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"Blessed are
the poor in
spirit, for
theirs is the
kingdom of
heaven."
Mt 5:3



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JANUARY 29, 2023
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	1/29	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Ryan Socha Req by Alice VandenLangenberg Mass at St John's - Regina Maroszek	
Tues	1/31	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Mary Van Dyn Hoven	
Wed	2/1	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 6:15 PM	Mass at St John's - Francis Ver Voort Communion Service Holy Hour Holy Hour at St John's	Eucharistic  Adoration
Thurs	2/2	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Barb & Merle Wagner	
Fri	2/3	8:15 AM	All Living & Deceased Descendants of the Vande Corput Families	
Sat	2/4	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's - Deceased Members of the Gerald & Sis Geenen Family	
Sun	2/5	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Leonard Van Lannen Req by Alice VandenLangenberg Mass at St John's - Gerald & Gladys Schaumberg	



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Memory of Gary & Dori Kropp and Norman & Julie Soltvedt

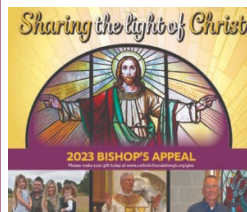
Gospel Meditation

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir



During the first week of February, parish members will receive a letter from Bishop David Ricken requesting a pledge or gift to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal. With the letter, you will receive a pledge card and return envelope. Please mail your envelope to the Catholic Foundation. Last year, through your generosity, the Bishop's Appeal campaign received more than \$6.4 million in gifts that is being used to share our faith with hundreds of thousands of people throughout northeastern Wisconsin. We ask again for your generous response to help our parish meet its goal for this year. I encourage you to prayerfully consider giving generously to this year's Appeal.

Fat Sunday

Sunday, February 19, 2023

10 am polka mass at St. John's followed by a complimentary luncheon in the school gym

Enjoy your favorite polka tunes & a bowl of our

famous chicken soup or chili!

Menu includes ham sandwiches, coffee, milk &

delicious homemade desserts!

All are welcome, no charge!

Life After Life
Near Death & Shared
Death Experiences

*Scientific evidence
for our soul surviving
the death of our
physical body*

Xavier Arts Theatre
1600 W Prospect Ave
Appleton, WI

**Monday, Feb 6th
7:00 pm**

No tickets needed /
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encouraged.



DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Jodi Soltvedt	Jessica Melchert	Brennin & Alexis Wojcik	Liberty Schroeder	Jim Soltvedt
8:00AM / FEB 5			Ashley Suchalla	Eloise Melchert	Steve Hackl

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1,085.00
Loose Collection	119.00
Votive Candles	6.50
Improvements	185.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Darrin Stingle-Snow Removal	\$ 1,125.00
Robinson Heating	536.02
St John Homeless Shelter	20.00
Other	14.28

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For

The Week - Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

What is the shortest way to encounter Jesus? Make yourself needy. Recognize your need for grace, your need for forgiveness, your need for joy. And Jesus will draw near to you.
~ Pope Francis, Twitter

Catholic Trivia – Just For Fun

Question: What year was St. John Paul II elected as Pope?

Answer: 1978

Our Church has given you one less thing to worry about.

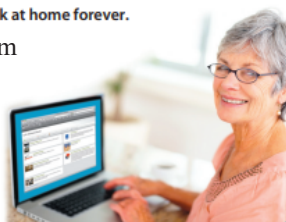
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We want to hear from you!

Nominate your Catholic Neighbor

Know a Catholic who faithfully helps out in your parish or school community in a way others might enjoy hearing about? Let us know!

Effective January, 2023, **The Compass** is partnering with Jesuit Retreat House who will provide a **FREE** retreat to all Catholic Neighbors who are featured in the newspaper.

To nominate your Catholic Neighbor, please inform him or her that you want to honor them, then, e-mail their name, parish, phone, e-mail and a brief description of how they serve your faith community to: compassnews@gbdioc.org.

After they are featured, Jesuit Retreat Center will send a **FREE** gift retreat certificate to the parish.

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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Wednesday 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman -

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words Blessed are the peacemakers, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to? What did the world tell you this moment should mean? What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27