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September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	9/21	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Loving Memory of Larry & Dorothy Vanden Langenberg <i>Mass at St John's Jean Birling</i>
Tuesday	9/23	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's End to Political Violence in Our Country</i>
Wednesday	9/24	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of St John's</i> Holy Communion Outside f Mass / Faith Formation to follow
Thursday	9/25	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Living/Deceased Members of Willard Vanden Heuvel Family</i>
Friday	9/26	8:15 AM	Donald Vande Hei From Trudie & Kathy
Saturday	9/27	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Dorothy Fellion</i>
Sunday	9/28	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Carl Eisenreich for His Birthday From Don & Patti <i>Mass at St John's Leonard & Esther Gilbertson</i>



Priesthood Sunday

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC
God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
What's Most Important?

I hold to the belief that you cannot have allegiances to both Duke and UNC, the Packers and the Bears, or the Yankees and the Red Sox. In Matthew 6:24, it says, "He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other." That verse isn't talking about sports! It's talking about God and money. Most of us love both of those and that can be a problem. If you were to love any of the sets of teams mentioned above, you have a huge problem as well.

Simply put, you can only have one thing that is the most important in your life. When I ask my children what is the most important thing in their lives, they know to respond, "God." But just because you know that is the right answer doesn't make it the truthful answer. Total allegiance to a sports team seems easier. You won't find a Packers fans secretly wearing a Bear's jersey. However, we can find Christians secretly hoarding their money or doing things based solely on the love of money.

Maybe the problem lies in the fact that, at times, we are merely lukewarm fans of Jesus and not disciples. If we truly have matured in our faith and strengthened our relationship with him, then real commitment comes easier. There will always be a temptation for money to take the place of Jesus, but the more committed we are, the harder it is to allow anything to come between us and our God. The question we all must continually ask ourselves is, "Is God truly the most important thing in my life?"

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration NOW OPEN

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in Memory of Clifford Dembroski
and All Living & Deceased Veterans

THANK YOU!

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM September 28	Clara Vander Heiden	Dcn Rich	Ellie Melchert Lily Van Schyndel Jordan Banker	Adam Vander Heiden Preston Vander Heiden

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 3945.00
Loose Collection	\$ 129.34
Votives	\$ 15.00
Christian Women Society Dues	\$ 7.00
RE Donations	\$ 30.00
Missionary Coop Appeal	\$ 10.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

The Catholic Foundation (MCA)	\$ 10.00
Parish Hall Rental Reimburse Cleaning Fee	\$ 75.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.40

CATHOLIC Q&A Fish on Friday

Question: Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

Answer: For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

NEW Homeless Shelter Meal in Green Bay

Next Saturday, September 27th

You can drop off your donations of food on Friday, Sept. 26th from 6am to 5pm and Saturday, Sept. 27th from 6am to 8am. The north door of St John's school will be open. Cooks will leave the church parking lot at 8:30am and Servers at 10:15am. We cannot thank you enough for your support for this homeless meal!



**Congratulations to
Jacob & Drew Anderson**
who were united in marriage last weekend.
May God bless the two of them abundantly
in love, joy, and happiness.

**God's blessings to
Joseph Oakley Grzelak,
son of Joseph & Casie,
who was baptized in our parish on
September 13, 2025!**



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in is goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of the world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

Prayer for Trust

Jesus, With your gentle mercy, build my trust. Help me to believe you when you say you want good for me. In every season, give me grace. In every need, be my answer. Amen.

Devotions, Explained! The Jesus Prayer

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN
GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —

MASS INTENTIONS 2025 Available Dates:

**October 3
November 21
December 5
December 12**

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