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JULY 30, 2023  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	7/30	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	In Memory of Tom, Floyd & Helen LaCombe by Sandy, Kennedy & Trenton <b>Mass at St John's Ronald Haws</b>
Tues	8/1	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Mary Van Dyn Hoven</b>
Wed	8/2	<b>8:15 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's For Vocations of our Young Men &amp; Women</b> Communion Service Holy Hour
Thurs	8/3	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Coonen &amp; Kline Families</b>
Fri	8/4	8:15 AM	For Strength in Our Faith, Marriages and Families
Sat	8/5	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Bob Ciesielczyk</b>
Sun	8/6	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	In Memory of John Tucholski by Dave & Pat Posbrig <b>Mass at St John's Kamewan Salzman</b>

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

**July 30, 2023 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.  
— *Father John Muir*

**THY KINGDOM COME!**

**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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**Music in the Park 2023**

Music starts at 6:15 - Wednesday evenings  
Depot St - Downtown Seymour

**Aug 2 The New Generation** Polkas and more  
**Aug 9 Molly Brown** Superb Patsy Cline Tribute Show  
**Aug 16 The Reason Why** Wussow, Skodinski and Huettl  
**Aug 23 Rockin' Country** Classic Country and Rock & Roll  
**Aug 30 Chad Przybylski's Polka Rhythms** Energetic Polka

**Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week**

Following Christ will take everything we have.

**Are we ready to give it all?**

At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure.

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Ron Matuszak Jr	Sandy Sponenburg		Vincent Sigl	Kevin Matuszak
August 6				Owen Sigl	Ken Linsmeyer

#### INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 555.77
Loose Collection	\$ 76.00
Improvements	\$ 25.00

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

St Therese of Little Flower	\$ 1,858.60
Supplies	\$ 182.35
Lawn - Replacement Part	\$ 30.87
Lawn -Gas	\$ 32.16
WeShare	\$ 4.23

*thank you*

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

#### *Vocations Need Your Help*

Please be generous with our Raising Vocations Collection:  
***Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help them say Yes!***

An important letter will arrive in your mailbox this week asking for your help. Next weekend is the kickoff of this collection. Your gift will support ministries that accompany young men and women who are exploring a vocation to religious life. A few ministries that do this important work is college campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and campus ministry at our Catholic High School campuses. As friends and followers of Jesus, we support each other. In order to make your gift today, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give).

#### Kissing the Altar at Mass

**Question:** Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

**Answer:** Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383).



**Thank  
You!!**

**Bishop's Appeal 2023  
GOAL Met - \$14,962**



**Share Your Time, Treasure  
& Talent,  
to Shape the  
Future of  
Our Catholic Faith  
Community!**

**Contact the Parish Office  
To get involved!**

**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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Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri**