



Luke Strand, Seminarian

Anticipated ordination date: 2009

A son of St. Bruno Parish, Luke Strand had long planned to use his business degree to get a good job, have a large family and pursue his own life, dreams and desires.

“Suddenly the thought of priesthood was thrown into the mix,” he said. “It was kind of shocking and unexpected.” Today, many years later, Luke is a 4th-year student at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary preparing for spring 2009 ordination. He was ordained a Deacon in 2008 -- a customary step in the path to ordination.

Luke has learned to trust God in all things. One of 34 seminarians, he realized that his journey is about God and growing in his relationship with him. “I’ve never been happier in life than I am now,” he said.

As Luke said recently, “The Seminary is on the cusp of something really great right now. We’re seeing, through God’s grace, an increase in seminarians. We are seeing men who are in love with the Lord and the church and devoted to service striving to grow in their relationship with Him.”

“The Seminary is helping build the church in southeastern Wisconsin.”

