



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 25, 2026

## **PARISH OFFICE**

626 Willard Ave. (All Mail Please)  
Newington, CT 06111  
Phone: (860) 666-1591

### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday:  
9:00am - 2:00pm

## **CHURCH OF ST. MARY**

626 Willard Avenue  
Newington, CT. 06111

## **CHURCH OF HOLY SPIRIT**

183 Church Street (No Mail Please)  
Newington, CT. 06111

### **Confession**

Friday: 8:30-8:50 am, HS  
Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm, HS  
Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am, SM

### **Mass Times**

**Daily Mass:** Monday - Friday  
9:00 am, HS

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm, HS

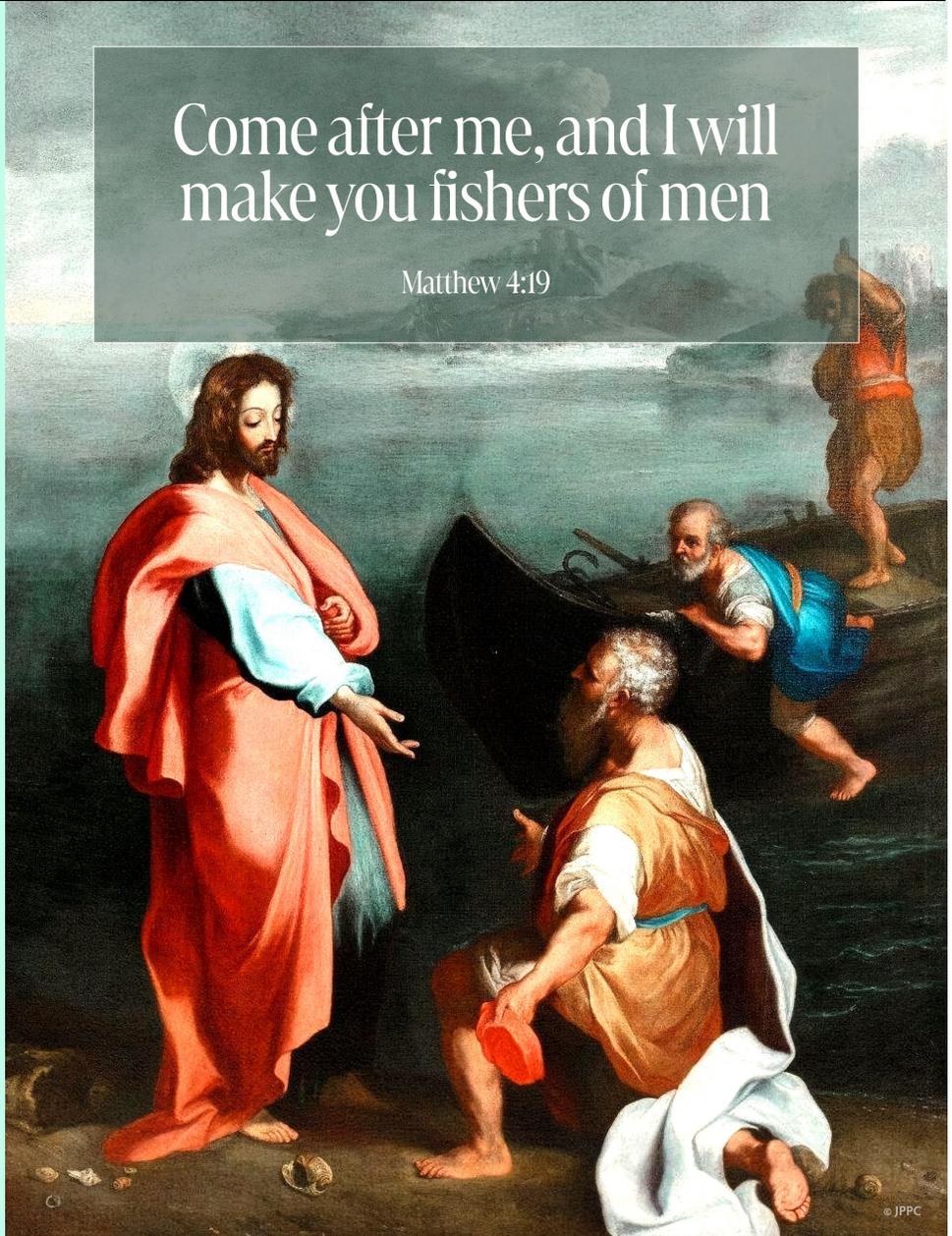
### **Sunday Masses:**

8:00 am, SM  
9:15 am, HS  
10:30 am, SM  
12:00 pm, HS

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[annunciationnewington.com](http://annunciationnewington.com)

Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men

Matthew 4:19



Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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.

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## Welcome To Annunciation Parish, The Roman Catholic Community of Newington

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning parishioner, a new parishioner, or a visitor, welcome to our community. We are glad that you are here and hope that you feel at home. If you are not already a member of our parish, please consider joining us. If you are a member of our parish already, please consider joining one of our ministries.

The Catholic Church welcomes new members of all ages. Children are welcomed into our faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Adults can either join our faith, or complete their sacraments of initiation through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or our Adult Confirmation program. If you are interested, please call the rectory at: (860) 666-1591.

### Parish Priests

**Rev. Janusz Kukulka**, Pastor

fr.kukulka@aohct.org

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**Rev. Lawrence Bock**

**Msgr. James Kinnane**

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**James Blanchette**

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**Deacon James Blanchette**, Director of Religious Education

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**Eliza Harris**, Coordinator of Religious Education

CRE@annunciationnewington.com

### Sacramental Ministries

#### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, visit our website:

[www.annunciationnewington.com](http://www.annunciationnewington.com), scroll down to Quick Links (*center of Home Page*), *Select* - Book a Baptism and then once the form is submitted, Deacon Blanchette will call to arrange a meeting.

#### Marriage

Please call the rectory at least **six months** in advance. Couples meet with the priest for an initial pastoral conversation before a wedding date can be set. Please do not make other plans until a date has been confirmed.

#### For the Sick

We are happy to visit with the homebound. If you or a loved one would like a home visit, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory office.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK – The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Monday** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mk 4:21-25

**Friday** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 25, 2026

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 24th, The Vigil For The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Mark S. Raynock & His Parents, By His Family

### Sunday, January 25th, The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Walter Zdeb, Birthday Remembrance,  
By His Family

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Sally Benson, Birthday Remembrance,  
By Her Family

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Marianne O'Brien, 1st Anniversary,  
By The Priests & Staff of Annunciation Parish

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. David Turgeon, By His Grandmother

### Monday, January 26th, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. No intention

### Tuesday, January 27th, Weekday & Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Steve Malinowski, By Anne Marie Bellavance

### Wednesday, January 28th, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. No intention

### Thursday, January 29th, Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. No intention

### Friday, January 30th, Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Corinda Rocco, 1st Anniversary, By Her Family

### Saturday, January 31st, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Maria & Antonio Pizzoferrato, By Their Family

### Sunday, February 1st, The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. The Menoret Family, By Nathan Menoret

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Pietro Sr. & Peter Jr., Niro, By Their Family

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Gloria Edgerton, By Marie

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Cynthia Violette, By Her Husband, Mark



## In Loving Memory

### We pray for...

**Carol K. Jordan**

**Joseph T. Lawlor, Jr.**

**Robert Woodward**

And for the consolation of their family & friends. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; let your light shine upon them*

## Parish Support

### January 18, 2026

Weekly \$5,935.00

Online Giving \$3,348.00

Total \$9,283.00

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

Spend the whole hour or as much time as you can give!



By assisting devoutly at Mass, we render the sacred humanity of Our Lord the greatest homage. He makes up for many failings and omissions. We should pray like this at the beginning of Mass:  
**“O Most just God, with contrite heart and steadfast hope, I lay my sins upon this sacred altar, in order that they may be consumed by the flames of Your divine Charity, purged away by the Precious Blood of Jesus, and fully atoned for by His infinite merits. Amen.”**



# PARISH CALENDAR, JANUARY 25, 2026

## **The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **February 15th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

## **K of C Food Collection**

**Sunday, February 1st @** both churches

## **The Prayer Shawl Group**

meets the **third Thursday** of every month at **12:30 p.m.** at The Holy Spirit Church Hall from **September-June**

## **The Men's Club**

...meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month, at **6:00 pm** in St. Mary lower Rectory. Contact: Tom Morris at (860) 666-6331

## **The Men's Fellowship Group**

...meets every **Wednesday** evening from **6:30-8:00 pm @** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Angelo Marchetti at: (860) 202-1612

## **The Women's Fellowship Group**

...meets every Thursday of every from **6:30-8:00 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Kim Marchetti at: (860) 202-0020

## **The Women's Guild**

**The Women's Guild will not hold any meetings in January.** They will resume in February. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

**The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday February 3rd, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall.**

**The February general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday February 10th, 2026 at 1:00 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall. Please note the time change for this meeting only. The February program will be: "Fun and Games" with prizes awarded to the winners. All parish women are welcome to join us at this or any other scheduled meeting.**



## **Are you wondering if your child is on track academically?**

You are not alone. Perhaps you'd like to consider some other educational options. Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a **Winter Open House on Sunday, January 25th from 12:00 – 1:30 P.M.** at: Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Corpus Christi students benefit from a structured environment, smaller class sizes and personalized instruction.

## **Imagine how your child could soar!!**

Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses PreK-8th grade.

To register, please visit our website:

**<https://corpuschristischoolct.org/>** or call 860-529-5487.

## **During the months of January - March 2026 the West Hartford United Methodist Church is holding a FOOD DRIVE to support our local Food Pantry.**

Please drop off your non-perishable, unexpired/unopened donations, 24/7/365, in the bin by the front door of the church.

Popular items are spaghetti, pasta sauce, soups, peanut butter, (16-18 oz jars,) jelly, canned fruit, applesauce, rice, (1-2lb packages,) cereal, shelf stable milk, crackers, juice, and canned veggies.

Additionally, we're collecting NEW SOCKS, especially men's to support a local shelter.

The West Hartford United Methodist Church  
1358 New Britain Ave, corner of Berkshire Rd.  
Exit 40 off I-84

1 Block East of Westfarms Mall and Corbin's Corner.

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**“He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.”**

***Matthew 4:21-22***

**The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights Jesus as the light that leads people out of darkness. The readings show how God calls people to unity and invites them to follow Jesus.**

- **Light in darkness:** Isaiah speaks of people walking in darkness who see a great light. Jesus brings this light by preaching and healing in Galilee.
- **Call to unity:** Paul urges the Corinthians to be united and not divided. Following Jesus means working together and not focusing on human leaders.
- **Jesus calls disciples:** Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him. They leave everything behind to be with Him.
- **Repent and believe:** Jesus begins His preaching with a call to repentance. He invites people to change their ways and trust in God.
- **God’s plan unfolds:** The prophecy in Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. His presence in Galilee shows that God’s promises come true.

**Spreading the good news:** Jesus goes from town to town preaching and healing. He shows that the message of God’s kingdom is for everyone.

**God brings light, calls people to follow Jesus, and asks for unity. The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds people to trust in God’s plan.**

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Please welcome into our parish family, the following children who were recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

**Eliana Marie Mezzio**

**Grayson Dean Masi**

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**\*We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Thank you!**

## 2025 Annual Collection

### Campaign Statistics as of 1/15/2026

Total # of Households:	2,757
Total # Pledged:	456
% of Participation:	16.54%
Total Amount Pledged	\$113,090.99
Total Amount Paid:	\$111,750.99
Average Pledge:	\$248.01
% of Pledges Collected:	98.82%

We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as Bereavement Ministers for our funerals at both Holy Spirit & Saint Mary's Church. If this is a ministry that you would be able to contribute your time and talents to, please contact Kim at: 860-666-1591.

Thank you so much!



## Open House

St. Lucian's Residence, a senior residential living facility located at 532 Burritt St. in New Britain, is hosting an Open House on Saturday, **January 31, 2026**, between **10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.** We are a Catholic institution caring for the elderly, striving to bring the loving presence of Christ to the aging and the suffering. Prospective residents need to be at least 55 years old.





CHESTERTON ACADEMY  
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Virtual Info Session

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

at 7:00 pm

Visit [ChestertonSFA.org](http://ChestertonSFA.org) to register

*Pre-registration Required*

Open House & Info Session

Sunday, February 1, 2026

at 1:00 pm

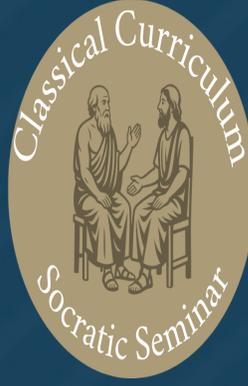
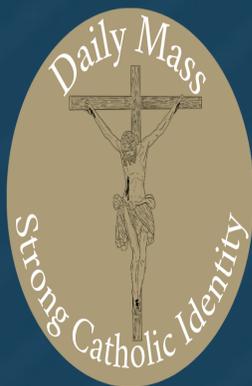
30 Pendleton Road

New Britain, CT 06053

Opening Fall 2026

*for incoming grades 9 and 10, with anticipated grade 11 in 2027 and grade 12 in 2028*

What is the Chesterton difference?



Now Accepting Applications!

Scan the QR code or visit us at [ChestertonSFA.org](http://ChestertonSFA.org) to apply



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



# Branches on the Vine

## NEW CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI TO OPEN THIS FALL

JANUARY 24-30, 2026

As the demand for Catholic education continues to grow, a new Catholic high school is planning to open its doors this fall in New Britain to serve families in central Connecticut.

Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, a new high school, will be welcoming students to the existing school building on the St. Francis property at 30 Pendleton Road, New Britain. The school will open with students in grades nine and 10, adding grades 11 and 12 over the next two years.

“It’s very exciting, and it’s exciting to Father Michael Casey,” says Andrew Blaski, the new headmaster, who was hired to start hiring and admissions.

The school will be part of the Chesterton Schools Network, a national organization founded in Minnesota that has developed curriculum for its more than 70 private Catholic liberal arts schools in the country.

The Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi will also be a parish school, part of St. Francis of Assisi Church, under Father Casey and the Archdiocese of Hartford.

“Most Chesterton Schools are independent Catholic schools, but as conversations progressed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne decided to make it a parish school, which I think is wonderful,” Blaski says. “There’s a whole host of support from the Superintendent of Schools Valerie Mara, use of the parish school building, the help of parish staff, and the daily Mass will be available to us.”

What sets this Catholic high school apart from others in the archdiocese, he says, is a broad classical liberal arts education that is integrated and historically based. It will transport students back to the ancient world of Greece and Rome, through the Medieval period, through the High Middle Ages and the Renaissance, to the Modern World.

Andrew Blaski, Ph.D., is the headmaster of Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, a new regional Catholic high school set to open in New Britain. PHOTO COURTESY CHESTERTON ACADEMY



Following the Chesterton Academy model, this classical education will teach grammar, logic and rhetoric, as well as music, arithmetic, geometry and astronomy.

In the humanities, students will be challenged to read primary sources from Western civilization, such as the works of Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Shakespeare and Chaucer. “There’s a heavy reliance on the great works of Western civilization. We want our students to have exposure to the great masters,” Blaski says, and “an ability to penetrate dense and difficult ideas.”

They’ll also learn through the Socratic seminar style of teaching, which emphasizes discussion and conversation, preparing students for college-level learning.

Math and science courses will employ modern textbooks but also focus on sparking wonder and an understanding of the created world, Blaski notes. The visual arts, art history, music, drama and choir will complement their education.

The Catholic faith, central to the school’s mission, will be celebrated through the daily Mass and a focus on the sacramental life and the human virtues. Students will read the Catechism, the New Testament, and learn Latin and Spanish.

Tuition will be \$9,000 a year, affordable for a Catholic school, according to Blaski, and financial assistance may be available.

The school is planning to hold a series of public information sessions so interested parents can learn more about its offerings and how to enroll. A virtual information session will be held on Tues., Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., followed by an in-person information session at the school building on Sun., Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

Chesterton Academy is currently accepting applications. To apply or learn more, interested families should visit [chestertonsfa.org](http://chestertonsfa.org) or call Andrew Blaski at 860.348.3455.

-Story by Shelley Wolf



# Upcoming Events

## The Vocation of Caregiving: The Challenge of Presence



Day Retreat for Caregivers  
Saturday, January 31, 2026  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

During this day of retreat, we will explore the Caregiving Journey, the choices we make and the personal costs to us. We will discuss The Good Samaritan, the daughter of Jairus, and Mary and Martha, all as models of caregivers. We will include time for discussion, quiet reflection, the opportunity for conversation with trained counselors, and sharing with one another.  
Offering: \$75, includes lunch

Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) to register or learn more

ENJOY TEA WITH SISTERS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE AND OTHER WOMEN DISCERNING CONSECRATED LIFE

**SAVE THE DATE**

JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2026 6:30-8PM  
 FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 6:30-8PM  
 MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 6:30-8PM  
 APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026 6:30-8PM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SR COLLEEN AT 860-368-0826  
 ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE AVILA HOUSE - 183 CHURCH STREET, NEWINGTON, CT

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
BRING FRIENDS!  
WIN A PRIZE!

**30 JAN** Starts at 7:00pm  
Our Lady of Loreto  
12 Ardsley Rd, Waterbury

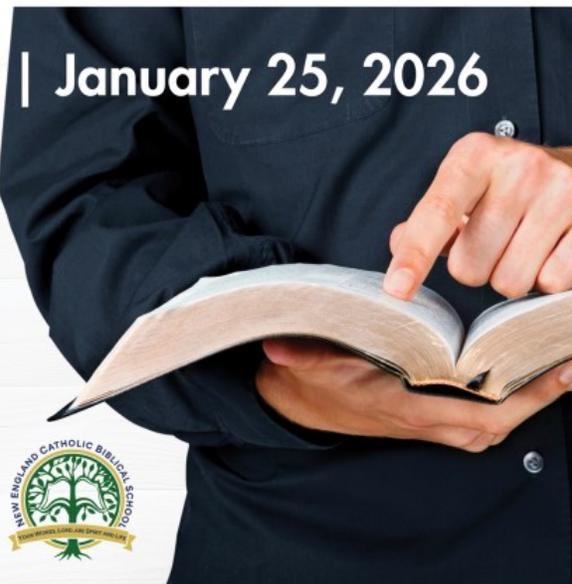
EMAIL MISSION@WATERBURYBASILICA  
OR CALL DAN @ 203-574-0017 TO RSVP

## Word of God Sunday | January 25, 2026

On the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the the Word of God Sunday, established by Pope Francis to deepen our love for Sacred Scripture.

Grow in understanding of God's Word through the **New England Catholic Biblical School**.

Scan the QR code to explore courses, resources, and opportunities for formation.





Want to acknowledge a priest who has made a positive impact on your life? You're not alone! Visit [nodtothecollar.com](http://nodtothecollar.com) and express your gratitude for the dedicated members of our Catholic clergy through video or audio, art, or a written statement. It's a quick and simple way to make a meaningful impact.

## SHARE YOUR STORY ON [nodtothecollar.com](http://nodtothecollar.com)



### Through Video or Audio

Recording a Nod is as easy as taking a selfie! Visit our website to record a thank you (audio or video), highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved-one in a specific way.



### Through Art

As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words! Upload a drawing or piece of original art through our website, highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved one in a specific way.



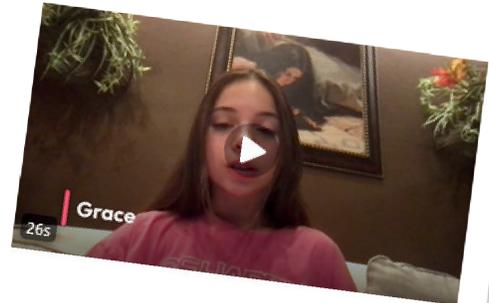
### Through Words

Submitting a written Nod through our website couldn't be simpler. Compose a short thank you highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved-one in a specific way, press the submit button and you're done!

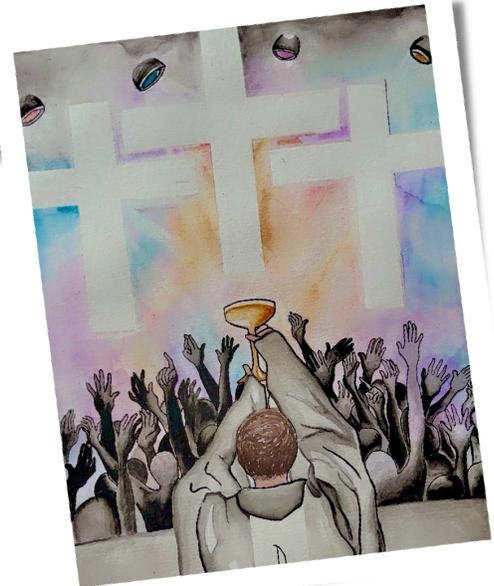
## WHO IS NOD TO THE COLLAR?

We are lay Catholics without an agenda. Our sole purpose is to create a loving space where we can share our stories and show appreciation to the incredible priests who tirelessly serve.

 [www.nodtothecollar.com](http://www.nodtothecollar.com)



I wanna give a nod to **Father Michael** because he did my first communion. This meant a lot to me because of how he helped me a lot with my faith.



Thank you, **Father Tom**, for the thoughtful spiritual direction when I shared an ethical issue that was confronting me in my workplace. Your attentiveness, time and availability during a time when I was confused helped bring me back to the grounding of my faith and how to live it in a challenging job environment.

Francis