

December 24 & 25, 2023



Our LADY of
PERPETUAL
HELP

**CELEBRATION
OF HOLY MASS**

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am

DAILY MASS

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday – Saturday after
8:30 am Daily Mass

Saturdays 3–3:45 pm

Or anytime by appointment

ADORATION

First Fridays 24 hours, 9 am–9 am

Other Fridays 9 am–9 pm

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Info Center

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Church Hours

The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is open for personal prayer 24/7. Use the southwest door to enter, and use the code *3322#.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am to 2 pm. The office is closed for holidays and occasional staff meetings.

New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! You may register at ourladygc.org/register or by calling 614.875.3322 or emailing parish@ourladygc.org.

Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a Mass celebrated for yourself or a loved one? Contact the Church Office for more information.

In Need of Assistance?

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our local Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter at 614.875.3322, ext 311.

Baptism

For information, call Karen Cook in the Church Office, 614.875.3322 or visit ourladygc.org/sacraments/baptism/

Marriage

Please contact the Church Office at least six months in advance. Wedding guidelines are available at the Church Office.

Bulletin Announcements Deadline: noon Thursday

Items should be short and concise. Submit your articles by noon on Thursday, 10 days before you wish to have your item appear, to bulletin@ourladygc.org. All items are subject to the pastor's approval.

Mass Readings & Intentions

Sunday, December 24 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Char Dillon by Forsyth Family	
4:00 pm	Don Mathews by Mathews Family	Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
4:00 pm	Genevieve Rotert by Jennifer Weithman	
10:00 pm	Our Parish Family	

Monday, December 25 | Christmas Day

9:30 am	Biedenharn & Hinel Families by Judy Biedenharn	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
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Tuesday, December 26 | Saint Stephen

8:30 am	Faye Krick by Krick Family	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22
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Wednesday, December 27 | Saint John

8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory by Glen Holmes	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
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Thursday, December 28 | The Holy Innocents

8:30 am	Karen Cavotta by Brad & Kristen Berger	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
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Friday, December 29 | Saint Thomas Becket

8:30 am	Betty Baker by Cheryl Jackson	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
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Saturday, December 30

8:30 am	Special Living Intention for loved ones to return to the faith by Pat Flavin	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
4:00 pm	Robert Kaiser by Dorothy Kaiser	

Sunday, December 31 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30 am	Chuck Durbin by The Green Family	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
10:30 am	Our Parish Family	

Team #4

Giving Update

Please check out our website at ourladygc.org/about-us/generosity for a complete list of options for supporting our parish community.

	This Week	Year to Date
	12.9 to 12.15.23	7.1.23 to 12.25.23
Envelopes	\$17,218	
Loose Cash	\$2,561	
Online	\$7,262	
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$27,041	\$613,688
Budget	\$26,500	\$636,000

Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Perpetual Help! We pray for God's continued blessings upon you.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 24

8:30 am	4 th Sunday of Advent Mass	Nave
4:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	Nave/Gymnasium
10:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	Nave

Monday, December 25

9:30 am	Christmas Day Mass	Nave
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Tuesday, December 26

7:00 pm	Officers' Meeting	Basement
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Wednesday, December 27

6:00 pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Shepherds' Room
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Thursday, December 28

9:00 am	Patriotic Rosary	Chapel
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Friday, December 29

9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Nave/Chapel
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Saturday, December 30

7:00 am	Men's Fellowship and Bible Study	Life Center
7:00 am	Women's Fellowship and Bible Study	Shepherds' Room

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

December Devotion: The Immaculate Conception

1st Friday–Saturday, December 1–2, 9 am–9am

Fridays: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 9am–9pm



Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God.

We are living in times of darkness and the culture of death is more present than ever. Let's entrust ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary and learn from her to surrender, to trust, to love Christ her Son and always be faithful because nothing is impossible with God! Our hope is in God our Savior... come Adore Him every Friday in the Chapel!

Sign up for adoration at ourladygc.org/adoration.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Church office will be closed on the following dates to prepare for and observe Christmas and New Year's: **December 25, 26, and January 1.**

Please note that all church office staff will be working from home the week between Christmas and New Year's, so the office will be closed to the public December 27–29. Emergencies will still be taken care of, and calls and emails will be addressed in a timely manner.

We pray that everyone has a very blessed Christmas and holiday season!

M – F DAILY EVENTS

7 am—Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayers | Chapel

7:50 am—Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary | Nave

8:30 am—Daily Mass | Nave

9 am—Coffee & Conversation | Life Center

2:25 pm—Radio Rosary | 101.9FM



Congratulations to couples celebrating anniversaries in December.

