

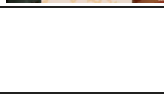

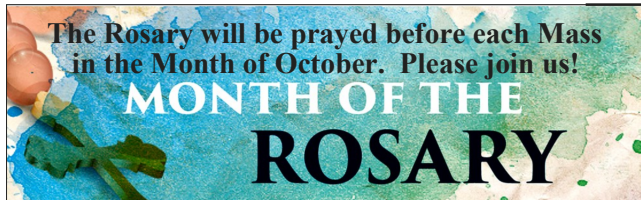




October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	10/5	7:40 AM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Gary & Dorie Kropp ~ The Family Mass at St John's Eugene Kaczowski	Religious Education begins after Mass	
Tuesday	10/7	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's No Services		
Wednesday	10/8	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's No Services Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow		
Thursday	10/9	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Bob Skinkis		
Friday	10/10	8:15 AM	In Memory of Clifford Dembroski for Our 63rd Wedding Anniversary Love, Karen		
Saturday	10/11	12:00 PM 4:00 PM	Rosary Rally ~ St. John's Main Street Parking Lot Mass at St John's Bob Skinkis		
Sunday	10/12	7:40 AM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Living & Deceased Members of Francis & Mary Smurawa Mass at St John's Ray Palubicki		



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Father Who Knows What You Want

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, "Sure, kiddo, here you go," and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all.

But it's what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.



Devotions, Explained!
God is Good, All the Time

Perhaps you have been a member of a congregation to whom the pastor says, expectantly, "God is good!" The congregation responds, faithfully, "All the time." In turn, the speaker repeats: "All the time." And the congregation affirms: "God is good!"

A collective affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, this refrain communicates a theme presented again and again in Scripture: Come what may, God will be with us.

There is no official consensus on the origins of this saying, though it is often associated with African Christianity. Whatever this saying's roots, its message is truth: "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations," says Psalm 100:5. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever," echoes 1 Chronicles 16:34. Jesus confirms this in Matthew 28:20: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM October 12	Julie Skinkis	Sandy Sponenburg	Ella Ambrosius Saddie Ambrosius Olivia Ambrosius	Kevin Matuszak Ken Linsmeyer

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 850.00
Loose Collection	\$ 95.00
Votives	\$ 17.00
Christian Women Society– Dues	\$ 15.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

WE Energies	\$ 402.58
AON Risk Insurance	\$ 830.26
St John's Cost Share	\$ 5720.99
Geenen's Liquid Waste	\$ 120.00
Cathedral Letter Concepts	\$ 123.60
Supplies	\$ 14.41
Leo Benevolent Association	\$ 1702.00
St Therese of the Little Flower	\$ 639.50
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 6.28

Why Do We Do That? - Stations of the Cross

Question: Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer: The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.



Please join us in peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion that takes place 24/7 over a 40 day period at www.40daysforlife.com



Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

Devotions, Explained! God is Good, All The Time

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Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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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