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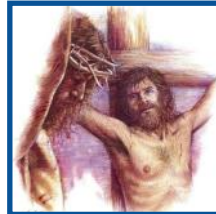
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## Grand Knight's Message

**Brother,**

***With the celebration of Easter, the most holy day of the Church's calendar - the glorious triumph of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the very foundation of our faith and the call to renewal in our daily lives.***

***Easter invites each of us to reflect deeply on our own spiritual journey. Just as Christ emerged from the tomb, we too are called to rise - renewed in faith, strengthened in purpose, and recommitted to the mission entrusted to us as Catholic men and Knights of Columbus.***

***As Brother Knights, this season challenges us to rekindle our devotion in three important areas:***

***First, our faith. Let us continue to grow closer to God through prayer, participation in weekly Mass, the sacraments, and a deeper understanding of our Catholic teachings. The empty tomb reminds us that nothing is impossible with God, and that our faith must be alive, active, and visible.***

***Second, our service to the Church and community. The Resurrection is a call to action. We are reminded that our Order exists not only for fraternity, but for charity and unity. Let us renew our commitment to serving our parish, supporting our clergy, and reaching out to those in need with compassion and generosity.***

***Third, our families and brotherhood. Easter is a time of new life, and there is no greater place to nurture that life than within our families. As husbands, fathers, and brothers, we are called to lead with love, patience, and faith. Let us also remember our fellow Knights and their families - supporting one another in times of joy and hardship alike.***

***My Brother, the message of Easter is one of hope and renewal. Let us carry that message forward - not just in this season, but throughout the entire year. May we be men who reflect the light of the risen Christ in all that we do.***

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Jeff Christian, Grand Knight**



***“Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” (John 13:8)***

# Archdiocese of Indianapolis Aims to Help Former Prisoners



By Natalie Hoefler

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is launching a new initiative, Catholic Charities - Prison Reentry, aimed at helping people transition successfully from incarceration back into society. The program was inspired by stories like that of Jamarson Fitzgerald, who spent years cycling in and out of prison due to a lack of support after release. Without identification, stable housing, employment, or continued mental health care, he repeatedly returned to the same conditions that led to his incarceration.

Fitzgerald believes his life could have been different if someone had walked with him before and after his release - helping him prepare for reentry, connect with services, and find hope. That vision is at the heart of the new program, which pairs trained mentors with individuals beginning six months before their release and continuing well after they return to the community.

Deacon John Cord, coordinator of Catholic Charities-Corrections Ministries, said the program is rooted in Catholic social teaching, particularly the dignity of the human person and solidarity. While the archdiocese has long been involved in in-prison ministry and social justice advocacy, reentry support had remained largely unaddressed until now. Archbishop Charles C. Thompson directed Dcn Cord to develop a comprehensive approach that would complete the ministry's mission.

The reentry program addresses common challenges faced by returning citizens, including addiction recovery, mental and physical health care, legal and financial issues, family reunification, employment, and housing. Mentors will meet with participants prior to release, pick them up on release day, and help them access transitional housing and coordinated services through teams of local experts.

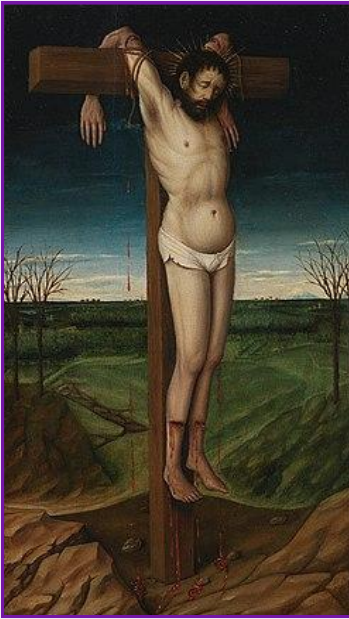
The Indiana Department of Corrections is supporting the effort, making a rare exception to allow mentors to begin working with individuals before release. State officials say building trust early and maintaining continuity after release are critical to success.

Initially, the program will launch in four counties - Bartholomew, Hendricks, Jackson, and Shelby - where existing services can be coordinated rather than duplicated. The long-term goal is to expand throughout all 39 counties in the archdiocese.

Formerly incarcerated individuals and community leaders say the program could be transformative. Many note that release from prison is often the most frightening moment, marked by isolation and anxiety rather than relief. Having a mentor who is invested in their success can provide stability, accountability, and hope.

Archbishop Thompson emphasized that while violence cannot be excused, justice must be tempered with mercy. The Church's goal, he said, is to walk with those seeking a fresh start - for the good of individuals, families, and society as a whole.

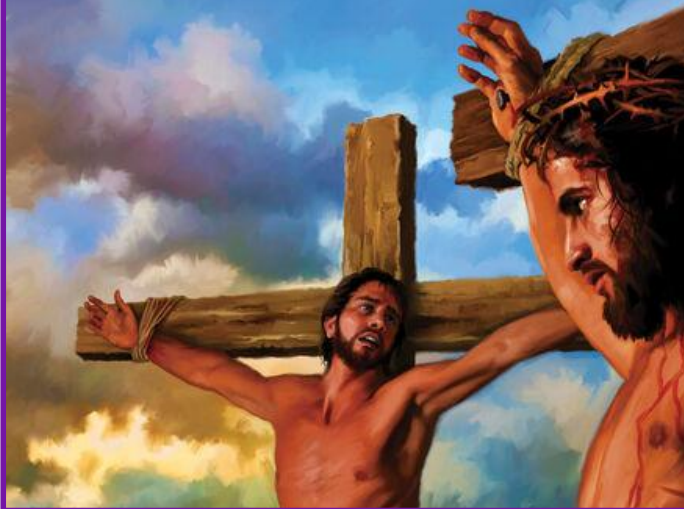
Excerpted from OSV News, October 2025 using MS Copilot. Natalie Hoefler is a staff writer at The Criterion, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. See the full article at <https://todayscatholic.org/archdiocese-of-indianapolis-aims-to-help-former-prisoners>. Contact Deacon Cord at 812-522-5304, 317-592-4012, or [dcord@archindy.org](mailto:dcord@archindy.org).



## ST. DISMAS

### The Good Thief Shows Us That It Is Never Too Late To Receive Christ's Redemption

St. Dismas, often referred to as the Good Thief, is one of the two criminals (often referred to as thieves in the scripture) crucified alongside Jesus. Unlike the other thief, Dismas recognizes Jesus's innocence and expresses faith in Him. Over the centuries, St. Dismas has become a symbol of repentance, hope, and the transformative power of grace, especially at the moment of death. His story is often cited to illustrate that redemption is possible for anyone, no matter their past, if they turn to God with a sincere heart.



## Canonized From The Cross

*From The Gospel According to St Luke  
Chapter 23*

<sup>26</sup> As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

<sup>32</sup> Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals - one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Do you not fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup> *Jesus answered him,  
"Verily I tell you, today you will be  
with me in paradise."*

## ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

### The Saint of Auschwitz

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan friar, deeply devoted to the Virgin Mary and founded the *Militia Immaculatae*, aiming to encourage consecration to Mary and spread Christian values through media and missionary work.

During the Nazi occupation of Poland, Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp due to his faith and charitable activities. In July 1941, when a fellow prisoner was selected for execution, Kolbe volunteered to take his place, ultimately giving his life for another. After surviving for roughly two weeks without food or water, he was executed by a camp guard using a lethal injection of phenol (carbolic acid) on 14 August 1941. Canonized as a saint in 1982, St. Maximilian Kolbe is celebrated as a martyr of charity and a powerful symbol of self-giving love. He is a patron saint of those addicted to drugs, ham radio operators, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement.



# God Lets Me Let It Go

**Brother Knight Josh Hoban has lived the story of growing up, following a path of crime and drugs, and finding redemption and renewal. In this interview, he shares his story of making bad decisions, paying the price for them, and finding redemption in his faith and through the grace of others.**

By Michael Daniels

Josh Hoban grew up like a lot of kids in small town Indiana. From Waldron, he lived with his mother and father and, though not raised Catholic, had a big influence from his Catholic grandmother. "I wanted to honor her, to be like her," he says.

But like so many others, Josh fell into the temptations that occur in small towns with little to do. "I was smoking cigarettes at age 10," he says. "My buddy who I walked to school with would steal them from his mom's pack, and we'd smoke one walking to school." That soon graduated into marijuana by age 11. "An adult I knew smoked his 'pipe tobacco,'" Josh says. "I didn't know any different. I mean, it was weird looking and green, but I liked how it made me feel and so did my friends." Between smoking joints on the way to school and dipping tobacco in class, it seemed routine, especially watching the adults in his life do likewise.



Josh and his family

"One day, they took my class to the IMAX theatre," he recalls, "and there was this big presentation on how drugs are bad. How smoking a cigarette would immediately kill you, or how dipping tobacco would suddenly make your lips have tumors and fall off. My friends and I were like, 'Hey, we do that stuff, and nothing has happened to us.' It all seemed like a big hoax – the adults were lying to us about that," and so probably lying about all of the other 'lessons' in the drug prevention video.

From age 11 to 14, Josh kept stealing weed, and even when confronted him about it, he denied it and brushed it off. "He was pretty pissed," Josh says. "He tried to get me to stop," but it wasn't immediately obvious if stopping was because the marijuana could be bad for Josh, or if that person was just upset that his own stash was being depleted.

"Around age 14 or 15, some of the high schoolers I was hanging around with had my first primo (marijuana laced with cocaine), and I loved that," Josh remembers. At age 16 he was dropping acid (LSD), and by age 18 he had found methamphetamine.

"I love to hallucinate," Josh says. "Hallucinations bring everything that's chaotic in the world into focus for me and they make it make sense."

While avoiding interaction with law enforcement for the most part, Josh did have a few encounters with underage drinking, and then later public intoxication and vandalism, but nothing that rose above the misdemeanor level. But he was getting tired of traveling on a bicycle and couch hopping among friends. "One day, it just hit me. I was homeless, standing in the cold

rain. I had drugs. I had money. I had all of the things I thought would make me happy, but I was just at my wit's end. I turned to God and said, "OK, I'm just done. God, do something to end this." And He did.

The catalyzing event in Josh's path to sobriety and healing wasn't directly drug related. "Did I get busted for some weird drug thing?" he muses. "No, I got stopped. At a few minutes past midnight. For a license plate that had expired at midnight that day. That wasn't a fluke – that was God making His move."

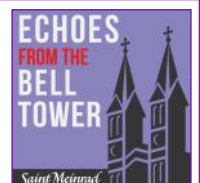
Josh was charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute (dealing), possession, and a host of minor charges. He got probation, but after violating that and being arrested again on the same charges, this time it got real.

"I was sentenced to 11 years," he says. "I served 7 of those, and it saved my life."

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**BONUS CONTENT - "Echoes from the Bell Tower"** podcast from St Meinrad. Listen to podcast hosts Br Joel Blaize, OSB, and Br Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB, talk with a fellow monk, Br Zachary Wilberding, OSB, who has been doing prison ministry for about 12 years. He talks about how he became involved in this work and what motivates him to keep going back each week. 16:16, 21 May 2020

<https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/seminary-blog/echoes-from-the-bell-tower/unforgotten-brothers-in-christ/>



*Cont. from previous page* In prison, Josh failed out of the drug program multiple times, but on his last attempt, he decided to get serious. "I told my counselor I couldn't change everything all at once, and to set a series of stepwise goals, and to hold me accountable." It worked, because Josh made it work. He committed to the program, did the hard work, left the gang and drug life behind, and leaned on his mentors.

It was during this time that Josh encountered Br Zachary Wilberding and the prison ministry from St Meinrad. With Br Zachary and Fr Justin DuVall as his spiritual sponsors and guides, Josh was baptized and confirmed into the Mother Church while incarcerated.

