

THE PARACLETE

WHAT WE DID

SEMINARIAN SERVICE NIGHT

Tonight we packaged care packages for the 21 seminarians in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Groups of students wrote letters and packed the boxes. We then discussed vocations and service in our small groups.

To find more information on priestly vocations and the full list of our Diocesan Seminarians visit grvocations.org

Please note:

Next week we will not be meeting in the Youth Center, families are invited to join us for All Souls Mass at 7:00 PM in the Church.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

- Pray for the Priest & Seminarians of the Diocese
- Do a random act of kindness for someone this week
- Talk to a local priest or deacon about how they became a priest or deacon

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- What did you learn by making the care packages for seminarians?
- How did it make you feel to serve people who you haven't met before?
- Where do you think God is calling you to serve more?
- What are your dreams for your future? Do you talk to God about it? Why or why not?

SAINT FOR THE JOURNEY

ST. JOHN VIANNEY



Lived: May 8, 1786 -

August 4, 1859

Feast Day: August 4th

Patron Saint of: Parish Priest

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained. Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day. In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide.

St. John Vianney Pray for us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 2nd - All Souls Mass at 7PM in the church no meeting in the Youth Center
 Nov 9th - Why do I go to Mass?
 Nov 16th - Fireside Chat with Fr. Chuck
 Nov 30th - Advent Wreath Making
 Dec 7th - What is Marriage?
 Dec 21st - Christmas Party