



FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

This past Wednesday, parishioners came together to offer a Holy Hour for vocations in the Church, as well as in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and in the Church of St. Mary. May our lives and our prayers be active in the support of vocations to serve generously and joyfully in our Church. Thanks to Deacon Bob Thomas for coordinating the Holy Hour this past Wednesday and the use of the monstrance that was part of the 1926 Eucharistic Congress at Mundelein Seminary.

Building on the prayers offered last Wednesday evening, this week is National Vocation Awareness Week. You are invited to follow the schedule listed below in your personal daily prayers.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 7–13, 2021

Pray for an increase in priestly vocations

7 SUN	8 MON	9 TUES	10 WED	11 THURS	12 FRI	13 SAT
Pray for your parish priests	Pray for seminarians in pre-theology study for their vocation as well as their friend's and family's vocations	Pray for seminarians in theology study for their vocation as well as their friend's and family's vocations	Pray for seminarians in Seminary for their vocation as well as their friend's and family's vocations	Pray for seminarians in Spirituality Year of study for their vocation as well as their friend's and family's vocations	Pray for an increase in Holy Vocations to Matrimony, Consecrated Life, and Diaconate to help build, inspire and guide our future priests	Pray for young men in my parish to be courageous to answer God's call for them

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May our families be training grounds for loving God and serving God throughout our lives.

Next weekend another of our Scouting troops is inviting your support. The Cub Scouts are going to be kicking off their annual fundraiser, selling poinsettias for the holidays. You may order the poinsettias in person after the Masses at St. Mary's next weekend, November 13 and 14, or by going to the following link: (www.scoutpack49.com/poinsettia-sales). May God bless our Scouts and the parents who help out the many scouting troops in our parish.

Second grade is an exciting year for our families at the Church of St. Mary. The students joyfully prepare for celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This Monday, November 8, our 2nd grade families will be coming to church for a special "Candle ceremony." In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus' followers are called to be the "light of the world". As the students and their families grow in faith may they let their light shine for the entire world to see.

May God bless you with a grateful and thankful heart.

Fr. Mike Vacun