



July 13, 2025

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Sunday	7/13	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Greg and Burton Stevens and Dan Nienhaus From Nancy Stevens <i>Mass at St John's Ricky Vande Hei, Bill Van Handel, Deceased Family Members</i>
Tuesday	7/15	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's In Thanksgiving to God</i>
Wednesday	7/16	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's For the Needs of the Church</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow
Thursday	7/17	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's For Those Battling Illness</i>
Friday	7/18	8:15 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving ~ 60th Anniversary of Beverly & Milton Krause
Saturday	7/19	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Gerald Linsmeyer</i>
Sunday	7/20	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Donald Vande Hei for His Birthday From the Helen Vande Hei Family <i>Mass at St John's Roger Rozmiarek</i>

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**

**Mini reflection:** As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading. But do we approach the victims that we see? Or do we draw away from the suffering of others in fear and confusion, thinking: "That's not my problem"?

**Crossing the Street**

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street. But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't *want* to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we *see*, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 10:25-37**

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?**" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
<b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b> <b>July 20</b>	Julie Skinkis	Dcn Rich	Harry Bluma Lily Van Schyndel	Jim Soltvedt Steve Hackl

#### INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 3132.00
Loose Collection	\$ 136.00
Votives	\$ 14.50
Missionary Coop Plan Collection	\$ 216.00

#### DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
AON Risk	\$ 835.26
Catholic Foundation (Missionary Coop)	\$ 216.00
CWS Donation towards Refrigerators	\$ 500.00
Reimbursement (Lawnmower Fuel)	\$ 27.78
The Bug Blaster	\$ 175.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 5.34



**Hmong Catholic Church**  
**Eggroll Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2025**  
**St Jude Church Cafeteria (Basement)**  
**1420 Division St. Green Bay, WI**  
**11:30 am - 2:30 pm**  
**Pre-order Is Preferred**

~ Limited Amount for Walk-ins Available ~  
Order Forms are located on the table by bulletin boards

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

##### The Time to Start is Now

So many times in my life, I have failed to start something because I had not yet adequately prepared. I would have started working out or going for a jog, but I needed to get the right shoes. I would have started eating right if only I could find the time and money to buy the right foods. I would have started that journaling project, but I couldn't without a really nice leather-bound journal. I would have, I would have, and I would have!

I know many people can relate. We offer up excuses for so many things. Sometimes we even get to the point where we do start something, but by then, we have already lost so much time.

Some of us are thinking about taking a stewardship way of life seriously, but we are just not ready yet. We would be more generous if we can first get out of debt. We would give of our time, but we have to wait until the kids get older or until we fully research our options. The truth is, we don't have to be in any particular state of life or have any specific financial portfolio to start giving our very selves to God. God takes us as we are now. No resume needed. Why waste so much time thinking about getting started and becoming serious? Time is a gift given to all of us. As we think and prepare endlessly, we are practicing poor stewardship. The time to start is today. Who wants to answer God one day at the gates of Heaven saying, "I would have."?

**Center Fire**  
**Summer Picnic & Craft Fair**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025**

9:00 AM-2:00 PM Craft Fair Behind The Fire Department  
10:00 AM Picnic Begins, Admission Is Free  
6:45 PM Main Raffle Drawing  
7:00 PM The Band Star Six Nine Will Start Playing  
9:00 PM Bucket Raffle Drawing

#### Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to truly see those around me: the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked. Your kingdom is one of belonging, help us to be the types of neighbors who see and respond with Godly generosity. Amen.

#### Devotions, *Explained!* Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is the practice of seeking counsel from someone who is learned in the faith for the purpose of discerning the will of God in one's life.

#### Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see him, too.



**St Sebastian's has reached**  
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**Thank you!!**

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**Norm, Julie & Rick Soltvedt**  
**From Jim & Jodi**



**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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**Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri**