

Jacob Pratscher
Freshman - St. John Vianney College Seminary
Parish: St. Andrew the Apostle, Romeoville
Birthday: December 17



I am the youngest in my family and I live with my Mom, Christine, who currently helps at the church, and my father, Daniel, who works at the U.S. Post Office in Plainfield. I have an older sister, Genevieve, who lives at home, and an older brother, Fr. Matthew Pratscher, who is stationed at Visitation Parish in Elmhurst. My other brother, Joshua, lives in Minnesota, working for Sprint and finishing an education.

I attended school at St. Andrew, kindergarten to eighth grade. I became an altar server there and started my relationship with the Lord. With my brother in the seminary, I began to think about the priesthood and his choice opened my eyes to the possibility. I went to Joliet Catholic Academy for high school, and became an Extraordinary Minister. I also became involved with the confirmation program at the church, the treasurer for the High School Youth Ministry at St. Andrew. At JCA I became involved with the religious club, Upper Room, and started to get more involved with my religion there. Since the beginning of my senior year of high school, Fr. Burke, Vocation Director for the diocese, and I have been talking. I went through the application process and got accepted on December 16, 2008.

I had visited St. John Vianney with my brother and hoped to become a part of such a happy people. I liked St. Thomas so much joining the seminarian program became easier.

This past summer I worked at St. Andrew Parish in Romeoville and volunteered where I could in the community.