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### October 26, 2025 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	10/26	7:40 AM	Rosary Donald Vande Hei and Living/Deceased Members of the Vande Hei & Garrity Families			
		8:00 AM				
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's LaVern & Helen Leisgang			
Tuesday	10/28	****	NO Mass or Services at St John's * Parish Office Closed			
Wednesday	10/29	8:15 AM	Mary Ann Peterson Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow			
		9:00 AM				
Thursday	10/30	8:15 AM	Barb & Merle Wagner			
Friday	10/31	8:15 AM	In Memory of Tom La Combe ~ 15 Year Anniversary of Death Love, the Family  All Hallows' Eve			
Saturday	11/1	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Phyllis Pelishek All Saints' Day			
Sunday	11/2	8:00 AM	Candle Procession before Mass			
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's Candle Procession before Mass  All Souls' Day			

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

#### **Tunnel Vision**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't *become righteous*.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

#### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME











All Soul's Day Mass Sunday, November 2nd 8:00 am Mass

If you had a loved one pass away after November 2, 2024 and you would like them

included, call the Parish Office

to have their name(s) added.

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

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DAY/TIME		LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday	8:00 AM	Chris Stedl	Den Rich	Ashlin Ullmer Preston Vander Heiden	Rick Stedl
November 2			Don Hon	Brady Vander Heiden	Dick Stedl

INCOME FOR WEEK:	
Church Support	\$ 755.00
Loose Collection	\$ 170.00
Votives	\$ 3.00
Mass Intentions (10/25/26)	\$ 20.00
Mission Sunday Collection	\$ 379.00
Lumen Christi	\$ 685.05
DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:	
Bat Specialists of Wisconsin	\$ 1660.00
St Therese of the Little Flower	\$ 639.50
The Catholic Foundation – Mission Sunday Collection	\$ 379.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 7.20

# Catholic Q & A Why Kneel?

**Question:** Why do we kneel at Mass?

**Answer:** Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture or reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.



## Devotions, *Explained!* The Guardian Angel Prayer

Often one of the first prayers taught to children, the Guardian Angel Prayer consists of two rhyming couplets invoking the protection of one's guardian angel. Its exact authorship is unknown, but it originated in the medieval period.



Catholic Kids Story & Craft Time Saturday, November 8, 2025 Starting at 11am at Cathedral Book & Gift Store

131 S. Madison St. Green Bay, WI Come hear a story read by our guest reader: Author J.J. Van and the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard

FREE EVENT!
All Are Wecome!

Come Dressed as a Saint and get a Special Prize!



Thank you to everyone that helped clean up our cemetery!



## Mass & Eucharistic Healing Service:

Nativity of Our Lord Parish (2270 S. Oneida St.) will be hosting a Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service on Sunday, November 9, 2025.

Adoration, Confession and Prayer Teams will be held from 1:00 pm until Mass begins at 3:00 pm. Following the Mass there will be Eucharistic Healing and Prayer Teams.

Everyone is invited to Attend.

### **Prayer of Praise**

Dear God.

As we look to the week ahead, help us to remember that You will accompany us at every moment—You who greet us with mercy anew every morning, and grace in abundance each night. Amen.

### **Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week**

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA -JUST FOR FUN

**Question**: In Matthew's Gospel, the Beatitudes are the beginning of which sermon by Jesus? **Answer**: The Sermon on the Mount.

**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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