



JULY 2, 2023
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	7/2	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Mary Wilinski on her Birthday by Gary Wilinski Mass at St John's Bob Daoust
Tues	7/4	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Bernard & LaRose VandenLangenberg
Wed	7/5	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass at St John's Mary Van Dyn Hoven Communion Service Holy Hour
Thurs	7/6	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Coonen & Kline Families
Fri	7/7	8:15 AM	For increased recognition & protection for the institution of marriage
Sat	7/8	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Nackers & Hietpas Families
Sun	7/9	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Robert & Barb Sponenburg by Chris & Sandy Sponenburg Mass at St John's Ricky Vande Hei, Bill VanHandel, Living & Deceased Members of the Family



**Blessed
is the nation
whose God is
the LORD.**

PSALM 33:12



*Thank you to Sherry De Ruyter
& family, for sponsoring the
July bulletin in loving memory
of Rick De Ruyter*

A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.

We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.

And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

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Mass Celebrated Around the World

Question:

Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer:

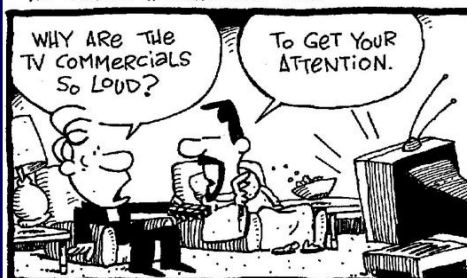
One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Amanda Nagel	Janet Matuszak		Clara VanderHeiden	Don Eisenreich
8:00AM / JULY 9				Gracelynn VanderHeiden	Fred Fleming

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE**

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As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives. How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward. But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we **“surely will not lose our reward.”** The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders.

— *Father John Muir*

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 2,294.59
Loose Collection	\$ 156.00
Bishop’s Appeal	\$ 160.00
Votives	\$ 12.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

The Catholic Foundation	\$ 160.00
Brightspeed Internet	\$ 221.62
Supplies	\$ 154.65



**The Parish Office will be Closed
July 3rd - July 4th
in Celebration of
Our God-Given Rights!**



Bishop’s Appeal

**Close to
the TOP!**

Goal: \$14,962
Given to date:
\$14,725

**Still needed:
\$237**



Goal !
—— \$14,000
—— \$11,000
—— \$8,000
—— \$5,000
—— \$2,000

St. Elizabeth of Portugal | July 5

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband’s infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men. After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to July 5th since July 4th is Independence Day, a national holiday.

**We are in need of a
Parish Council Secretary.
This is a 3 year commitment.**

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**If you, or someone you know might be interested in  
this position, please contact the parish office.**

**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**