

First Friday Club of Greater Akron Media Advisory

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Will and Liz Yoho

Speaking on

*Their experiences of being Extras in the Biblical Drama,
"The Chosen"*

December 2, 2022

John L. Allen Jr. had to cancel as he recovers from surgery. (Please keep him in your prayers.) Will and Liz Yoho were gracious enough to step up on short notice to share their experiences. If you are unfamiliar with Deacon Will and his wife, Liz, they were the cover story of the latest issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic. You can view the article at: <https://catholicmagazines.org/magazine-archive/northeast-ohio-catholic/cle1122>.

Liz and Will Yoho met in 1986 and were married in 1987. They have seven children and six and a half grandkids. They were blessed with five of their children through adoption. Liz received her degree from Kent State University and currently works part time at Akron Children's Hospital. William graduated from Akron University in 1986, owned multiple businesses, became a deacon in the Catholic Church in 2007 and is assigned at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cuyahoga Falls. Will also served in the Army National Guard for 33 years and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2014 after his deployment to Afghanistan. He says the high light of his military career was serving as a Casualty Assistance officer to the families who lost a loved one who were Killed in Action. At age 19 Will and a friend John Clark rode their bicycles from Ohio to California and back, 5608 miles in 61 days, in an effort to raise money for the Ethiopian Famine Relief.

Liz has always been very connected to her faith since childhood. It has always been an integral part of her life. She has demonstrated her love for Jesus and his people by serving as a youth minister, PSR teacher, and has started and served in many different ministries throughout her life. One of her greatest ministries is that of hospitality. She is always the first to bring a meal whether it be because of great joy or great sorry, Liz is always there.

Will was raised catholic but it was not until he made a youth retreat called Search for Christian Maturity when he was 19 years old. As he describes it: his whole life changed. On that retreat he was told that God the Father loved him so much that if he were the only person that ever lived that the Father still would have had Jesus die on the cross for him alone. The trajectory of his life was changed. He knows he could never repay the debt that he owes to Christ but he wants his life to be a thank you for what Jesus did for him.

Liz had the following written on the inside of their wedding rings. Three became one 5-30-87. It is Christ that has been at the center of their relationship through thick and thin. Their motto in life is Bigger Buckets. We need bigger buckets to catch all of God's blessings. They feel very blessed to have had so many wonderful experiences in their lives, and being on The Chosen is certainly one of them.

The First Friday Club will meet December 2, 2022 at Our Lady of Cedars, 507 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, PO Box 13291 Fairlawn, OH 44334; or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org or at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/first-friday-club-of-greater-akron-13412536107#events>