

**FR. JAMES-PETER TRARES, O.P.
CELEBRATES MASS OF THANKSGIVING**



The Parish Community of St. Joseph was honored to celebrate a beautiful Mass with the newly ordained Fr. James-Peter on Sunday, June 4, 2017, at the 8:30 a.m. liturgy. Our pastor, Fr. Ed Stafford, welcomed our St. Joseph Parish son as he concelebrated this Mass of Thanksgiving on the Feast of Pentecost. The chalice used was a gift to Fr. James-Peter from Bernice Heritage in memory of her late husband, Austin, a 4th Degree member with the Knights of Columbus (the Mass intention happened to be for him also).



Many thanks to Fr. Ed, Deacon Gerry Scopilitti, Bill Davies, Director of Music, our Music Ministry, the Worship Committee, the Women's Auxiliary of the Mantua Knights of Columbus Council #3766, and the Parish Staff for their help, guidance, and support.

Fr. James-Peter graduated from Crestwood High School in Mantua in 2006, then earned a Bachelor of Music in Liturgical Music and a minor in Theology from Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI, in 2010. He entered the novitiate for the Province of St. Albert the Great (Central Province) in Denver in 2010 and made his first profession of vows in August, 2011. He received a dual Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO, on May 12. We congratulate Fr. James-Peter who was ordained a Catholic priest on May 20, at St. Pius V Catholic Church in St. Louis, MO.



Fr. James-Peter will be assigned as a campus minister and theology professor at the University of St. Thomas based in the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN. He'll reside with ten other Dominicans at St. Albert the Great Priory, 2833 32nd Ave., South, Minneapolis, MN 55406 .

[more photos available on our parish website]

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you" (Philippians 1:3). These words from St. Paul sum up beautifully what I want to say to you all. Being back home and celebrating Mass at the parish in which I grew up was a great blessing. When people ask what it was like, I say that it just felt right.

I would like to thank all of you for your constant prayers and encouragement. The faith and dedication of the parish community is so vital to all of us fulfilling our vocations, whatever they may be. Thank you especially to Fr. Ed for his warm welcome and hospitality. The parish is blessed to have him. Thank you to my parents for working so hard to prepare for the celebration. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary for putting together such a great brunch at the reception. It was a delight to visit with everyone--parishioners, family, and guests. Thank you also to all who gave cards and gifts. I have read through each of them, and will be remembering each of you in prayer over the coming weeks.

Let's keep in touch and keep praying for each other. I hope to see many of you when I return to Ohio in a few weeks.

*God Bless,
Fr. James-Peter*