Mike and Susan Murray
34 years | December 9

Vaughn and Judy Radi
46 years | December 10

Joel and Jill Denton
11 years | December 15

Eric and Mary Wuichner
31 years | December 19

Wayne and Cookie Coakley
60 years | December 20

Mike and Carol Callahan
63 years | December 31

If you would like to have an anniversary recognized in the bulletin, please email the couple's names, date, and number of years married to bulletin@ourladygc.org.



1/3 | School Resumes

1/15 | No School - MLK Day

PASTOR'S CORNER

BY FATHER JOE YOKUM

"Kiss the feet of the baby Jesus, who lies in the manger, and pray that the Holy Virgin will allow you to hold Him. Take Him between your arms, hold Him and see His lovable face, kiss it with reverence and rejoice with Him. You can do this because He has come to bring salvation to sinners and He has humbly conversed with them, finally giving Himself as food." +Saint Bonaventure

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 | SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS | THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Prayer: O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: On Christmas Day, it remains only for us to find in the Gospel, as we find in all the words of the Holy Gospels, the answer as to what we should do in response to the gift that has been given to us, the song that has fallen on our ears from angelic voices. And the answer is there; the birth of this mystery—of love triumphant in the face of evil - is Christ as He came to life from the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, and Christ, as we come to life in Him, through the Sacrament we share. Let us pray that our Christmas will be filled with the song of this life, and that our love will conquer all things contrary to Christ, so that we may follow the Son sent by God to redeem us, and do so with love and fidelity to the truths of Christ.

On the Birth of Jesus, the Son of God: Today is the great solemnity that shows the world that the Word Incarnate, the Savior of mankind, is finally born. God becoming truly man is an enormous event [...]. Something truly happens that goes beyond any evolutionary process: the fusion of man and God, the creature and the Creator. It is not the progression of another step in the evolutionary process, but the eruption of a personal action, founded on love, that from this point forward reveals to men new space and possibilities. (Joseph Ratzinger in *God and the World: A Conversation with Peter Seewald*, 2001, p. 197). Christmas says to us: alone we can't profoundly change the world to remedy it. Alone, we can make the world better or worse, but we can't save it. Christ came therefore, because left to ourselves, we couldn't escape the "mortal disease" that has enveloped us from the first moment of conception in our mother's womb. This gives us hope, true hope, and true Christian optimism: I can't do it but He is there! This is the mystery of grace synthesized in the human figure of God incarnate. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

are moments of contemplation. We consider, in many dimensions, the mystery of love that was incarnated for us. First of all, we contemplate the light and joy, without forgetting Jesus and Mary's sorrows and sufferings, and the many difficulties that had surrounded them: the cold, the uncomfortable place, the dangers.... It would be good to accompany these thoughts by reciting and meditating slowly on the Holy Rosary, preferably in front of a crib. "Blessed grotto of Bethlehem that testified to the wonders! Who, in this hour would not turn our hearts? Who would not prefer the opulent palace of the King?" (P. Guéranger, *L'Anno Liturgico*, Alba 1959 [orig. franc. 1841], I, p122).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 | SAINT STEPHEN

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

Prayer: Grant, Lord, we pray, that we may imitate what we worship, and so learn to love even our enemies, for we celebrate the heavenly birthday of a man who knew how to pray even for his persecutors. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There are some today who say "religion divides." When we hear this, today's gospel should come to mind, because so many routinely turn their back on God and on his Son, Jesus Christ. By their actions, they are the ones who actually cause division—not those who live their lives in faith of God or his Son Jesus Christ—because by their actions and their lifestyles they freely choose to not follow the laws of God and the teachings of Christ; in doing so, they separate themselves from the way, the truth, and the life of Christ. The beauty of this situation, though, is that God always welcomes back those who have sinned, those who have strayed. God sent his Son into this world to teach us right from wrong, to shepherd and guide us, and to lead us on the path to eternal life. With a contrite heart through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can confess our sins, receive absolution, and get back in Christ's fold. What a great thing to do in the Christmas Season—and any time of the year, for that matter!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 | SAINT JOHN

