



July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	7/27	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Loving Memory of Gregory Ullmer ~ Anniversary of Death <i>Mass at St John's Jean Birling</i>
Tuesday	7/29	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>
Wednesday	7/30	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Stephen Buch</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow
Thursday	7/31	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Mary Van Dyn Hoven</i>
Friday	8/1	8:15 AM	Carol Krause From Del Krause
Saturday	8/2	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Joan Wendt</i>
Sunday	8/3	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Gary & Dorie Kropp for their Wedding Anniversary Love, The Family <i>Mass at St John's Ken, Joyce, & Christopher Langteau</i>

GOSPEL MEDITATION — Father John Muir

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 11:1-13**

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).** We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (*That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?*). We don't always know if we should (*It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all*). We don't even know if we want to (*It's nighttime! He might be angry!*).

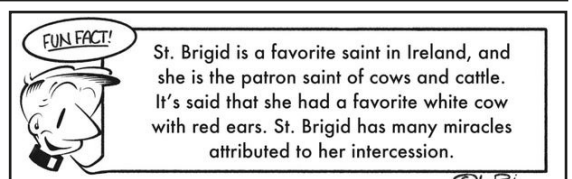
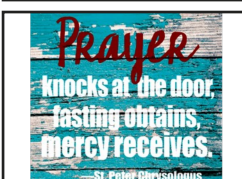
Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough. So knock.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What word did Jesus call God the Father when he was praying?

Answer: Abba.



DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM August 3	Jessica Melchert	Jake Hodkiewicz	Jackson Banker Jordan Banker	Don Eisenreich Steve Hackl

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1170.00
Loose Collection	\$ 201.54
Votives	\$ 8.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
CWS Donation toward Refrigerators	\$ 500.00
Burial Fees - Sale of Plot	\$ 600.00
Cemetery - Perpetual Care	\$ 200.00
Covid Employee Payment Check	\$ 8274.30

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

2025-2026 Catholic School Assessment	\$ 1140.00
The Catholic Foundation - MCP	\$ 10.00
Quill - Paper for Bulletins	\$ 47.98
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 7.20

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**The July Bulletin is Sponsored
in Memory of
Norm, Julie & Rick Soltvedt
By Jim & Jodi**

God's blessings to
Millie Gin Baumgarten,
daughter of Dylan & Samantha,
who was baptized in our parish on
July 25, 2025!



Why Do We Do That? Weddings

Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

"Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.

Devotions, Explained! Daily Examen

The daily examen is a spiritual practice whereby one places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

Prayer for Hope

Lord, Restore my hope!
Where I fear the future, write a new script in my heart.
Where I doubt Your goodness, fill me anew.
Give me steadfast hope for a beautiful tomorrow.
Amen.

**St Sebastian's remains at
\$14,995.10 of our \$15,974 goal!
\$978.90 is Still Needed**

Thank you!!



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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