



January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	1/14	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Martin & Kathryn Vande Corput on his 100th Birthday by Jill & Jake Hodkiewicz Mass at St John's Deceased Members of Pat & Anna Schadrie
Tues	1/16	8:15 AM	No Services
Wed	1/17	8:15 AM 9:00AM 9:30 AM	Communion Service at St John's Communion Service Faith Formation
Thurs	1/18	8:15 AM	No Services
Fri	1/19	8:15 AM	Debra Kons by Alice Vanden Langenberg
Sat	1/20	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Alice Nackers
Sun	1/21	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Joyce Nooyen by Dick & Darlene Stedl and Family Mass at St John's ~ Open * RE after Mass

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless:

There it is. We finally found it.

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

— Father John Muir

As a priest, I’m amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: “he wore a blue shirt,” “we ordered brussels sprouts,” “her hair was up in a bun,” and “he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family’s open front door when it was ten degrees below zero,” (that one’s courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it’s all *real*.

It’s similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, “...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.” Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that’s the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It’s about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn’t empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God’s love for us in our humanity is real.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord, Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path.
Amen.

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM	Frank Van Ess	Dcn Rich	Ashlin Ullmer	Kevin Matuszak
January 21			Jackson & Jordan Banker	Don Eisenreich

MEETING

ALL parish ladies are invited to a short meeting after today's mass ~ held by the Christian Women's Society~ to plan the St Sebastian Feast Day Breakfast.

MEETING

**St. Sebastian
Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report
2024 Fiscal Year**

Ordinary Revenue	December	Year to Date
Parish Support	\$ 57,922	\$ 87,931
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	272	1,680
Total Revenue	\$ 58,194	\$ 89,611

Ordinary Expenses	December	Year to Date
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 1,008	\$ 2,873
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	4,269	31,221
Purchased Services and Supplies	751	5,174
Utilities	848	3,389
Building and Grounds	475	3,052
General and Office Expenses	1,285	3,861
Diocesan Assessments	695	5,332
Other Expenses	30	100
Parish Donations	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 9,360	\$ 55,001
Revenue Net of Expense	\$ 48,834	\$ 34,610

Thursday, January 18th is the St John Evangelist Homeless Shelter meal in Green Bay.

The door on the north side of St John's school will be open Wednesday, January 17th from 6am to 5pm and Thursday, January 18th from 6am to Noon, for you to bring your donated food.

Your help is greatly appreciated!



Thank you to everyone that helped decorate our church for the Christmas Season!

It is now time to take it all down. If you would like to enjoy the season a bit longer, feel free to take a flower home with you today after Mass.

**Mass & Eucharistic Healing Service
Sunday, January 28, 2024**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Adoration, Confession, Prayer Teams
3:00 p.m. Mass

Following the Mass -
Eucharistic Healing and Prayer Teams

**Nativity of Our Lord
2270 S Oneida St, Green Bay**

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1,210.00
Loose Collection	\$ 151.00
Votive Candles	\$ 17.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$ 30.00
Building/Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Homeless Shelter Meal	\$ 20.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

MMC—Multi Media	\$ 20.00
CO2 Detector— parish hall kitchen	\$ 31.64
St John's Homeless Shelter	\$ 20.00
Kailhofer's Greenhouse	\$ 410.50
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 2.82

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart.

Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

Please contact the parish office if....

- 1) You have moved or changed your phone number or have a new email address.
- 2) You or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive the bulletin by mail.
- 3) You or a family member have limited ability to leave the home, and would like to receive Holy Communion on the **First Friday of the month.**

*Please contact Dcn. Rich or the parish office. We would love to include you in **our First Friday** Communion visits.



Thank you to everyone that helped with the funeral for Clifford Dembroski.

If you would like to request Mass Intentions and/or Sponsor the Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office.

Ministry of the Sick: Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office two months in advance.

Marriage: Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

Funeral Arrangements: Please call St. John's parish office.

Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Please call St. John's parish office.

**Fr. Sengole Dass
St. John Parish Office - 833-6140**

**DC. Richard Matuszak
833-2294 or 609-5292**

**St Sebastian Parish Office - 833-2558
Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00
Wed: 8:30 – Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri**