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August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	8/24	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Martin & Rose Marie Wied for their Wedding Anniversary From Patti & Don <i>Mass at St John's Ray Palubicki</i>
Tuesday	8/26	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>
Wednesday	8/27	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow
Thursday	8/28	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Jordan Schadrie</i>
Friday	8/29	8:15 AM	Those Suffering in Mind, Body and/or Spirit *Confession after Mass
Saturday	8/30	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Bill, Marie, & Jerry Kranzush</i>
Sunday	8/31	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Louis Rynish <i>Mass at St John's Jean Birling</i>



WE DID IT!

**Thank You to all our parishioners
who made a gift and to those who
prayed for the success of the Appeal!**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: **"Strive to enter through the narrow gate"** (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Do You Know Him, or Just Know About Him?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago. But social media can also give the false sense of really knowing someone, when only the surface has been scratched about who a person is in reality.

You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles that seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know him, but they really do not belong to him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all.

Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**"Some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last."**

~ Luke 13:30

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM August 31	Clara VanderHeiden	Sandy Sponenburg	Levi Main Wyatt Main	Don Eisenreich Ken Linsmeyer

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 630.00
Loose Collection	\$ 149.89
Votives	\$ 6.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
RE Donation	\$ 20.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

AON Risk Insurance	\$ 830.26
RE Materials	\$ 335.80
Country Visions Coop	\$ 105.50
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.40

The Parish Has Made A Request From The Catholic Foundation For The Diocese of Green Bay

The parish has made a request from the Diocese Foundation to utilize funds from the 2021 Parish one-by-One Campaign for the new copier needed in Parish Center and for the repairs needed on the church roof.

The initial funds that the parish received from the campaign were utilized for the pew cushions, carpeting in church, and the cemetery project as outlined in the campaign statement. However, we are now requesting additional funds from the campaign to cover these needs.

If any parishioner has any questions about this request, please contact Fr Sengole at 920-833-6140 on or before August 29, 2025.

➡ **SEEKING : FIRST FRIDAY MINISTERS** ⬅

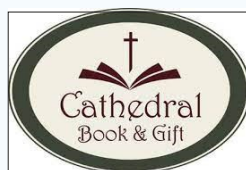
We are in need of several individuals or couples to serve as First Friday Ministers to take Holy Communion to the homebound.

If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Den Rich.

Basilica Versus Cathedral

Question: What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer: Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or “cathedra” in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop’s teaching authority.



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**At Cathedral Book
and Gift Store**

FREE EVENT!

Kid’s Catholic Story & Craft Time
Saturday September 13th, 2025
Starting at 11am

Come hear a story read by our guest readers:
Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity
Followed by a Free Craft Project
All Are Welcome!

Devotions, Explained! Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations which are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God’s love and a more meaningful understanding of His call to discipleship.

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd, Guide me through the narrow gate.
Remove from me anything that distracts me from You,
Your love, Your invitation, Your mission.
Keep me close to You, familiar at every step. Amen

Mini reflection:

Jesus’ whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you’re from and whatever you’ve done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like “repent” and “be good to that person you really don’t like.”

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to the Gospel stories, who was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus? **Answer:** Mary Magdalene.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,” Jesus tells us. “Many will attempt... but will not be strong enough.” So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable - not if we ask for help.

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**Donald Vande Hei &
Jane (Vande Hei) Angrabright**
Love, The Helen Vande Hei 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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