Holy Gospel: John 20:1a, 2-8

Prayer: O God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word, grant, we pray, that we may grasp with proper understanding what he has so marvelously brought to our ears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: John in his first epistle testifies: What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the word

of life which existed “from the beginning” (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This “word of life” is Jesus the word incarnate, whose birth we just celebrated, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come. One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us “eyes of faith” to know him and the power of his Resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ, sent by God into this world to save and redeem us, to teach us how to live our lives, to shepherd and guide us on the path that leads to eternal life. Get to know Christ personally as your Lord, Savior and Redeemer.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 | FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Prayer: O God, whom the Holy Innocents confessed and proclaimed on this day, not by speaking but by dying, grant, we pray, that the faith in you which we confess with our lips may also speak through our manner of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Many ask why God did not prevent this slaughter. Human suffering is indeed a mystery. No explanation seems to satisfy our human craving to understand. These innocent children and their parents suffered for Christ. Suffering, persecution, and martyrdom are the lot of all who chose to follow Jesus Christ. There is no crown without the cross. It was through Jesus’ suffering, humiliation, and death on a cross, that our salvation was won. His death won life—eternal life for us. And his blood which was shed for our sake obtained pardon and reconciliation with our heavenly Father.

The Holy Innocents: “Blessed are you, Bethlehem in the land of Judah! You suffered the inhumanity of King Herod in the murder of your babes and thereby have become worthy to offer to the Lord a pure host of infants. In full

right do we celebrate the heavenly birthday of these children whom the world caused to be born unto an eternally blessed life rather than that from their mothers’ womb, for they attained the grace of everlasting life before the enjoyment of the present. The precious death of any martyr deserves high praise because of his heroic confession; the death of these children is precious in the sight of God because of the beatitude they gained so quickly. For already at the beginning of their lives they pass on. The end of the present life is for them the beginning of glory. These then, whom Herod’s cruelty tore as sucklings from their mothers’ bosom, are justly hailed as ‘infant martyr flowers;’ they were the Church’s first blossoms, matured by the frost of persecution during the cold winter of unbelief.” — Saint Augustine

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 | SAINT THOMAS BECKET

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:24-27

Prayer: O God, who gave the Martyr Saint Thomas Becket the courage to give up his life for the sake of justice, grant, through his intercession, that, renouncing our life for the sake of Christ in this world, we may find it in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus basically asks the question: What will a person give in exchange for his or her life? Never forget that everything we have is an outright gift from God. We owe him everything—our gifts, abilities, talents—our very lives. It’s possible to give God our money, but not ourselves, or to give him lip service, but not our hearts. A true disciple gladly gives up all that he has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers, no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Christ is forever—remember that!

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; prayers are from The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture website. frlumppe:2023



ADORATION COVERAGE

Please consider committing to an hour of Adoration every Friday. Most of our hours from 9 am to 9 pm on Fridays have only one Adorer; if we had 2 each hour when one can’t attend, the hour would still be covered. We especially need coverage for 11 am–12 pm every Friday. We hear from so many saints about Eucharistic Adoration and who better to ponder than the saints! Sign up at ourladygc.org/adoration.



MEN'S ROSARY

The Catholic Men's Ministry hosts a Virtual Rosary on Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 am. Please join men from across our diocese Wednesday morning on January 3 in honoring our Blessed Mother in this powerful prayer. Contact Chris Killian for more information at SpiritofOLPH@gmail.com or you can find the link on the CMM website at www.catholicmensministry.com.



LITTLE SAINTS PLAYGROUP

We are ALL called to be saints—even our little ones! We invite you and your kiddos to join us for playgroup as we explore what it means to be a saint. There will be an activity and free play for our kids as well as a time of prayer and fellowship with other moms. We hope you can join us!

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
10:15 am – 11:45 am
Shepherds' Room

For more info or to be added to Our Lady Moms contact list, please email Yvonne Hess at jayhess2014@gmail.com.

Remaining 2023–2024 Dates

1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

SUNDAY
01.21.24

6–8 pm
LIFE CENTER

All of our volunteers are invited to this special event, thanking you for your service to Our Lady! This dinner is meant for all volunteers of the parish—liturgical ministers, landscapers, Adorers, choir members, money counters, envelope stuffers, altar servers, Festival volunteers, Atrium catechists and assistants, etc. etc. etc. If you have volunteered in any way over the past year here at the church, we want you at this dinner!

Please RSVP at ourladygc.org/volunteerdinner by January 14.

WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY

TOPIC: THE WILD GOOSE SERIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH FR. DAVE PIVONKA, TOR

“Wild Goose” was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This is a 14-part series exploring different aspects of the Holy Spirit. It is shot in various locations around the world. If you allow him, the Wild Goose will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. The Spirit will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. The Wild Goose series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power, this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

Learn more and sign up at ourladygc.org/ministries/bible-study.

