

Ordination date?

May 18, 2019

What was your home parish?

St. Peter in Lorain, although I had been involved at St. Anthony of Padua in Dayton for several years right before returning home to enter the seminary.

Who is your favorite saint and why?

I'm a Mama's boy, so Mary, of course! After her, it's a long list that depends on the situation. We are blessed to have so many exemplars to befriend and emulate. I consecrated my diaconate to St. Maximilian Kolbe, my priesthood to St. John the Evangelist, and completed the new consecration to St. Joseph last year. Padre Pio finds his way into my life, too.

What's something we don't know about you?

Chuck Yeager (the first person to break the sound barrier) and I both drove silver/grey cars with vanity plates for his famous plane (the X1 named Glamorous Glennis) at the same time. I only know this because someone once told me (without knowing anything about mine) that they saw his car at Edwards Air Force Base.

He drove a silver Corvette with a plate that said "X 1," while I drove a grey car with a plate that said "GLMSGLNS."

What is your favorite devotion?

The Litany of St. Joseph

What is your favorite season and why?

Advent. Even though it is a time to slow down, remove distractions, and focus more intentionally on the spiritual life—there is something exciting in the "already-but-not-yet" tension of the season. Some of the Church's best music comes from Advent and we only have 3-plus weeks for it (*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* cannot be overplayed in that time!). I think there is nostalgia with childhood, too.

Who is your favorite superhero?

Batman, he doesn't have any fake superpowers. He's just a sheepdog working through his childhood trauma and making his city safer.

What career would you choose if you were not a priest?

There's a lot of fascination with other things, none for which I am meant. But, I do think these things would be cool if my vocation was marriage: Green Beret. Trauma surgeon. Exercise physiologist.

With which Apostle or Saint do you most closely identify and why?

Saint Paul. I enjoy preaching and writing, and need his intercession in being as "no nonsense" as he is.

What is the richest blessing of your priesthood to date?

Seeing God's mercy at work in Confession, conversion and conviction take place in RCIA, and anytime someone "gets it" or realizes God's truth, love, or presence in a new or deeper way.

Anything else you would like us to know?

I've been pretty far from God and have come to see that there is nothing more important than becoming a saint.