Dr. Scott Hahn on Saturday, November 11 at St. John Neumann Church, Gaithersburg, MD from 10 am. to 4 pm.

Please register online

www.saintjohnneumann.org/adult-faithformation.html.

\$15 per person in advance, \$20 per person at the door. Bring your own lunch.

St. John Vianney Catholic Church Annual Craft and Home Vendor Show Saturday, November 11 from 9a.m. - 3 p.m.

We cordially invite you to the Annual Craft and Home Vendor Show at St. John Vianney at 105 Vianney Lane in Prince Frederick



This is a multi Home Vendor Party show where you will find many Home Vendors all in one place. Admission is free to the Home vendor show.

There will be cash and carry items available for purchase.

The Craft Vendor show admission is \$1.00 and you will find a large variety of

The Craft Vendor show admission is \$1.00 and you will find a large variety of homemade and handmade crafts including special crafts made by our Ladies club members. There is a bake sale and raffle items.

The snack bar is open during the event with food and beverage available for purchase. Come on out and get some gift ideas, start Christmas shopping, or enjoy a day of browsing. Hope you will stop by, drop in, and join us.

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion. Learn more at *myfranciscan.org/Syria* or call 202-526-6800, x895.



Annual Holiday Bazaar for **Special Needs Ministries** Looking to do some Holiday Shopping? Hoping to sit down to a full turkey dinner that is completely prepared for you? On Saturday, November 18, the Archdiocese of Washington's Department of Special Needs Ministries will host its Annual Holiday Bazaar and Turkey Dinner at the Pope Francis Center in Landover Hills, MD (7202 Buchanan Street; formerly the Center for Deaf Ministries). The Bazaar is from 11am-5pm, and the Turkey Dinner from 12-4pm. Raffle Tickets: Win a cash prize---First Prize, \$500!! These tickets sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The lucky winner will be announced at 4pm. (You need not be present to win!) All proceeds go to the Department of Special Needs Ministries. For more information, call 301-853-4560 or email specialneedsministry@adw. org. Please come for some fellowship and fun!

THE WEEK AHEAD AT JDW

Sunday November 5 Set Your Clocks Back	Monday November 6	Tuesday November 7	Wednesday November 8	Thursday November 9	Friday November 10 St. Leo the Great	Saturday November 11 St. Martin of Tours
8:00a Mass 8:30a RCIA 10:00a Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00p Mass	FAITH FORMATION 6:15p - 7:45p	7:20a Rosary & Morning Prayer 8:00a Mass and confessions 3:30p Children's Choir 4:30p - 6:00p Faith Formation Grades K-5 6:00p Youth Choir	7:20a Rosary & Morning Prayer 8:00a Mass 9:00a Queen of Heaven Bible study 4:30p - 6:15p Faith Formation Grades 6-8 6:30p - 8:15p Faith Formation	7:20a Rosary & Morning Prayer 8:00a Mass and confessions 9:00a Walking with Purpose 7:30p Sodality	7:20a Rosary & Morning Prayer 8:00a Mass	7:30a Men's Group in Doran Hall 9:00a Mass followed by Pro life rosary 4:00p Confessions 5:00p Vigil Mass
Upper room	Faith Formation Grades K-5	7:00p Adult Choir	Grades 6-8 7:00p Adoration and confessions	meeting 7:00p Knights meeting		YY



Please pray for our Military:

Brian Antonio, Meghan Barrett, Jordon Clark, Nathan Cortes-Peck, Julia Croft, Ryan Croft, Nicholas Dakes, Robert Owen Danford, Joshua Daniels, Rebecca & Kevin Danis, James Devine, Billy Donovan, Tracy Farr, Kathleen Finnegan, Thomas George, AJ Gerdes, Kevin Gordon, Ben Hammett, Brian Haynes, Catherine Hetmansky, Justin Hickman, Lucas Hornick, Matt Johnson, Craig Jones, Jordon LaBonte, Taylor Luskey, Joshua Matthews, Mark Matthews, Tom Moroney, Alex & Erich Muehleisen, Benjamin, Jacob & Christian Naumann, Jeremy Norris, Joshua Shandy. Ian Sloan. Austin Spaulding, Jimmy & Shane Tittinger, Stephen Woollen and for all servicemen & women protecting our freedom. Protect them, O Lord.

If you know of any names that should be added or removed from our sick or military prayer list, please email bulletin@ jesusdivineword.org
Thank you for helping to keep these lists

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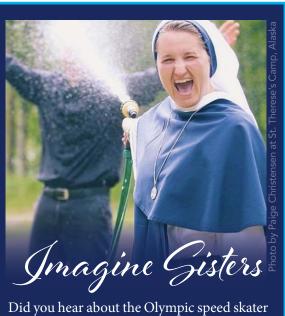
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BY THE NUMBERS

Ordinations Rising—and You Can Help

The number of priests being ordained has risen slightly in recent years, and while ordinations still aren't keeping pace with priests' retirements, there *is* good news to report. According to CARA's annual survey of soon-to-be-ordained priests, men are being ordained younger and are receiving more encouragement than in past years.¹

What can you do to help more young men discern the priesthood?

- Encourage teens. Boys first consider priesthood, on average, at 16.
- **Invite, invite!** 82% of men ordained in 2017 were encouraged to consider priesthood by an average of four people.
- **Promote prayer in the parish.** Before entering seminary, three-quarters of new priests regularly attended Eucharistic Adoration and 69% regularly prayed the rosary.

Do you have someone in mind who may make a good priest? Mention it to him. Even if he's not called, it's a compliment to his faith—one he'll never forget!



¹ www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/ordination-class/index.cfm

DISCERNMENT 101

THE FIRST STEP IS BEING TRULY OPEN TO GOD'S CALL



Discerning Religious Life, a new book by Sr. Clare Matthiass, CFR, helps women discern their vocations with clarity, confidence, and joy. 200 pp, vianneyvocations.com

The phrase "holy indifference," when used by the saints, doesn't refer to teens spacing out at Mass. Rather, it's the interior disposition of preferring God's will above all else. As in, "I want only what God wants for me." This radical openness is precisely where discerning a vocation starts. Here are three more tips for figuring out your call:

- Find good information. Dig into the books, websites, and videos that present a clear Catholic view.
- Seek Guidance. Get help from a priest, deacon, or sister you trust. Don't discern alone!
- **Pray Consistently:** Seek the sacraments and pray daily to know God's plan for you. Be patient and give it time. In His will is your peace!



My Friend the Seminarian

Pope Francis wants us to be on a first-name basis with future priests

In a highly-anticipated audience with the Holy Father this summer, 600 members of Serra International (the lay organization that promotes vocations) heard a surprising message: befriend the clergy! "I encourage you to be true friends to seminarians and priests," said the pope. "Show your love for them by promoting vocations and through prayer and pastoral cooperation. Please, keep pressing forward, forward in hope!"

How It's Made: Catholic Vocations

Did you know when a sister makes her vows, it's often celebrated like a wedding? And that a priest's ordination is planned months in advance?

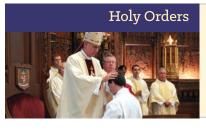
These are not just celebrations of events, but of *new lives*! That's because every vocation involves a serious, lifelong commitment for the good of the individual and the growth of the Church.

A vocation "roots" a person into a specific life: a way to grow in holiness and help others do the same.



How it's made: The free consent of a man and woman through exchange of vows, and the consummation of the marriage.

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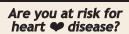
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