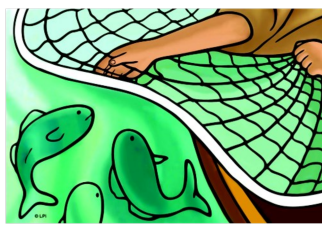



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January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	1/21	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Joyce Nooyen by Dick & Darlene Stedl and Family *Breakfast & RE after Mass Mass at St John's ~ Open	
Tues	1/23	8:15 AM	~ Open	
Wed	1/24	8:15 AM 9:00AM 9:30 AM	~ Open Communion Service Faith Formation	
Thurs	1/25	8:15 AM	~ Open	
Fri	1/26	8:15 AM	For the Lost & Lonely	
Sat	1/27	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Dorothy Fellion	
Sun	1/28	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Richard Hock Love, Family Mass at St John's ~ Open	

~ SAINT SEBASTIAN FEAST DAY BREAKFAST TODAY AFTER MASS ~

To celebrate Saint Sebastian Feast Day (Jan 20th), the Christian Women and RE will be hosting breakfast in the parish hall following today's Mass. **ALL Parish Members are Invited! RE Classes will be held after breakfast.**

Everyday Stewardship

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM	Amanda Nagel	Sandy Sponenberg	Clara VanderHeiden	Adam VanderHeiden
January 28			Gracelynn VanderHeiden	Preston VanderHeiden

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1,072.00
Loose Collection	\$ 118.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$ 30.00
Building/Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Burial Fees	\$ 300.00
Stole	\$ 50.00
Funeral Lunch/CWS	\$ 100.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 50.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

Liguori	\$ 89.78
Religious Education Supplies	\$ 221.24
Snow Removal	\$ 250.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 4.72

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless. Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.
Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.
The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.
Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.
With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



*Please keep in your prayers, the family
of Jane (VandeHei) Angrabright,
who recently passed away. May God's love
surround them and give them the
blessing of peace in this difficult time.*



Youth Mass February 18th

Participants Needed

Greeters,~Ushers~ Readers~Singers!

Practice will be held 2/17 at 9 am.
Interested: Contact Jessica Melchert



Trusting God During Difficult Times

~ Jan 22nd at 6:30pm ~

Presentation by

Deacon Steve Meyer

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
2771 Oakwood Dr, Green Bay

LIVE THE LITURGY

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

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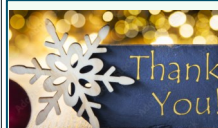
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donated
food and
time to
help with
the meal
for the
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Does God Forgive Abortion?

Question: Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer: For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.



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Love, Family

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.

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