When he was up for probation from his sentence, he wrote a letter to the court. In it, he described the changes that had occurred within him and his desire for supports when he came out. His wishes echoed those of his prison counselor, and were received favorably by the local court – coincidentally presided over by fellow St Joseph parishioner Judge Trent Meltzer.

After leaving prison, Josh spent six months at The Grace House in Shelbyville, a halfway/recovery home operated by Brother Knight Greg Parks. With Br Zachary at his side, he found the strength to begin attending Mass at St Joseph. "Church can be scary," Josh says, "especially when you look like me – tattooed, convicted drug felon ... but I wanted to have my grandmother's nature." I remember sitting with Br Zachary, and raising my hand at Mass. Fr Mike (Keucher) called on me, and I stood in front of the congregation and told my story. I felt finally at home." He has found a place in the St Joseph Parish, and joined the Sacred Heart Council #822 of the Knights of Columbus on 6 August 2021.

"No one is going to change until they want to change," Josh says, "and until they look to God, let go of their baggage, and let Him carry it."

Josh now works as an electrician. He has adult children from a previous relationship, and is raising his 5-year-old son with his wife. "God is The Father, and He's showing me what being a father truly is," Josh says. "If you make the commitment, and surround yourself with sponsors and mentors, you can make it, one day at a time, with God in control."



Josh's 2015 mugshot

**Sacred Heart Council 822**  
**Knight of the Month**

***Proverbs 17:22 - "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones."***

***This Brother always has a witty response and never genuinely complains about his many ailments or anything else. He is a faithful Catholic and serves the Church and the council religiously (pun intended).***

***Congratulations Kenny Roell***  
***- Jeff Christian, Grand Knight***



***Humility, Service, and Love***

The *Mandatum*, or foot washing, is a Holy Thursday ritual, stemming from Jesus washing his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), that symbolizes humility, service, and love. Performed by the Pope to emulate Christ, it emphasizes serving the marginalized - including prisoners and immigrants - rather than being served. It signifies that authority should be used for humble service

The late pontiff explained his decision to lawfully permit a wider representation of the People of God to take part in the ceremony by noting that he had been reflecting on the foot-washing ritual for some time, and determined that it needed to better reflect "the significance of the gesture Jesus performed in the Upper Room, giving himself 'to the very end' for the salvation of the world, [and] his boundless charity."



# Spending time with Jesus: *The Light of the World*

The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St Joseph opened on 23 June 2019, and Brother Knight Jim Kozinski was an instrumental part of its creation.

“The Holy Spirit called me to Shelbyville, that’s why I’m here, to start an adoration chapel,” Kozinski says. “It’s important to have this place, where anyone can go at any time to spend time with Jesus - to give thanks, to make petition, to seek comfort from sorrow or grief, or to rejoice in thanksgiving.”

The chapel, currently in the Church office building, will be relocated to the new church offices in the former rectory/convent as part of the overall renovation plan of the parish grounds.

In addition to the Blessed Sacrament, the chapel holds the Stations of the Cross, representations of the Blessed Mother in her apparitional form as Our Lady of Guadalupe, a statue of St Joseph, and rotating sacramentals and relics of other saints.

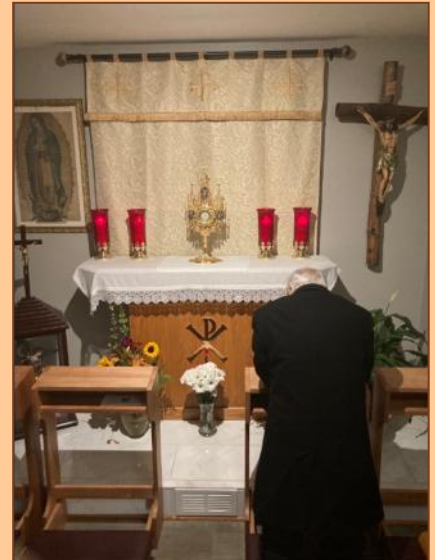
The lobby contains various prayer cards, blessed objects including rosaries and medallions, all available free of charge to visitors.

