

October 29, 2023  
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sun	10/29	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	Don Roskom & Karen Vander Velden by Shirley Roskom <b>Mass at St John's     Rose Marie Skinkis</b>
Tues	10/31	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's     Living &amp; Deceased Members of Cismoski &amp; Schuster Families</b>
Wed	11/1	8:15 AM 9:30 AM <b>6:30 PM</b>	All Saints Day Mass   For All Christians to Follow in the Path of the Saints Holy Hour <b>All Saints Day Mass at St John's   Living &amp; Deceased Members of Coonen &amp; Kline Families</b>
Thurs	11/2	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>All Souls Day Mass at St John's</b>
Fri	11/3	8:15 AM	Alvin Socha ~ 8th Anniversary of Death by Marilyn
Sat	11/4	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's     To the End of the Israel-Hamas War</b>
Sun	11/5	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	Joyce Cleven by Shirley Roskom <b>Mass at St John's     Gerald Saindon</b>

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**27 Words That Matter**

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

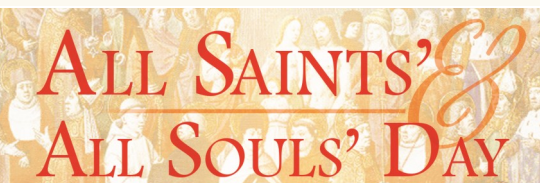
There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me, this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they *think* they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions. **"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40**



**Faithful Departed**

**Question:** How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

**Answer:** We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can & should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian

perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats & dirt that's clogging our shoes. Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family & friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

**All Saints Day**

I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart. We honor saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves & prostitutes, politicians & kings, soldiers & pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits- the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?"

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
Wednesday	Abby Matuszak	Dcn Rich Matuszak		Clara VanderHeiden	Ken Linsmeyer
November 1				Preston VanderHeiden	Kurt Schuh
Sunday	Julie Skinkis	Dcn Rich Matuszak		Ella Ambrosius	Fred Fleming
November 5				Olivia Ambrosius	Don Eisenreich

#### INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 630.00
Loose Collection	\$ 81.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Votive Candles	\$ 10.00
RE Fee	\$ 80.00
World Mission Collection	\$ 597.00
WE Energies	\$ 360.25

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

The Catholic Foundation	\$ 597.00
(World Mission Donation)	
Sure Dry Annual Service	\$ 159.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 4.93

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

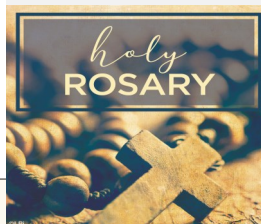


#### Egg Roll Sale – Sat, Nov 4 - \$15/dozen

Best Egg Rolls in town! Pork or Veggie!

Order extras, they freeze well!

\*Limited order forms on table in back of church\*



#### LIVE THE LITURGY -

#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God became human to show us that only love can change the world.

Let's not just believe in that love - let's be that love, each and every day.

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Sacramental Seal

**Question:** What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

**Answer:** Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me? I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God & neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever. The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms. — Father John Muir

#### Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment  
Diocese of Green Bay  
920-272-8174  
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US –  
THERE IS HOPE!**



**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.

**Fr. Sengole Dass**  
**St. John Parish Office - 833-6140**

**DC. Richard Matuszak**  
**833-2294 or 609-5292**

**St Sebastian Parish Office - 833-2558**  
**Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00**  
**Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri**