

# CAMPUS MINISTRY



*© Come, let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

## FROM OUR PASTOR

**Happy Advent!** I pray that you are experiencing great peace in Christ and great expectation in what He wants to do in your life during this season.

One particular joy for me in life has been campus ministry. Before going to seminary, I was a FOCUS missionary; it was an amazing time in my life, and I knew that it was also a preparation for ministry that would come later. It was always something that I knew was a very important ministry because it is a key time in a young person's life.

Now in my seventeenth year in active ministry, I have even more appreciation for the reality that college is a uniquely fluid time in a person's life. It is often a time of questioning their own foundations of faith or faithlessness and a time of searching for answers about life, about God, and about what matters. St. John the Baptist Parish has the privilege and responsibility of ministering to the students of EMU and WCC in this pivotal moment in their lives. This is a great joy for us! We have been blessed to have a wonderful group of student leaders and staff who are pursuing the Lord's plans for their lives and doing this together in community. Our campus ministry community is very joyful and Spirit-filled. Their peers find this way of life compelling. From households to Sunday brunches to the outreach on campus, our students and staff are witnessing the difference that it makes to put Christ at the center of their lives. It has been a great joy for me personally to get to minister alongside them. I'm blessed to be able to go on campus and preach with them, to worship God with them at disciples night events, to spend some time with them at men's night events, and to be part of forming them as leaders through all of it. I am also very grateful for your generous support of this work to bring young people into friendship with Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for your support for this important ministry. **May the peaceful reign of Jesus be over you this Christmas.**

In Christ,

Fr. Dan Kogut



## FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

**What an exciting semester it has been so far!** It has been a gift having Fr. Dan Kogut and Fr. Jack, as they are both passionate about bringing students to Christ. Fr. Dan's conviction to street preach and meet students on campus has ignited a new fire in our student missionaries to preach the gospel and pray with students on campus.

A highlight from this year was a vigil put on by one of our students for Charlie Kirk. As we were standing there with candles lit and praising God, there were a third of our number standing opposite to us screaming and protesting our presence. This was such a clear visual of the reality of the battle on EMU's campus. At that moment, I felt like the Lord said to me, "Look at each of their faces. Look closely. These are your children too. I have sent you to serve them." A deep love welled in my heart for every student on campus, especially those who need Him the most!

This school year, I ask for your prayers as we continue to engage students on both EMU's and WCC's campuses. **Pray for the Holy Spirit to have His way among us and in our students. I count on your prayers; count on mine!**

Love and Prayers,

Sr. Lisa Zelfa





## OUR PLAYBOOK

### WHY DO WE EXIST?

To equip college students, in the Power of the Holy Spirit, to Proclaim Jesus!

### HOW DO WE BEHAVE?

Our pillars: structure for our culture

#### JOYFUL HOSPITALITY

Loving others in the power of the Holy Spirit: with joyful and mature minds

#### HEALTHY ROOTS

Seeking security, maturity & purity

#### FIXED ON HIS HANDS

We strive to be feet washers with our eyes fixed on His Hands.

#### MISSION FOCUSED

It's all about Jesus! All from Him! All for Him!

#### LOCKED IN HIS GAZE

We desire to be locked in Jesus' gaze, in tune with the Holy Spirit and abiding in the Father

#### ALL IN!

Pursuing self control and not shying away from self denial

#### THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

Communicating directly, honestly, respectfully, and vulnerably

### WHAT DO WE DO?

#### SMALL GROUPS



#### OUTREACH



#### HOUSEHOLDS



#### SUNDAY BRUNCH



#### DISCIPLE NIGHTS



#### MISSION TRIPS



#### RETREATS



## THE BEAUTY OF HOUSEHOLD LIFE

SJB Campus Ministry households are more than shared walls and schedules; they are living a common life in Christian community. Within our households, our students encounter Jesus through one another in the ordinary moments of daily life. Whether it's through shared meals, laughter around the table, or late-night prayer together in the living room, households become places where faith is lived out.

Household life offers a rhythm of prayer, fellowship, and mission. Students living in households commit to praying together, supporting one another, and creating a space where Christ is truly at the center. Hosting other college students into this environment allows the joy of the Gospel to overflow beyond the walls of the home.

In the beauty of this communal life, household members learn how to love selflessly, forgive freely, and grow in holiness together. It's in these simple yet sacred rhythms, prayer, service, hospitality, and shared life, that the presence of Jesus becomes undeniable. Household life is a beautiful encounter with Christ lived daily in communal living.

Emily Hall  
Campus Ministry Coordinator



### STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

#### KATIE NICKERSON



SJB Campus Ministry has shown me the joy and depth of a life centered on Jesus. Being part of a community of friends who share the same desire to grow in relationship with the Lord and live out discipleship has been a true gift. Seeing how they live out their faith and share their experiences has inspired me to pursue Christ more fully and faithfully.

This community reminds me that following Jesus is not only meaningful but joyful and worth every effort. SJB Campus Ministry has strengthened my walk with the Lord and shown me what a faith that truly radiates His love can look like in everyday life.

Katie Nickerson

## HELP EXTEND OUR REACH THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS

Donations can be made online: [www.osvhub.com/ypsilanticatholic/giving/funds/campus-ministry](http://www.osvhub.com/ypsilanticatholic/giving/funds/campus-ministry) or by check payable to: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, include "SJB Campus Ministry" in the memo line.

To learn more or to get involved, contact Sr. Lisa at [srlisa@ypsicatholic.org](mailto:srlisa@ypsicatholic.org). Follow us on Instagram (@sjbcampusministry) for all news, updates, and activities.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!



## CAMPUS MINISTRY



# HOW DO YOU ENCOUNTER JESUS IN CAMPUS MINISTRY?



**Jacob Page**

The ways that I encountered Jesus at campus ministry is through Adoration with Praise and Worship and through the amazing people that attend who live out their faith to the fullest and strive to help others on their journey of faith as well.



**Alex Uram**

I encountered Jesus in my campus ministry small group through prayer and sharing with my brothers in Christ about our spiritual lives.



**Carissa Parunak**

Campus ministry has given me people with whom to run, to hold me accountable, and to encourage me in my faith. I would not be the person I am today without the incredible relationships I've had the opportunity to build here!



**Isaac LeBlanc**

No matter how busy or crazy my week as a college student gets, I can always show up to Campus Ministry and find rest in the Lord and be uplifted by the community.



**Ella Toth**

The community has taught me how to have a godly relationship with God.



**Kolbe Noch**

This year, I have encountered Jesus through a deep enrichment of relationships, both old and new.



**Mariana Miller**

This year, I encountered Jesus through the relationships I have with the people in my small group and the Jesus-centered conversations we have every week together.



**Eva Thomason**

I've encountered Jesus through having Christ centered friendships with women who call me higher, and who are always ready to support me when I fall short.



**Theresa Rutz**

The Lord is very present to me in my relationships with others in campus ministry.



**Adie deChavez**

I've encountered Jesus by people who really know Him and live like Him.



**Garrett Pog**

I have encountered Jesus through opening myself up to deeper friendships with my household and exploring new truths about myself that only this community could reveal.

*"Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."*

– St. Catherine of Siena



## LIFE AS A MISSIONARY

A little over 2 years ago, one of the announcements after Sunday Mass was an invitation to a brunch for college students. I decided to go based on a conviction from the Lord and a little pushing from my family. I was met with genuine smiles and lots of faithful young Catholics that cared about knowing and accepting me as I am.

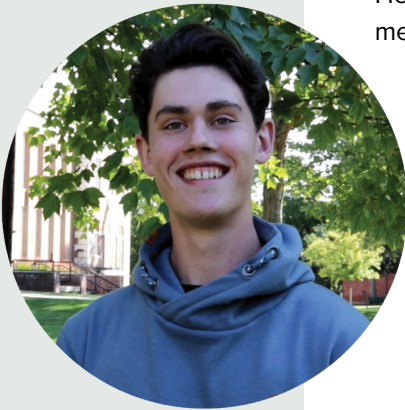
This got me hooked on the community and eventually led to me going on a winter retreat called Empower held by Damascus. There, they had a period of praise and worship with a Eucharistic procession. When Jesus faced me, I had a very, very profound and clear vision. The whole room went black and my hearing was all the way muffled. The entire Holy Family showed themselves to me, and they all embraced me. This vision has been replaying in my mind ever since and it has turned into a longing for other people to know and love Jesus. I soon realized that the Lord was calling me to be a missionary for SJB campus ministry.

Scott Wells  
Campus Ministry Missionary



### STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

### MICHAEL PARUNAK



Hello, I'm Michael Parunak—a student and worship leader at Campus Ministry! For me, leading worship is an opportunity to discern and intentionally seek what God wants for each Disciples' Night. During those Thursday night gatherings, I get to lead friends and fellow students in songs of praise to the Lord. It's an honor and a joy, but it also shows me how much I need Jesus. My music means nothing if the Lord doesn't bless it and work through it. Learning how to depend more on God in this role has been a huge blessing for me! Another grace is the chance to pray and plan with others about our community and the future of worship at SJB. Recently, we were able to host a public worship night on campus. God, as usual, is doing incredible things, and He's only just beginning!



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#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat. Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sun.: 9:00 and 11:00 AM

#### DAILY MASS TIMES

Mon.: 12:15 PM  
Tues.: 6:00 PM  
Wed.: 8:00 AM  
Thur.: 8:00 AM  
Fri.: 12:15 PM  
Sat.: 8:00 AM

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