



Jacob Kleinhenz shares how the Shrine provides nourishment for his faith journey - the Shrine is here for you and your loved ones too!

How do you nourish your spiritual life? Is your heart and mind open to God's will!? Do you rely on God to have a say about where you are headed on your faith journey?

A prayer request that we hear over and over at the Shrine is **"please pray for family members to return to the faith/church."** We understand there is concern, and rightly so - we live in a fast-paced world that keeps us so busy it may seem that we do not have time for God. The truth is that we have to make time for God. . .

You are invited to slow down and make time for God. Join us at the Shrine where many forms of prayer and ministry (for all ages) are offered. **Come to better know and trust God to be with you on your journey.** Recently, Jacob Kleinhenz shared what the Shrine means to him and his faith journey - the Shrine is here for you and your loved ones too!

This place of peace, prayer and hospitality is made possible by donations - every year, every month and every day. . . Please consider making a gift online or with the enclosed envelope. **You can make a difference - your financial support will provide opportunities for others to grow spiritually too.** As you consider almsgiving as a part of your preparation for Easter, can we count on your support?

Have you ever met someone and **as you listen to their story - you appreciate the hope & joy they are experiencing?** I see that in Jacob. He shares how the Shrine provides nourishment for his faith journey - may I share his journey with you?

- Jacob's first visit was to the **Pilgrim Gift Shop** with his family.
- Over the years, Jacob has attended **Countryfest** held on Shrine grounds each June.
- Attending **Saturday morning Mass** at the Shrine
- He really appreciates **building relationships** with others in discussions about their faith.
- The **group guided tour of the Shrine** was a real eye-opener! Jacob knew the Shrine was right here in his backyard but did not realize how much it had to offer!
- Especially the second largest collection of relics in the USA! **"There is a tremendous opportunity to pray with the relics and ask the Saints to intercede for our needs!"**

(Some of his favorite saints are pictured here: Saint John Paul II, Saint Mother Teresa, and Saint Maximilian Kolbe)



- **Eucharistic Adoration** - Time and conversations with Christ. **"What a Spiritual Reboot!"**
- Jacob enjoys running, walking and praying on the grounds.
- Gathering with "Quo Vadis?" a group of over 50 young adults every other Sunday in the Upper Room at the Shrine, where **they engage with a variety of faith-based speakers & socialize.** What a sign of hope for the next generation!

While there are so many struggling with the crosses they bear, there are others who are truly open to God's will and are at peace. What began years ago as a trip to the Shrine's Pilgrim Gift Shop with his family, has evolved into a mature appreciation of the many aspects of the Shrine and how his spiritual life has grown.

Would you please consider a gift to further the ministry work at the Shrine that serves so many? Lives are touched at the Shrine, and **there are many more lives that you can help touch with your support.** You can make your gift online at mariasteinshrine.org. We appreciate you, and we will be praying for you.

May this Lenten Season be a time of spiritual growth for you,

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