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# THE ADVENTURES

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## Let's have fun and talk about God

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This has been the motto since I first started back in July. I remember when I was in middle school and was really more into having fun than talking about God. To be fair, I was a kid and just wanted to play and laugh as every kid wanted to. No one really told me I could have fun and talk about God. After I had my reconversion back to the faith, I realized you can have fun, talk about God, and live a life of faith. Pope St. John Paul II once said, "Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." That's why we are called the Adventures because with God, life is truly an adventure!

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SAM SEVERANCE, SEMINARIAN, GAVE HIS VOCATION TALK



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## The Prodigal Son

A couple of weeks ago, I gave a talk on the Prodigal Son to the middle schoolers. Many of us have probably heard or read the parable in Luke 15. For me, this parable has been instrumental in my prayer life. When we read this, many of us probably relate to the son and some to the older son. Even though we talked about the two sons, I wanted to point out the father in the parable.



In Luke 15: 20, St. Luke writes, “And the (younger son) arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him.” The Father was waiting for the younger son to return home. The Father ran to him and if you look at the painting, Rembrandt paints the father embracing him. No matter what we do, the Father is always waiting for us to return home. My message to you and the middle schoolers is simple, “return home.” This Lenten season is a call to conversion. Confession is always available and God’s mercy is always there, waiting for you. Please know that I am praying for you and your families!

## The Adventures schedule

MARCH 3

APRIL 14

APRIL 28

MAY 19



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