



DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE
VOCATIONS
GUIDEBOOK

2023-2024

OUR VOCATIONS GUIDEBOOK

A MESSAGE FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE



Greetings in the Lord!

This is the third edition of our Diocesan Vocations Guidebook.

This guidebook is meant to help organize and distribute information about our men in priestly formation and discernment. Thanks for asking for it!

Secondarily, we also hope this book will help share some statistics and trends about priestly vocations in our recent history.

In this Guidebook will also find information about who our seminarians are, what communities have thriving cultures of vocations, where our vocations are coming from, and some helpful programs you may wish to join or support.

Read on to meet the men who have heard a call to discern priesthood and who have had the courage to listen.

Pray for them. Send them a note. Invite them to a parish event. Hang their picture on your classroom or church wall. Perhaps you might know of someone else who is not in this guidebook who might join them next year.

Please reach out with any questions or requests to support. If you find more helpful information we can add or amend, please let us know!

– The Vocations Team



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A GROWING BROTHERHOOD

2023-2024 SEMINARIANS



OUR CATHEDRAL

SAINT BENEDICT



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OUR SEMINARIANS

Class of 2024

DEACON PHILLIP ROGIER

Christ the King Parish
Saint Meinrad Seminary

DEACON CALEB SCHERZINGER

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish
Saint Meinrad Seminary

DEACON TYLER UNDERHILL

Our Lady of Hope Parish
North American College

Class of 2025

NICK BIEVER

Annunciation Parish
Saint Meinrad Seminary

KEITH HART

St. Peter Parish, Montgomery
Saint Meinrad Seminary

AARON HERRENBRUCK

St. Clement Parish
Saint Meinrad Seminary

CLINT JOHNSON

Holy Cross Parish
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Class of 2027

NATHAN FOLZ

Good Shepherd Parish
Saint Meinrad Seminary

CHASE RIECKER

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Class of 2028

JACOB SCHNEIDER

Corpus Christi Parish
Bishop Bruté Seminary

DYLAN STEFANICH

Holy Cross Parish
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Class of 2029

JAMES WASSMER

Resurrection Parish
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Class of 2030

NICK FOLZ

Good Shepherd Parish
Father Deydier House

NICK FREYBERGER

St. Joseph Parish, Jasper
Father Deydier House

Class of 2031

ELIOTT CHURCH

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Haubstadt
Father Deydier House

JACK MARTIN

St. Philip Parish
Father Deydier House

LANDON WAGNER

Holy Redeemer Parish
Father Dedydier House



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OUR SEMINARIES

PLACES FORMING & ACCOMPANYING OUR MEN



Saint Meinrad Seminary
& School of Theology
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577



The Father Deydier House
2701 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712



Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
5200 Glennon Drive
Saint Louis, MO 63119



Pontifical North American
College
00120 Vatican City State
Europe



Bishop Simon Bruté
College Seminary
2500 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Our men are so grateful to hear from the people of
our Diocese.

Please consider writing them a note of
encouragement and send it to the above
addresses.



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ROGIER

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VOCATION STATISTICS

DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

OF SEMINARIANS

17

40+ YEAR HIGH

SEMINARIANS / YEAR

12.7

OVER THE PAST DECADE

ORDINATIONS / YEAR

1.09

SINCE 2000 A.D.

SEMINARIANS : PARISHES

1:3

SEMS : CATHOLICS

1:4,177

SEMS : ACTIVE PRIESTS

1:3



St. Francis Xavier Parish & Basilica, Vincennes

DIOCESAN STATS

45 Parishes

71,025 Catholics

45 Active Priests

25 Senior Priests

22 Catholic Elementary Schools

4 Catholic High Schools



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VOCATION STATISTICS

DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS PRODUCED SINCE 2000 A.D.

TOP PARISHES

 = a '23-'24 seminarian is from this parish

6 Holy Cross, Fort Branch  

5 Our Lady of Hope, Washington 

St. Francis Xavier, Vincennes

St. Isidore the Farmer, Celestine  

St. Mary, Ireland

4 St. Wendel

Good Shepherd, Evansville  

Sts. Peter & Paul, Haubstadt 

St. Philip, Mount Vernon 

3 Resurrection Parish, Evansville 

St. John the Baptist, Newburgh

Corpus Christi, Evansville 

Holy Family, Jasper

St. Clement, Boonville 

2 St. James, Haubstadt

St. John the Evangelist, Daylight

St. Joseph, Jasper 

St. Martin I, Chrisney

Sts. Mary & John, Evansville

Annunciation, Evansville 

Christ the King, Ferdinand 

Holy Name, Bloomfield

Holy Redeemer 

Holy Rosary

1 St. Bernard, Rockport

St. Bernard, Snake Run

St. Boniface

St. Francis of Assisi, Dale

St. Joseph, Vand. Co.

St. Mary, Huntingburg

St. Matthew, Mt. Vernon

St. Peter, Montgomery 



Holy Cross Parish
Fort Branch



Our Lady of Hope Parish
Washington

32 PARISHES
produced at least
1 seminarian
in the past
23 years

SINCE 2000...

71% of parishes
have produced at
least **1 seminarian**

42% of parishes have
produced **2 or more** seminarians

20% of our parishes have
produced **53%** of our
seminarians



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VOCATION STATISTICS

SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PRODUCED AT LEAST THREE
DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS SINCE 2000 A.D.

TOP HIGH SCHOOLS



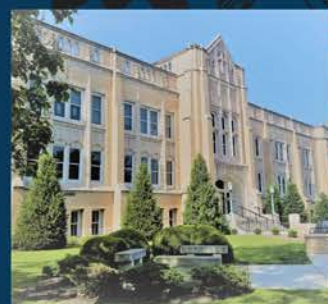
Mater Dei



Gibson Southern



Jasper High School



Reitz Memorial



Washington Catholic



Vincennes Rivet



Northeast Dubois



Castle High School

Mater Dei 11

Gibson Southern 10

Jasper 9

Reitz Memorial 6

Homeschool 5

Washington Catholic 5

Castle 4

Northeast Dubois 3

Vincennes Rivet 3



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HOLY HOUR & MASS FOR VOCATIONS

MONDAY NIGHTS AT SACRED HEART

6:30pm Holy Hour – Adoration & Confession

7:30pm Mass



SACRED HEART CHURCH - 2701 WEST FRANKLIN STREET - EVANSVILLE - 47712



SAVIO

PRAY. FEAST. BEFRIEND. SACRIFICE.



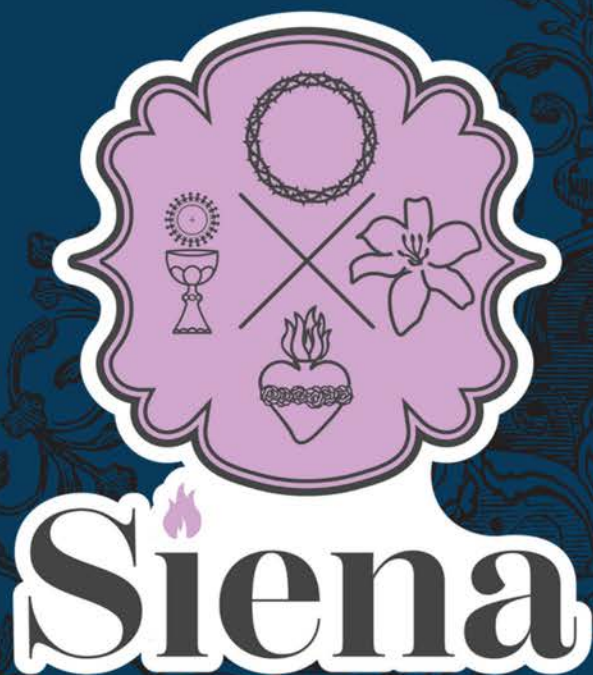
150 years ago, a teenage boy named Dominic Savio made four promises. By PRAYER, FEASTING, FRIENDSHIP & SACRIFICE, Dominic sought to deepen his relationship with Jesus Christ and to discern and follow his vocation. In "SAVIO" we live St. Dominic's promises together.

If you are looking for Faith Formation and Discernment, join us. We would love to have you in our brotherhood.



SCAN ME

WWW.EVANSVILLEVOICATIONS.ORG/SAVIO



After four years of building a brotherhood with SAVIO, the Vocations Office is now offering a similar community for young women.

Named after the virgin Doctor of the Church, Saint Catherine of Siena, "SIENA" gathers like-minded high school and middle school girls together. There is one goal: "to become who you were made to be."

Saint Catherine of Siena said that when we are our truest selves, we will set the world on fire. Would you like to join us?



SCAN ME



Join
-us!

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

MORE THAN OUR VOCATIONS OFFICE OFFERS



FIAT

Many young women are being called by the Lord to belong totally to his Sacred Heart. Do you know someone who might want to meet others hearing that call? Click "Fiat" on our website for more.



ANNUAL CLERIC CUP

What is more fun than seeing your priests trying to take on the seminarians or even the teenage Savio team? Well, they've won two of the last three years. Join us to cheer them on in 2024!



ALL SAINTS DAY PHOTO CONTEST

Part of becoming holy and growing in virtue is paying attention to holy and virtuous things. Each November 1, the Savio guys compete to dress like Saint statues and paintings. Vote for your favorite on Facebook ("Evansville Vocations").



SERVER TRAINING CAMP

Each summer, every parish pastor is invited to nominate one or two young men from his parish to be formed at a three-day, two-night Server Training Camp run by diocesan seminarians.



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HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDIES

Since 2021, the Father Deydier House residents and Director have broken open the Word of God with male students at Mater Dei High School every Tuesday morning. In 2023, we began one at Reitz Memorial, as well. Come pray and study with us!



FATHER SON RETREAT

A Savio dad asked for more intentional time with his son, and the annual Father Son Retreat at Gasper River was born. This three-day weekend retreat each spring offers time for prayer, competition and prayer for fathers and sons.



TURIN₂₃... AND TURIN₂₅!

Guys in Savio get to know the Saints as we talk about and ask their intercession, but nothing beats getting to walk where they walked. Juniors & Seniors are able to visit the tomb of St. Dominic Savio every other year.



PILGRIMAGE & PAINTBALL

On June 26th, we celebrate the heavenly entry of our first Bishop, Ven. Simon Bruté with a pilgrimage and Mass at his tomb in Vincennes, followed by a celebratory round of paintball, ice skating, or a pool party.



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SATURDAY MORNING FUN RUNS

An early morning Mass and 2.5 mile run on a weekend? Bring it on! Another Savio event that brings our teenage guys together for virtue and holiness, usually in the fall.



SERRA CLUB

Laity are the backbone of creating and sustaining a culture of vocations in our diocese. The Serra Club of Evansville meets monthly to pray and discuss ways to support vocations ministries. Contact the Vocations Office for more information.



SAVIO & SIENA T-SHIRTS

Most clubs and organizations give t-shirts away for free. At Savio at Siena, you have to earn it. Complete tasks like 5 days of cold showers, reading a book of the Bible or doing 1000 pushups to earn one!



DISCERNMENT WEEKENDS

Getting to stay at the Father Deydier House helps young men confirm a call to priesthood or to have more clarity in going another route. Discernment Retreats are hosted each fall and spring.



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Servers and seminarians at the close of the third annual Server Training Camp, July 2023