

Fourth Year Seminarian Nathaniel Brown's Journey

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Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord and our crucified Redeemer.

Classes have started for my final Semester. It is strange to think about this being my last lent before I am a pastor. Right now, I am in a class on Baptism.



We are exploring the Biblical texts on Baptism, as well as other denominations views on Baptism, and how the Lutheran Confessions view Baptism. It is a wonderful class, and I

love it so far. I am also right now in a class on Pastoral Leadership and Theology, which is talking about scenarios that we may deal with in the parish. It is a slower paced class, because it is my only full semester class. I am also in a class walking through the entire book of Hebrews, which is a fascinating book to read through as well.

Also, the end of January marked half of a year that I have been dating Laura. She is a music therapy



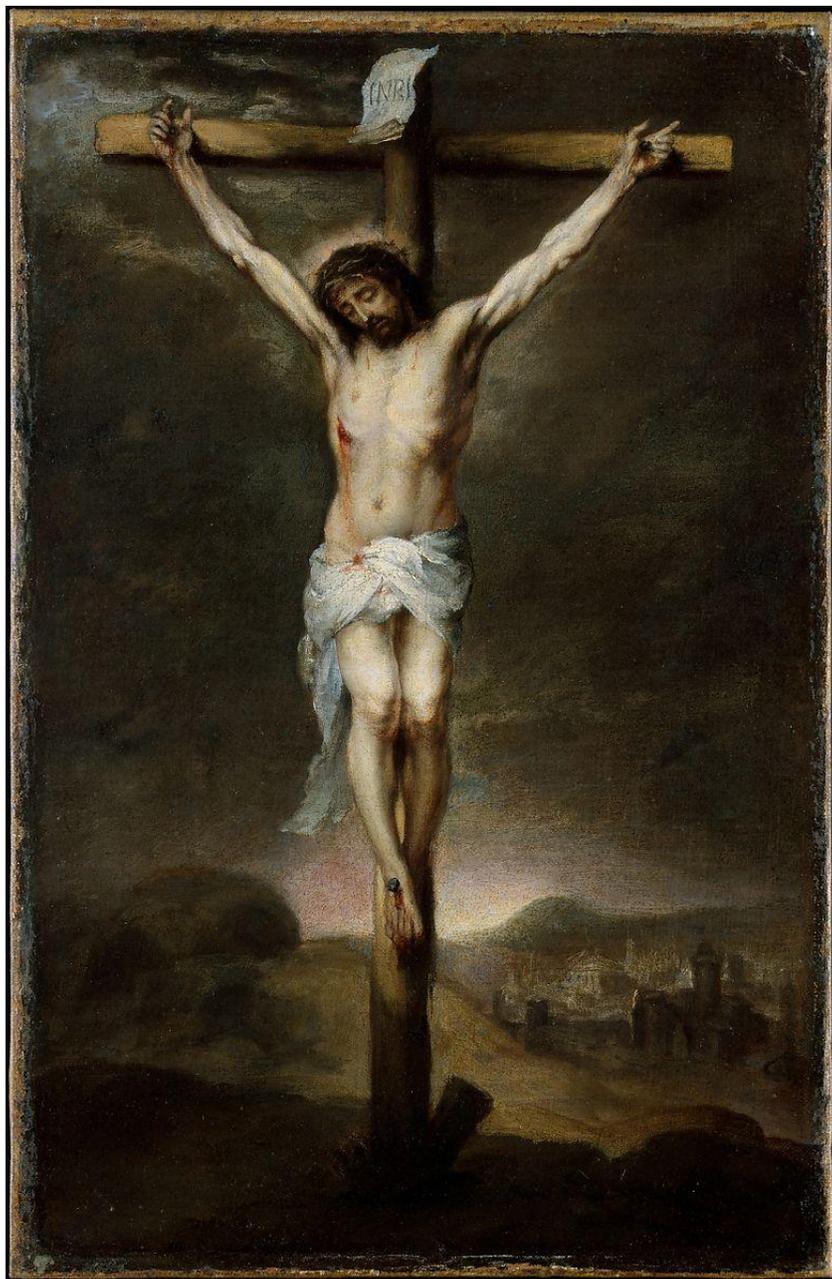
Prayer List:

- For all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Christ and so be saved.
- For all our leaders, that the rules they enact may lead us to quiet and dignified lives.
- That the Church may be strengthened in her mission.
- For the Seminaries in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be led faithfully.
- For all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, and for all people working to protect others through this.
- For all pastors and professors that they may be faithful in their service to the Church and to the Scripture
- For all graduates that they may be strengthened in faith as they transition into being called and ordained servants of Christ.
- For my professors as I complete my fourth year, that they may continue to be a well of knowledge needed in training future pastors.

If you have prayer requests, or want to talk, please send them to me!

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student at Concordia University, Nebraska. We met as sponsors for one of my classmate's son's baptism, and since then, it has been wonderful to talk to her, and to share each other's joys and sorrows together. Our favorite activity definitely is our nightly Bible Study, where we walk through a chapter or two of the Old Testament, Gospels, New Testament, and a Psalm or two as well. Grounding ourselves in the Word is easily our strength, and with God's help, I am confident that we can overcome any hardship that comes our way.



As you know, Call Day is approaching, but this month, my focus is on Lent. The 40 day season is one to reflect on our Lord Jesus and His walk to Calvary, to save mankind from their sinful nature, of which I am Chief of those Sinners. This season of somber reflection always is my favorite of the year. Easter is amazing because our Lord reigns, but Lent for me forces me to address my sin, and not dwell there, because Jesus covered that sin. He has covered my filthy rags of whatever good deeds I could make, and has healed all diseases. And He has done the same for you. May your lententide journey be fruitful, as together we march with our crosses to Calvary, to be crucified with our Lord in our Baptism, and to rise with Him in that same Baptism as well. My address for the next few

months is [Nathaniel Brown, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105](#). God's blessings to all of you!†