



My name is Deacon Kraig Gruss, and beginning on July 1, I will be your parochial vicar at St. Ann and Sacred Heart Churches! I am so excited to begin this next step in my life, to be able to serve you all and help bring the love of God into your lives! A little about myself, I was born and raised in Coldwater, Ohio, with my home parish being Holy Trinity. I am the third of six boys. I graduated from High School in 2017. I then went to Franciscan University of Steubenville, where I received my Bachelor degree in philosophy and theology and was a member of the Priestly Discernment Program. Attending Franciscan University played an essential role in my discernment

toward the priesthood, because while I was learning about the faith, I also grew to love God more in my prayer and studies. After I graduated in 2021, I applied and was accepted to Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati. I was ordained a transitional deacon last year and am currently preparing for my ordination to the Priesthood which will occur on May 16. Seminary has been an amazing experience, with being able to learn more about my faith but also come closer to God with my brother seminarians. Some of my interests include hiking, grilling, and reading. I love being outside whenever possible and getting lost in the woods. If you ever see me around the parish, feel free to come and say hello! Please pray for me as I finish up my time in seminary and begin to prepare to serve you all as a new Priest in July! Know of my prayers for you all! God Bless!