

December 31, 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

3730 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123  
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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 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

## Monday, January 1 | The Solemnity of Mary

9:30 am Patricia Hansen by Sandy McCormick Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

## Tuesday, January 2 | Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 am Don Alexander by Russ & Mary Martin 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

## Wednesday, January 3 | The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory by Glen Holmes 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

## Thursday, January 4 | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 am Marlowe Killam by Russ & Mary Martin 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

## Friday, January 5 | Saint John Neumann

8:30 am Karen Rohr by Patty Poe 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

## Saturday, January 6 | Saint André Bessette

8:30 am Jim Tupper by Susan Skorupski 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
4:00 pm Mario & Loie Faini by John Faini

## Sunday, January 7 | The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Bob Brokamp by Al Roehrenbeck Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
10:30 am Our Parish Family

Team #1

# 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<br>12.16 to 12.22.23 | Year to Date<br>7.1.23 to 12.22.23 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Envelopes              | \$17,369                       |                                    |
| Loose Cash             | \$1,049                        |                                    |
| Online                 | \$13,215                       |                                    |
| <b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b> | <b>\$31,633</b>                | <b>\$645,321</b>                   |
| <b>Budget</b>          | <b>\$26,500</b>                | <b>\$662,500</b>                   |

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

The Church office will be closed on January 1 for the New Year's Holiday. We pray that everyone has a very blessed Christmas and holiday season!

# The Week Ahead

## Tuesday, January 2

|         |                                |                 |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 6:30 pm | Adult Faith Formation for OCIA | Life Center     |
| 6:30 pm | Youth Faith Formation for OCIA | Basement        |
| 7:00 pm | SVDP Monthly Meeting           | Shepherds' Room |

## Wednesday, January 3

|          |                            |                 |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:00 am  | Our Lady Novena            | Chapel          |
| 10:00 am | Parish Women's Hat Sorting | Life Center     |
| 6:00 pm  | Divine Mercy Cenacle       | Shepherds' Room |

## Thursday, January 4

|         |                        |               |
|---------|------------------------|---------------|
| 9:00 am | Patriotic Rosary       | Chapel        |
| 7:00 pm | New Horizons Book Club | Quieting Room |

## Friday, January 5

|         |  |             |
|---------|--|-------------|
| 9:00 am | Eucharistic Adoration                      | Nave/Chapel |
| 7:00 pm | Eucharistic Revival Montly Encounter Night | Life Center |

## Saturday, January 6

|         |                                    |                 |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7:00 am | Men's Fellowship and Bible Study   | Life Center     |
| 7:00 am | Women's Fellowship and Bible Study | Shepherds' Room |
| 6:00 pm | Monthly Euchre Tournament          | Life Center     |
| 7:00 pm | Middle School Youth Group          | Basement East   |

## Sunday, January 7

|          |                     |                 |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 9:30 am  | PSR Classes         | Various         |
| 10:30 am | Break Open the Word | Shepherds' Room |

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

January Devotion: The Holy Name of Jesus  
 1st Friday–Saturday, January 5–6, 9 am–9 am  
 Fridays: January 12, 19, 26, 9 am–9 pm



What are your plans for new year and what haunts you from last year? St. Padre Pio may help you with that question and allow you to focus on the present. "Lord, I leave the past in Your mercy, the future in Your providential care, and the present moment in Your Love."

The best way to begin this year and every year is with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and St. Catherine Laboure can tell you a little bit about that.

*"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do' . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply."*

New Year's resolution: Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every Friday for 15 minutes...you have nothing to lose and everything to gain! Sign up for Adoration online at [ourladygc.org/adoration](http://ourladygc.org/adoration).

## 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](mailto:bulletin@ourladygc.org).



- 1/3 | School Resumes
- 1/15 | No School - MLK Day
- 1/25 | School Open House



# PASTOR'S CORNER

BY FATHER JOE YOKUM

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal." + Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

## SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1 | SOLEMNITY OF HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Prayer: O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, 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: Mary was "full of grace" not only for being chosen to be God's mother but in her total openness to be filled with that love of God. We too are constantly "graced" and we too can be full of grace, not because we were baptized into the Catholic community, but by our own total, active identification with the way of Jesus by our opening up to the call of God as it unfolds in the unique circumstances of our own lives. We do this through total and unconditional service of those around us. It is a formidable challenge at times, but it also brings countless joys. To be a true Christian – a true disciple and follower of Christ is demanding but not insurmountable; it is not for the hypocrite or faint of heart. To be a true Christian is to first go beyond mere lip service calling Jesus "Lord, Lord" but not living according to Christ's way – it is for those who truly believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, Savior and Redeemer; those who see Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd who allow them to be lovingly led by Christ; those who want to be "doers of the Word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Prove to Christ, to the world, and to yourself that you are Christian.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 | STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

Holy Gospel: John 1:19-28

Prayer: O God, who was pleased to give light to your Church by the example and teaching of the Bishops, Saints Basil and Gregory, grant, we pray, that in humility

we may learn your truth and practice it faithfully in charity. 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 was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, Messiah and Savior of the world. The Catholic Church, from the earliest of times, has given John many titles which signify his mission: Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word. By your life, by your faith, do you point others to Christ by your witness and example as John the Baptist did?

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 | THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Holy Gospel: John 1:29-34

Prayer: O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Alphonsus Liguori once wrote: "God hath given Him a Name which is above all names. And He commands that this name should be adored by the Angels, by men, and by devils: That in the Name of Jesus every knee should bow of those that are in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth. If, then, all creatures are to adore this great name, still more ought we sinners to adore it, since it was in our behalf that this name of Jesus; which signifies Savior, was given to Him; and for this end also He came down from Heaven, namely, to save sinners: 'For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, and was made Man.' We ought to adore Him, and at the same time to thank God Who has given Him this name for our good; it is this name that consoles us, defends us, and makes us burn with love."

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 | SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Holy Gospel: John 1:35-42

Prayer: O God, who crowned with the gift of true faith Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's burning zeal to find you, grant by her intercession and example that we may always seek you with diligent love and find you in daily service with sincere faith. 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: When two of John's disciples began to seek out Jesus, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead, he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" In other words, what were they looking for in Jesus, and what were they aiming to get out of life? Jesus asks each of us this very same question: "What's the goal of your life? What are you aiming for and trying to get out of life?" So, what is your response? Think about it, pray about it, then take up Jesus' invitation.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 | SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51

Prayer: O God, who called the Bishop Saint John Neumann, renowned for his charity and pastoral service, to shepherd your people in America, grant by his intercession that, as we foster the Christian education of youth and are strengthened by the witness of brotherly love, we may constantly increase the family of your Church. 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: Nathaniel was very skeptical. He didn't like Nazareth (noted by his cynical quip) and didn't want to have anything to do with people who came from such a place. How could the Messiah come from a town at the crossroads with gentiles and people of other religions? Perhaps we are like Nathaniel at times. We reject others out of rivalry or prejudice, or we keep them at a distance because we find fault with something about them – the schools they went to, the street they live on or neighborhood they grew up in, the kind of car they drive, or on a more global scale, their manner of speech, the way they dress, their customs, or whatever we dislike about them and "their kind." Rather than argue with his friend, Philip took the wiser strategy of inviting Nathaniel

to "come and see" for himself who this Jesus claimed to be. Clever arguments rarely win people to the gospel, but a genuine encounter with the person of Jesus Christ can transform one's life forever. Remember the words of Saint Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 | SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:23-38

Prayer: Lord our God, friend of the lowly, who gave your servant, Saint André Bessette, a great devotion to Saint Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted, help us through his intercession to follow his example of prayer and love and so come to share with him in your glory. 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: Genealogies are very important. They give us our roots, and help us to understand our heritage – where and whom we come from. Matthew's genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17) traces Jesus' lineage back to Abraham, the father of the chosen people. Luke's genealogy in today's Gospel traces Jesus' lineage all the way back to Adam, father of the human race. In doing so, Luke stresses the real humanity of Jesus. Jesus came not just to save the chosen people but all humankind as well. Jesus is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He is the hope not only for the people of the Old Covenant but for all nations as well. He is the Savior of the world. In him we receive adaption as sons and daughters of the living God.

*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 web site. frlumppe:2024*

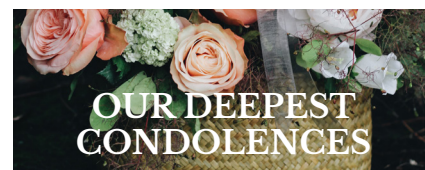
## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COLLECTION



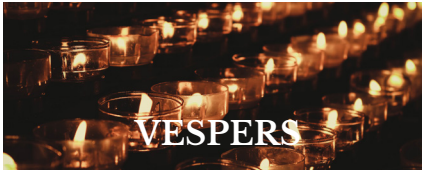
This weekend, December 30 and 31, 2023 is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. Members of SVDP will be at the doors after each Mass to accept your donations. Your donations will allow us to aid those in need within our Community with electric bills, water bills, gas bills, phone 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](http://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!



Please remember in your prayers Tom Powers, Larry Rockhold, Rosanne Sutton, Anna D'Angelo, Linda McKendry, and Regina Marlowe Killam who recently passed away. Let us also pray for their friends and family. May they all find peace in Our Lord.



### VESPERS

Join us for communally sung Vespers (Night Prayer) on Mondays at 6 pm in the Nave. Pray with the wider Church in this portion of the Divine Office.

This worship opportunity is sponsored by Creative Ministries.



### 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!

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jayhess2014@gmail.com).

#### Remaining 2024 Dates

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



### PRAYER CHAIN

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](mailto:tashastage@aol.com).



## OPEN HOUSE

January 25, 2024

6 – 7:30 pm



Our LADY of PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

### MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- ADMISSION TO THE MUSEUM FOR ONE (1) YEAR
- DISCOUNT FOR OFFSITE EVENTS
- VIP PREFERENCE FOR EVENTS
- THREE (3) MEMBER ONLY NIGHTS

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$200**

- INCLUDES 2 ADULTS & CHILDREN 18 & UNDER + 1 UNNAMED ADULT

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$120**

- INCLUDES NAMED MEMBER + 1 UNNAMED ADULT

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TYPE "MEMBERSHIP" IN NOTES FIELD.





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!

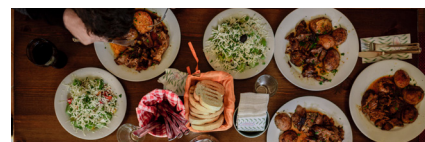
Please RSVP at [ourladygc.org/volunteerdinner](http://ourladygc.org/volunteerdinner) by January 14.



**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](http://ourladygc.org/ministries/bible-study).



**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](mailto: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!



**IMAGO DEI HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
**Upcoming Events:**

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Basement  
January 14, 7–8:30 pm

**VERSO L'ALTO MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
**Upcoming Events:**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Basement  
January 6, 7–8:30 pm

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Basement  
January 13, 7–8:30 pm

For questions, contact Veronica at 614.875.3322, ext. 315, or [vdannemiller@ourladygc.org](mailto:vdannemiller@ourladygc.org).



# Quote Corner

“To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God’s call. Programs, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God’s call.”

- POPE BENEDICT XVI  
(Pp 4:6-7)



## ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart points to the importance of family prayer and dedicating their family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This local apostolate is seeking to strengthen the family unit both locally and beyond. They are providing religious images for families, a digital format to download the image and packet of materials and a website full of resources. This self-guided packet is faith-filled, and the prayers can be led by anyone. Go to [www.WelcomeHisHeart.com](http://www.WelcomeHisHeart.com) for more information!

# 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.

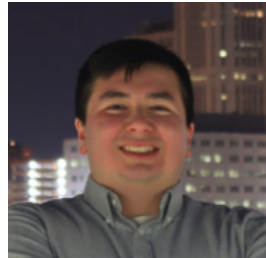


### BRIGITTE BOWMAN - DAMASCUS

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](http://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/](http://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](https://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/](https://focus.org/missionaries/alayna-moscinski/)



**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

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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!



# GOSPEL LUKE 2:22-40



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.



He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer, and coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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## 1ST READING SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.



My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.





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