“The chapel is a place that brings Jesus to the people, and the people to Jesus,” Kozinski says. To date, the chapel has had more than 90,000 confirmed/logged visits. Over its 2,448 days (as of the date of this writing), that accounts for more than 36 person hours/day of perpetual Adoration.

“Visitors to the chapel are more than just Adorers. They are Guardians of Christ, watching over the Blessed Sacrament and ensuring that the Body of Christ is never alone in our parish,” Kozinski says.

While he has stepped down as the coordinator of the chapel, Kozinski remains committed to its success and purpose, spending at least two hours per week in Adoration himself.

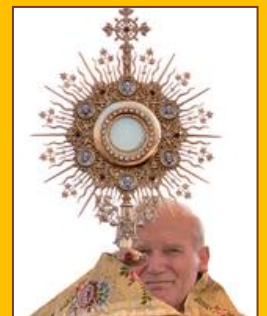
“Jesus truly is the Light of the World,” he adds. Through the efforts of Kozinski and other parishioners, that Light shines brightly for St Joseph and St Vincent, and will for decades to come.



*In this undated photo, Fr Paul Landwerlen prays at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at 10p on a Friday evening, as was his faithful habit. Photo courtesy of Jim Kozinski.*








***“I hope that this form of Adoration, with permanent exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament, will continue into the future. Specifically, I hope [for] the establishment of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes and Christian communities throughout the world.”***

***- Pope St John Paul II***



# The Sacraments

*The saving words and deeds of Jesus Christ are the foundation of what He would communicate in the Sacraments through the ministers of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit.*

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<p>The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Jesus did not need to be baptized, however, He wanted to show His solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father.</p> <p>Through baptism, He established the means by which people would die to sin – original and actual – and begin to live a new life with God.</p>	<p>Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.</p>	<p>Not only does penance free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."</p>	<p>Scripture often refers to marriage, its origin and purpose, the meaning God gave to it, and its renewal in the covenant made by Jesus with His Church.</p> <p>Matrimony is, therefore, a permanent union of persons capable of knowing and loving each other and God</p>	<p>While all the baptized share in Christ's priesthood, the ministerial priesthood shares this through the Sacrament of Holy Orders in a special way.</p> <p>Ordination to the priesthood Holy Orders is always a call and a gift from God.</p>	<p>In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. The core message of His healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by His dying and rising.</p>
						

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### Recurring Events

- » 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month: Council business meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month: Columbian Homes meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month - COR group - men's faith and formation, 7p. All men welcome - you need not be a Knight.
- FOR MEALS AND BAR TABS, THE CLUB ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS AT THE BAR!**
- » Wednesday nights: choice of wings or shrimp dinner (6-8p), drawing & 50/50 raffle.  
 1/2 order (5 pc w/fries) - \$9; Full order (10 pc w/fries) - \$13; Fries only - \$2. Open to the public.
- » Thursday nights: BINGO! (6:30p). Open to the public.
- » Friday nights: dinner (6-8p) - Open to the public. - NOTE: PRICES HAVE MODERATELY INCREASED DUE TO FOOD AND OVERHEAD COSTS  
 Steak nights will be at market price, all other meals will be \$15
- » Saturday lunch: Hamburger, cheeseburger, breaded or grilled tenderloin - \$6; with fries, - \$9. Open to the public.

Please email story suggestions to our Recorder, Michael Daniels, at [mdanielscmh@gmail.com](mailto:mdanielscmh@gmail.com).



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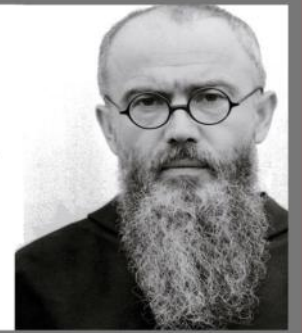


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***Pope John Paul II***

