






September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	9/7	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Eleanor Reindl Mass at St John's	From Al Reindl Mary, Mark, & Paul Burkel	 
Tuesday	9/9	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's	OPEN	
Wednesday	9/10	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Holy Communion Outside f Mass / Faith Formation to follow	Eugene Kaczrowski	
Thursday	9/11	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's	For All That Died in the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks	
Friday	9/12	8:15 AM	Louis Rynish		
Saturday	9/13	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's	Helen Jaskolski	
Sunday	9/14	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Clifford Dembroski for his Birthday Mass at St John's	Roger & Helen Rozmiarek	

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

How to Hate the Christian Way

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

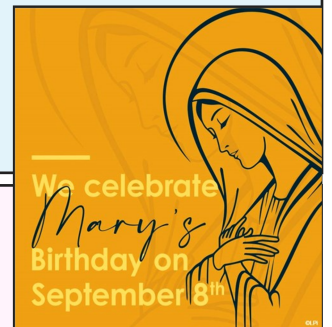
Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Where's the Sacrifice?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to *want* to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM September 14	Laurie Paholke	Julie Skinkis	Clara Vander Heiden Gracelyn Vander Heiden Elaina Vander Heiden	Dick Stedl Kevin Matuszak

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 415.00
Loose Collection	\$ 148.29
Votives	\$ 7.00
Christian Women Society Dues	\$ 10.00
RE Donation	\$ 200.00
One by One (New Office Copier)	\$ 4567.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

AON Risk Insurance	\$ 830.26
St John's Cost Share	\$ 7653.86
Parish Center coffee & foam cups	\$ 33.49
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.40

**A 2nd Collection will be taken on September 7th
for the people in Gaza.**

Jesus' Grandparents

Question: July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer: Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!

NEW Homeless Shelter Meal in Green Bay

Saturday, September 27th ~ Lunch for about 200 People

We are in need of donations of food, hamburger & hot dogs & buns for both, potato chips, sloppy joe sauce, cookies, 7lb cans of baked beans, sliced cheese, pickles, assorted fruit, cooks & servers. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance of church. We appreciate any donations and help you can give!

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 Dcn Rich.



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear Lord, What a beloved idea you had with grandparents, relationships of care and support that bridge generations. Bless those in this role today, biological or beyond. Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight. Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church. Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations. St. Anne and St. Joachim pray for us!

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow, God be their comfort. For caretakers and medical staff, God give them grace. Surround those afflicted with Your love, care and mercy, You who are our healing and hope. Amen.

Devotions, Explained! The Morning Offering

There are many variations of the Morning Offering, but all share the same purpose; to begin each day by offering oneself to God, along with all the experiences, struggles and blessings that the day will bring.

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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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