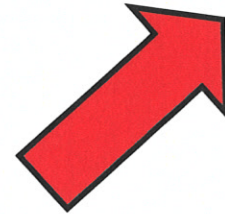


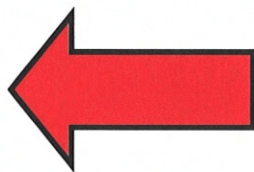
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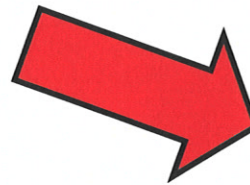
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Pentecost Message from the Pastor,

Today the Church celebrates the traditional birthday of the Church – the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and others who raced up to the rooftop and began to evangelize the world. It is the day of the Sacrament of Confirmation: we can almost imagine hearing in that fiery wind the voice of God saying, "Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Like the disciples hidden away behind locked doors in the upper room, we contemporary Catholics are all too often afraid of our association with Jesus and prefer the safety of being hidden away inside our churches rather than on the rooftops proclaiming the deliverance won for us on the Cross by Jesus. We too quickly forget that we have heard God say to each of us those same words of Confirmation: "Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." We fail to find the stairs leading to the rooftop and fail to take up our obligation to go out to all nations, beginning in the home, then the community and then to all the world.

Pentecost ought to be more than just another big liturgical celebration of things past but a memorable reminder that at Baptism, each of us accepted membership in a missionary order, the Catholic Church.

Catholicism is far more than going to Mass; it's a way of life founded in Jesus and in his commandment to "love one another as the father loves me." Our acts of kindness, compassion, mercy, and forgiveness out there beyond the doors of the church are the acts of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us and can change the lives of others in a world sorely lacking in kindness, compassion, mercy, and forgiveness.

We should take time every day to think about what Jesus' words "love one another as I have loved you" mean in terms of the way we treat others. Jesus performed miracles of healing, generously forgave even the worst sins, comforted those in mourning and ultimately gave everything he was on the Cross. We ought to end each day asking ourselves what sacrifice of self we offered for the good of others. That's what Pentecost is really all about. Giving this some thought has the potential to impact your life and the lives of others.



TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION

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Deacon Travis Kahle

My name is Travis Kahle and my home parish is St. Mary's in Bluffton. I grew up in a Catholic household and am the oldest of three siblings. I graduated from Pandora-Gilboa High School in 2005 and studied Philosophy at St. Joseph's College (IN). After college I spent a few years in Columbus, OH working a few different jobs including as a musician. In 2014, I returned home to help care for my father in his last year battling with ALS. During this time, I experienced a reinvigoration of my faith life and began seriously discerning the priesthood. I completed an MA in Healthcare Mission Leadership from Loyola University Chicago and got some experience with hospital chaplaincy at Mercy Health in Lima while also leading the high school youth ministry at my home parish. I began my seminary studies in Cincinnati in 2018 and God has blessed me immensely since then. I am so grateful to our Lord for the great gift of calling me to this vocation and to our diocese for supporting me in my formation. The many prayers of the faithful in our diocese who love and support the priesthood have won for me much grace and help along my journey. Blessed Mother, intercede for us and draw us closer to the heart of our savior Jesus Christ!



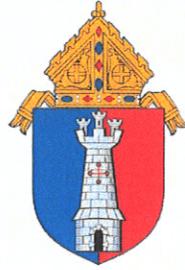
Deacon Eric Kaufman

My name is Eric Kaufman, and my home parish is St. John the Baptist in Glandorf. From an early age a strong work ethic, caring for others, and the spirit of volunteerism in giving back for the greater good was instilled in me. It was these values, along with the love from family and the community, and the physical and spiritual beauty of the Catholic faith, that my Catholic faith and love for Christ grew.

After graduating high school and then receiving a degree in Computer Aided Design (CAD), I started working for PRO-TEC Coating Company in Leipsic. It was now in my twenties that I gave back even more to the parish and community. From serving on the Parish Council, heading our Capital Campaign Committee, the parish history committee, and the liturgical decorating group, to being a member of the Ottawa-Glandorf Jaycees, Glandorf Lions Club, and serving on the Glandorf Village Council for four and a half years, until I entered the seminary at the age of thirty.

I am currently enrolled in theology studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. Throughout my time in discernment and formation, Mary, especially under her title of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, has had an amazing impact on my spiritual life in leading me closer to her son, and it is Jesus then who has led me to the vocation and mission that he has for me. For I always keep in mind the last words of Mary, recorded in the scriptures to the servants at the Wedding at Cana. "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5), reminding all of us to always listen to the Lord and do whatever he tells us.

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Deacon Kevin McGraw

Hello! I am from Elida, Ohio and my home parish is St. Charles Borromeo in Lima. My parents are Tom and Kathy McGraw. My brother Ryan, his wife Jill, and my niece Rori live in Delaware, Ohio. I also have a sibling who died prior to birth and, please God, is in heaven. I went to Elida Local Schools through high school, graduating in 2006. I attended BGSU (Class of 2011) and while there, after having fallen out of even a minimal practice of the Faith, I had an encounter with Jesus Christ through the campus ministry of St. Thomas More University Parish and Newman Center, and the Lord transformed my life. I grew in love and in zeal for Christ and His Church.

In 2013, it seemed that the Lord may be calling me to not only priesthood, but perhaps the consecrated life as well, so I began formation to become a Redemptorist priest. However, in 2019, the Lord led me out of Redemptorist formation, and I began working as an associate campus minister at the Catholic Campus Ministry serving the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia. My discernment continued there for the next two years. In 2021, on the Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas (Jan 28), I began the process and on the Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena (April 29), I became a seminarian affiliated with the Diocese of Toledo. In August 2021, I started at Theology II at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati.

In my years of seminary formation, I have strived to respond generously to the Lord's call, and I am happy where He has led! I am grateful for your prayers and support upon ordination as a transitional deacon and moving towards priestly ordination next year!

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