



## WHY DO WE?

Promote Vocations so much?

**Because** without the Eucharist, the Church does not exist. (Pope Benedict XVI)

**How:** Father Byrd started praying for vocations from his parish. He is awed by the response to the call.

### Who are our seminarians?

- Bobby Vogel, St. Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary
- Kristopher Garlitch, St. Meinrad
- Aidan Hauersperger, St. Meinrad
- Nathan Thompson, Bishop Simon Brute Minor Seminary
- Noah Sherman, Bishop Simon Brute
- Alex Lindberg, Bishop Simon Brute
- Matthew Maples, Bishop Simon Brute

### Prayer for Vocations

Come, Holy Spirit. Come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your beloved spouse. God, our Father, please send us holy priests. All for the Sacred & Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. All for the Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph.

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## PRAYING FOR PRIESTS



PRAY FOR THE LORD TO SEND OUT LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST

# God is still Calling

SEVEN MEN FROM THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
JENNINGS COUNTY ARE IN SEMINARY FORMATION



*Left to right, back row: Alexander Lindberg, Kris Garlitch, Bobby Vogel and Noah Sherman. Front: Aidan Hauersperger, Matthew Maples and Nathan Thompson. (Photo credit: Randy Schneider)*

*“I just started praying for vocations,” said Father Jerry Byrd. “Then God answered.”*

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare which means “to call.” Every baptized Christian is called by Jesus to follow Him in a unique way, and those who are called to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life are called to a unique life of service in the Catholic Church.

Father Byrd is asking all parishioners to pray three Hail Mary’s every day for our seminarians. “Pray for our guys,” he said.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis interviewed five of these men (the other two—Matthew Maples and Aidan Hauersperger—will be interviewed upon entrance into seminary this fall.) Please see the links on the back page of this newsletter for these beautiful stories of God’s call.

## A Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood which You shed in the Garden of Olives, take pity on all aspirants to the priesthood who, through the temptations of the evil one, or dread of the responsibilities of the sacred ministry, are in danger of losing their vocation. Impart to these young men sufficient courage to make the sacrifices by which the Eucharistic Chalice must be purchased; and in return for their generosity, let them find strength and courage through the Blood Which in heaven shall be their eternal source of delight. Our Lady of the Precious Blood, *watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.* (Dominican Sister's prayer)

## OUR JENNINGS COUNTY SEMINARIANS



Kristopher Garlitch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPeRY1NJ1PY>



Noah Sherman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dThlnpQfnk>

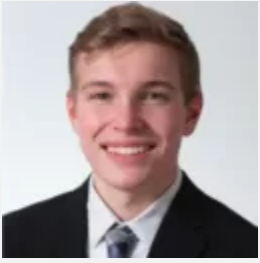


Bobby Vogel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0waKGMG2ebs>

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## OUR JENNINGS COUNTY SEMINARIANS (CONTINUED)



Nathan Thompson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaFHZBFutUQ>



Alex Lindberg

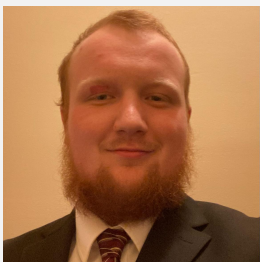
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CqbCLSexMw>

The other two men, who have not had their videos made yet, shared their thoughts about their call to the priesthood.



Aidan Hauersperger

"I would say the main person who inspired me to go to seminary was the Blessed Virgin Mary. For in truth, praying the Rosary was my main source of strength when discerning and applying for seminary. And it continues to be an integral part in my journey to Christ."



Matthew Maples

"Father Bryd had the largest influence on my discernment. The way he takes the faith seriously and is willing to fight for it has always been an inspiration," Maples said. However, it was also his grandfather stating he should be a priest more than seven years ago that made a deep impression.

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