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION



Next weekend, December 30 and 31, 2023 is the 5th Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. Members of SVDP will be at the doors after each Mass to accept your donations. Your donations will allow us to aid those in need within our Community with electric bills, water bills, gas bills, phone bills, rent/mortgage payment, car insurance, food/groceries, etc.

For those unable to attend Mass you may send your check to the Parish office for St Vincent de Paul, or you can donate online at: ourladygc.org/ministries/st-vincent-de-paul

Also, anyone who is in need, or anyone who knows someone who is in need, may contact the Parish office at 614.875.3322 ext. 311. We are very grateful to Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioners for their continued support of our ministry!



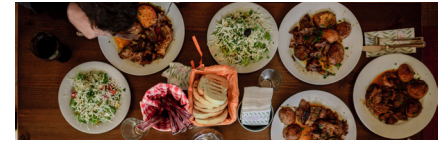
WHITE CHRISTMAS 2023

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, through the Grove City Ministers Fellowship, is once again requesting your support of the White Christmas Food program. This food program helps the needy of Southwest Franklin County by supplying them nonperishable food items for Christmas. This year, Our Lady will serve as the main sort and distribution site. We still need volunteers for the following:

REMAINING FOOD TO PANTRY 8:30 AM

We will meet in the **School Cafeteria**, 3752 Broadway, Tuesday, December 27 to load excess food not needed for our program into trucks for the Grove City Food Pantry. This event needs many volunteers as last year we donated/loaded over 36,000 items.

If you have any questions regarding this program or to volunteer, please contact coordinator Pat Fahy at patrickfahy01@gmail.com or 614.875.3322, ext. 309 for updated information and for volunteers to sign up. You can also like us at facebook.com/WhiteChristmasFoodDrive to see previous years' programs and updated information.



MEALS NEEDED FOR OCIA

We are seeking ministries and parishioners to provide dinner for our OCIA folks. We need to serve dinner for 45 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. We are so grateful to all who participated in this ministry of hospitality last year and ask that you would consider providing a meal again. Or perhaps you thought about it last year, but never got around to making it happen. Now is your chance! Contact Karen Cook, 614.875.3322 or kcook@ourladygc.org. The meal can be as complex or as simple as you like. Thank you in advance! Meals for 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27 are still needed!



START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

Give the gift of time to each other this year. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is February 9–11, 2024 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614.834.6880. Early registration is highly recommended.



We have an ongoing prayer chain for all those who are in need of prayers. To add an intention to our list, or if you would like to join in praying for our intentions, contact Jodi Stage at tashastage@aol.com.

Quote Corner

“The best of it all is, God is with us.”

—JOHN WESLEY

(Is 7:14; 9:6-7; Mt 1:20-23)



Bottoms Up

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DID YOU KNOW?

Modern-day Manger

As we inch our way toward the celebration of the most significant birth in history, we need to remember the “Bethlehems” right here in our back yard. There are women who are caring for their babies in a way not dissimilar to Mary twenty-one centuries ago. Often times, through no fault of their own, these mothers are thrown into a life of poverty that inflicts the child with a life that is rough and hard to endure. 2024 is just around the corner. Have a blessed Christmas and stay tuned for the improvements and increased aid that Bottoms Up will offer those who most need us! For more information, and ways you can help, visit www.bottomsup.life.

OUR LADY ALUMNI MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

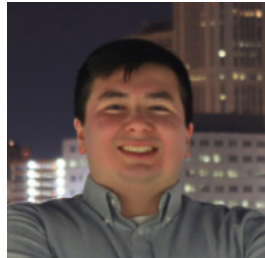
Did you know that there are several Our Lady of Perpetual Help alumni who are currently working as missionaries for various Catholic organizations? Well now you do! Please take the time to read below about these remarkable young people and the work they are doing to try to spread the love of Jesus to their peers. And, if you feel called to do so, please consider supporting them financially if you are able. A link to learn more about each person and to support them is at the end of each bio.



BRIGITTE BOWMAN - DAMASCUS

Brigitte Bowman was born in Columbus, OH along with her 5 wonderful siblings and faith-filled parents. As a child she had a burning love for God and was set ablaze in High School at an Encounter Conference. She encountered God in a radical way and committed her life that night to be a missionary to the world and serve the Lord. She says, “the greatest decision I have ever made was to go on that retreat and say yes to being a missionary. It has changed the trajectory of my life forever.” She has been working with Damascus for 4 years now and believes in bringing others into that encounter.

damascus.givecloud.co/sponsorship/48



KENNETH DAVY - FOCUS

The Lord has called me to serve my first year of mission at Doane University in Crete, Nebraska! I am super excited to start this great adventure and see what the Lord has in store! Please pray for our students!

At the start of my Junior year at Ohio State, FOCUS entered campus. I was super excited to learn what FOCUS did. One day, a missionary approached me at the Newman Center and saw I had the book *Divine Intimacy*. We then talked for a while, and then they asked if I wanted to get coffee during that same week. The relationship I built with this missionary became more than just being friends. He helped me learn what it means to have a relationship with Jesus; how to open up and be vulnerable with our Lord, to offer up our joys and sorrows and leads me to ask the Lord what his will is for me. All it took was the one encounter that led to a genuine relationship with Jesus.

Over the last year, the Lord has called me into a mission through FOCUS—to help accompany guys into having a relationship with Jesus and to become intimate with our Lord. To lead guys into becoming Men for Christ. The Lord has changed my life and taken me to places I wouldn't have expected, helping me learn about his love for us. The Lord's love is the greatest thing that we could ever receive. That is something that he wants us to know each day of our lives! I want nothing more than to share this Love and Encounter that he wants to give us constantly.

focus.org/missionaries/kenneth-davy/



MCKENNA FREEMAN

DAMASCUS

Hi friends! I grew up going to Damascus throughout High School and it's a place where my faith truly came alive. I want to show the young and the old of today that relationship with Jesus

is actually the most adventurous thing we can partake in and that we are made for the "more" he offers.

I've committed two years to serve as a Full-Time Missionary where I counsel, give talks, and lead groups all in order to point to Him.

I can't do it alone, so please join me on this mission and let's revive the Church!!

damascus.givecloud.co/sponsorship/129



ALAYNA MOSCINSKI

FOCUS

God has called me to serve as a missionary at the University of Iowa! As a missionary, my greatest desire is to lead all students to Christ. My life has been transformed by Jesus and I want nothing more than to

bring this joy to others and introduce them to the life-changing message of the Gospel. In His ministry on earth, Jesus humbled Himself to meet us on our level, taking on our humanity, and spent most of His time investing deeply in a few. I look to Jesus' own example to find the best method of reaching the world. I've been constantly amazed by the different souls I've encountered on campus.

focus.org/missionaries/alayna-moscinski/

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

We would also like to mention the following Our Lady of Perpetual Help Alumni, who have been or still are involved in mission in the following ways:

EVA FREEMAN

SAINT PAUL'S OUTREACH HOUSEHOLD

PETRONA GALE

SUMMER MISSIONARY FOR DAMASCUS

ELLA MOSCINSKI

SUMMER MISSIONARY FOR DAMASCUS

GABRIELLE PHILLIPS

SUMMER MISSIONARY FOR DAMASCUS, SAINT PAUL'S OUTREACH SMALL GROUP LEADER

JOHN PYLES

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY RA AND HOUSEHOLD, LEADS ALTAR SERVERS

ANNA TUREK

SAINT PAUL'S OUTREACH HOUSEHOLD

How great that so many Our Lady alumni are involved in the Faith and doing such great work to help spread the Gospel! Please pray for these young people, as well as those they are reaching out to. Thank you for supporting them with your prayers and finances if you feel called to do so. And thank you for supporting our parish and school, where these young people and so many others have received their foundations in the faith. God bless you all!



CHRISTIAN GALE

HARD AS NAILS

I am a part of our wonderful Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish here in Grove City. The Parish that has taught me and helped me further my faith to new heights.

One of the opportunities that you

have helped with was inviting the Hard as Nails ministry team to do an event here at Our Lady. What I heard from the missionaries who stayed at our house, and what I witnessed at their event, opened my eyes for what seemed like the first time. I knew almost immediately that this is something that I must do. I had finally heard God's calling that everyone has talked about. So, with some discernment, I applied, interviewed, and was accepted for missionary training. I am extremely happy as I finally feel like I can do something big for the world around me. Simply put, the goal of Hard as Nails missionaries is to "make a world where no one suffers alone." To find those that are hurting, lift them up to God, help them heal, and go and sin no more. To me, that is the only thing in life that I'll do that really matters.

On behalf of myself and all of the Missionaries at Hard as Nails, thank you for any support you can offer as we proclaim Christ's love to our hurting world. May God bless you!

Sincerely,
Christian Gale

Donation Link: secure.qgiv.com/event/hanmissionaries/

A donation by check can be sent to Hard as Nails Ministries 905 7th North St. Syracuse, NY 13088, please note my name on the memo line for correct allocation.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST READING? SAMUEL 1:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you, and I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth."



I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you, and when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."



GOSPEL

LUKE 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and she was called Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end."



But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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