



November 12, 2023

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	11/12	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	John Krause and Deceased Members of Krause & De Ruyter Families by Milton & Beverly Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Anschutz & Rusch Families
Tues	11/14	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Cismoski & Schuster Families
Wed	11/15	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass at St John's Kelly Vanark Communion Service Faith Formation
Thurs	11/16	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Deceased Members of the Liebergen Family
Fri	11/17	8:15 AM	For Family Unity
Sat	11/18	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Ronald Haws
Sun	11/19	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Rick De Ruyter Love, Family Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Cismoski & Schuster Families

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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Seeking Wisdom

I think if any of us were asked the question, "Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?" we would, at first, be a little taken aback. And then we would answer quickly "Of course!" with absolutely no doubt in our minds.

But a different way of asking the question is this: "Are you making wise choices?" That's a question that would put a fair few of us on the back foot.

The virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom were all the same. They had the exact same intentions. They had the exact same stamina, or lack of it. They had the exact same knowledge of the night being dark and lamps being necessary.

What made five foolish, and five wise?

It was their choices. Only their choices set them apart.

We may rely upon the wisdom of another -the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we start speaking gossip, the priest who preaches boldly from the pulpit against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. But even if we feel safeguarded by their good influence, their wisdom won't save us.

We may possess a little wisdom ourselves -we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass once in a while, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it's convenient.

But a lamp needs oil to burn in the darkness, just as wisdom requires action to be brought forth into the world.

We may love God just as much as we should -our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst.

But a parched field never brought rain on itself just by being dry. **We must make the choice.**

"Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name." — Psalm 63:4

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost.

All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday	Chris Stedl	Jessica Melchert		Eloise Melchert	Rick Stedl
November 19				Saddie Ambrosius	Ron Matuszak Jr

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$	757.00
Loose Collection	\$	192.27
Votive Candles	\$	13.25
Mass Intentions	\$	50.00

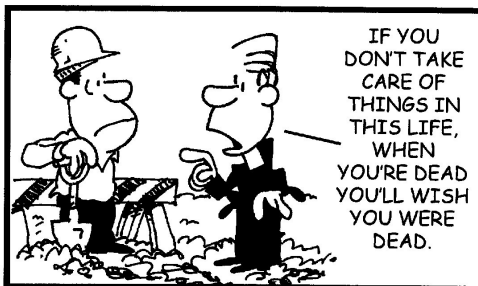
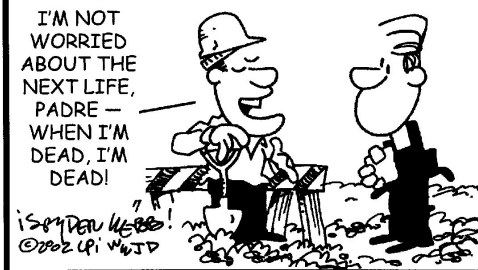
DISBURSEMENTS:

MMC - Multi Media	\$	20.00
St John's Cost Share	\$	5,152.49
Liguori Publications	\$	89.78
St Therese of the Little Flower	\$	23.80
RE Supplies & Snacks	\$	168.77
WeShare CC Fees	\$	2.82

**A BIG
THANK YOU**
to everyone
that helped with
Cemetery
cleanup last
Saturday.
You are
appreciated!!



10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's



November 13 ~ 6:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish 2771 Oakwood Dr, GB

The Alzheimer's Association will be presenting material regarding the common signs of dementia and Alzheimer's, typical-age related memory changes, how to approach someone about memory concerns, early detection, benefits of diagnosis, and resources available at the Alzheimer's Association. Free program. No need to RSVP.

Questions, contact #920.499.1546
or email: seas@seasgb.org.



LIVE THE LITURGY ~ INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through.

If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

**ANNUAL
Christmas
GIVING TREE**

Helping those in need!

**The Salvation Army
Giving Tree**

When you take an Angel Card from the tree, be sure to write your name by the # of your card on the sign up sheet. There will be a table marked "Extra Gifts" if you'd like to give, but prefer not to take an Angel Card. Gas & food cards are always welcome!

Please bring Unwrapped gifts to Parish Hall, no later than December 3rd.

Christian Women Society ~ Annual Bake Sale **Sunday, December 10th**

PURPOSE: Raise money for next years Salvation Army Christmas Giving Tree Donation.

REQUEST: Each Parish Family is asked to bring 2 pre-priced items to donate to the bake sale.

AFTER MASS: Stay to purchase some delicious baked goods for yourself! Tastes even better knowing the proceeds are going to a wonderful cause!



Christmas Flower Donations are now being accepted. Please put your donation & intention in an envelope marked Flower Fund. You can put it in the collection basket, drop off or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you for helping to decorate our church for the Christmas Season!

Question:

Church Collections

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

Answer: This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, & improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, & operational expenses like hosts & wine for Mass, music books, vestments, & so on. In some cases, cemeteries & other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese & the support services provided to each parish. Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers & endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, & many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management & good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

The November bulletin is sponsored in memory of the Westerman and McClay Families.

Love, Gene & Jacqui



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