



October 15, 2023
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	10/15	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Myron Grusczyński by the Grusczyński Family Mass at St John's Gerald & Gladys Schaumberg
Tues	10/17	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Delores Leininger
Wed	10/18	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN Communion Service Faith formation
Thurs	10/19	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN
Fri	10/20	8:15 AM	Clayton & Duane Ebert by Gary Ebert
Sat	10/21	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of Coonen & Kline Families
Sun	10/22	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Memory of Tom La Combe ~13th Anniversary in Heaven Love, Sandy, Kennedy & Trenton * Second Collection for World Mission Sunday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY ~ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS ~ 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Wedding Garment

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies -and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt -and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger -and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I -or any of us -can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast. Is my van stocked for that?

"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'" — Matthew 22:12

The 9th Annual Restoring Hope Gala is November 4th!

Support St. John's Ministries mission to honor dignity, restore hope & create lasting change for those experiencing homelessness or housing instability in the Green Bay community.



The October Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Tom La Combe
on his 13th Anniversary in Heaven.
Love, Sandy, Kennedy & Trenton

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Ron Matuszak Jr	Clarence Grusczyński		Clara VanderHeiden	Louis Rynish
October 22				Gracelynn VanderHeiden	Kevin Matuszak

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1,263.00
Loose Collection	\$ 126.00
Votive Candles	\$ 15.75
Building/Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Christian Women Dues	\$ 2.00
RE Tuition	\$ 40.00
RE Donations	\$ 10.00
World Mission	\$ 25.00
Other	\$ 10.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Multi Media	\$ 20.00
Liguori Publications	\$ 89.78
Supplies (bathroom/cleaning)	\$ 39.34
Religious Education	\$ 316.48

COATS FOR KIDS. HELP A CHILD. DONATE A COAT.

The Salvation Army's annual Coats for Kids program collects & distributes thousands of new or clean, gently-used warm coats to local kids & families in need. Coats are accepted in sizes from infant to adult. **New or Gently-Used Clean Winter Coats can be dropped off before Thursday, October 26th.** Drop off locations: Don's Quality Market, Fox Communities Credit Union, Lindeman's Cleaning, PDQ Car Wash, Royal Cleaners, Kimberly Clark, 4Imprint, Fleet Farm, Nicolet National Bank & many more.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Is it Right to Sue?

Question: Is it right to sue someone?

Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

Egg Roll Sale – Sat, Nov 4 - \$15/doz. Best Egg Rolls in town! Pork or Veggie, \$15/doz. Order extras, they freeze well. Pick up 11:30am-2:30pm at St. Jude, 1420 Division, Green Bay. Order form @ www.quad-parish.org or Call Kia: 920-883-7424 or kia.vue24@gmail.com. Order forms & payment are due to St. Jude, 1087 Kellogg St., 54303 by Tues, Oct 31. Proceeds from sale benefit the Hmong Catholic Community! Make checks payable to:

Hmong Catholic Community of GB.



The Miracle of the Sun in Fatima

Thank you to all that joined the rosary rally on Saturday at St John's. Please continue to offer reparation for the sin & offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Especially pray for the end of abortion and the conversion of our country.



October 13, 2023 Fatima, Portugal
(70,000 + people witnessed Blessed Mary's appearance)

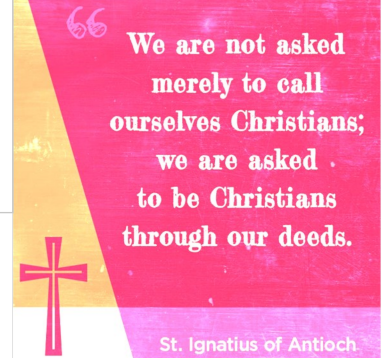


Take under your motherly protection the whole human family, which with affectionate love we entrust to you, O Mother.



Please keep in your prayers, the family of Eleanor "Smurawa" Reindl, who recently passed away. As we pray for her soul, may she rest in peace.

October 9, 2023 Champion, WI
The first Solemnity of Our Lady of Champion.
(Captured right before Mass - printed photo not comparable)



LIVE THE LITURGY— INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He wants to share with each one of us, but we have to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

Confession will be offered the last Friday of each month, following 8:15 am Mass

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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Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00
Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri