

Saint Mary Youth Ministry
The Gospel of John
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JOHN 7:1-52

- The Jewish leaders were always after Jesus.
- The leaders wanted to kill Jesus.

The Festival of Booths was being celebrated. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sukkot>)

Sukkot is a [Biblical holiday](#) celebrated on the 15th day of the month of [Tishrei](#) (late September to late October). It is one of the three Biblically mandated [Shalosh regalim](#) on which Jews and Believers make pilgrimages to pre-determined sites to worship and fellowship [Temple in Jerusalem](#).

The Holy Day lasts seven days, including [Chol Hamoed](#) and is immediately followed by another festive day known as [Shemini Atzeret/The Last Great Day](#). The Hebrew word *sukkōt* is the plural of [sukkah](#), "[booth](#) or [tabernacle](#)", which is a walled structure covered with flora, such as tree branches or bamboo shoots. The *sukkah* is intended as a reminiscence of the type of fragile dwellings in which the ancient [Israelites](#) dwelt during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after the [Exodus](#) from [Egypt](#).

Throughout the holiday the *sukkah* becomes the primary living area of one's home. All meals are eaten inside the *sukkah* and many sleep there as well. On each day of the holiday, members of the household recite a blessing over the [lulav](#) and [etrog](#), or [Four species](#).^[1]

According to [Zechariah](#), in the [messianic era](#) Sukkot will become a universal festival and all nations will make pilgrimages annually to [Jerusalem](#) to celebrate the feast there.^[2]

- The apostles wanted Jesus to go to the festival and show off his signs and wonder.
- Jesus did not want to do this in such an open display. It was not yet his time.
- However, Jesus went in secret to the festival.
- There was great talk and complaining about Jesus among the Jewish leaders.
- Finally, Jesus went to the temple and began to preach to the public.

Jesus' message was to be watchful and do not seek your glory. Where has the one who is preaching to you come from? Is the preacher the Messiah? The Jews thought these words were crazy. Jesus tells them they will receive the Spirit who will lead them after he is glorified.

The Jews question...is he a prophet...is he the Messiah?

Why don't the police arrest him?

The police were awed by Jesus.



JOHN 8:1-11

Chapter 8:1-11

- In silence, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives a favorite prayer spot for Him to pray.
- He then went to the temple to teach the people.
- The Scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman to him.
- The woman was caught in the act of adultery.
- They wanted Jesus to condemn the woman.



- He silently wrote in sand.
- Finally, Jesus speaks. Anyone who is **without** sin throw the first stone at the woman. They gradually all walked away.

Jesus said to the woman...go your way and from now on, do not sin.

Jesus' message is one of love and forgiveness. When others are condemning or making fun of someone you might know from school or ...do you join in with your friends? Do you stand up for the person being condemned? Share an experience you have encountered.

JOHN 9:1-41



The Jewish leaders were about their business of trying to trap Jesus.

- Jesus and the disciples saw a man born blind.
- The disciples asked if this man or his parents did something wrong for him to be blind. Jesus said neither is true. He was born to help the edification of God.
- Jesus said I am the light of the world, he spat on the ground and put mud over his eyes. Jesus told him to go to the pool of Siloam. The man did this and could see. The people around him were overcome by what happened...he could see.
- The blind man said, "I was blind but now I see. It was on the Sabbath this act should not have been performed on the Sabbath.

The Jews brought in his parents. They questioned them. They said ask our son, he is of age. All we know, he was born blind and now he sees.

The former blind man met Jesus again and said he believed in Him.

There are accounts of Jesus' miracles in Scripture and proof that He was/is God. In Acts, miracles and healings occurred by the apostles with the power of the Holy Spirit. Last month, you shared personal miracle stories. As a Catholic Christian, we are called to love and serve others. How do you live your Faith on a daily basis?

SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments help us to grow into fully believing people through the graces the Sacraments bring to us. Receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist frequently.

Some teens say the Catholic Mass is boring. So let's go thru parts of the Mass.

Singing. There are songs at the beginning, throughout and at the end of Mass. The songs bring believers together as a community. The refrain and verses represent the theme for that Sunday. There is a music selection committee that chooses the music. If you would like to help choose songs or suggest new ones, let me know and I'll get you a schedule.

Prayer. There are lots of group prayers that we say together. We say them together as a community of worship.

Readings from Scripture. There are readings from the Old and New Testaments. These are our lessons teaching us how to live as HE lived, love as HE loved and serve as HE served. Fr. Jim gives us a summary of the readings and helps us to understand the readings so we know how to relate them to our everyday lives.

SACRAMENT. During the Mass, the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ, just as Jesus did at the Last Supper. HE said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Look around at the 2nd graders, the adults you see each week going up to receive Jesus, those distributing Holy Communion. What is it doing for them? How can I get that same feeling? Ask God to help you get that feeling as you prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ. HE is with you **that close** for just a minute or two.

What will you do to become more engaged in Mass the next time you attend?

LITURGY

We need to be one with a community of believers at the Liturgy. Liturgy is God's gift to us. In and through Liturgy, we give God Adoration, Thanksgiving, and Praise as an individual and a community.

If you could use popular songs from the radio for the Mass, which ones would you use? (St. Francis changed the words of secular songs and made them into religious songs).

Gathering Song: _____

Write down one or two verses and the refrain.

Preparation of the Gifts:

Write down one or two verses and the refrain.

Communion:

Write down one or two verses and the refrain.

Closing Song:

Write down one or two verses and the refrain.

MORALITY

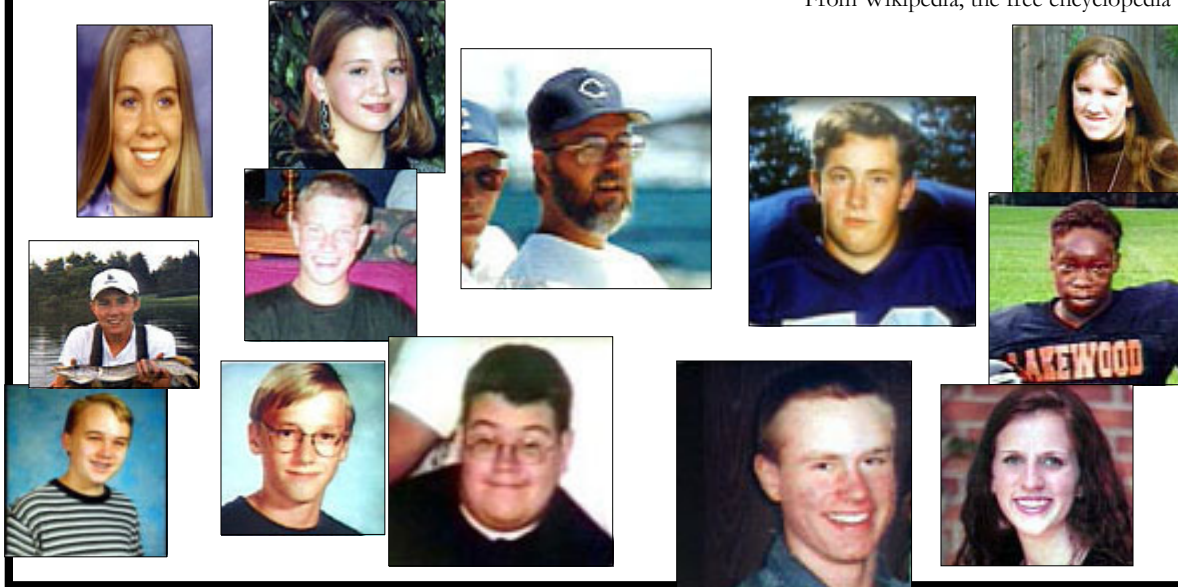
We must continually ask the Spirit to open our hearts and minds to hear the word of God and to make good moral decisions in choosing right over wrong, light over dark. Ask to see what is the will of the Father.

This week, teens attending Stoughton High School have concern regarding a threat of someone bringing a gun to school. The Stoughton police will be present at the school to keep watch. Do you think that kind of thing would never happen?

The **Columbine High School massacre** occurred on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at [Columbine High School](#) in [Columbine](#), an [unincorporated area](#) of [Jefferson County](#), Colorado, United States, near [Denver](#) and [Littleton](#). Two senior students, embarked on a massacre, killing 12 students and one teacher. They also injured 21 other students directly, and three people were injured while attempting to escape. The pair then committed suicide. It is the fourth-deadliest [school massacre](#) in United States history, after the 1927 [Bath School disaster](#), 2007 [Virginia Tech massacre](#) and the 1966 [University of Texas massacre](#), and the deadliest for an American high school.

The massacre provoked debate regarding [gun control laws](#), the availability of firearms in the United States, and gun violence involving youths. Much discussion also centered on the nature of high school clique, sub-cultures and bullying, as well as the role of violent movies and video games in American society. The shooting also resulted in an increased emphasis on school security, and a [moral panic](#) aimed at [goth culture](#), social outcasts, the gun culture, the use of pharmaceutical [anti-depressants](#) by teenagers, violent films and music, teenage internet use,^[1] and [violent video games](#).^{[2][3]}

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MORALITY

If you knew someone who was planning an attack on your school, would you tell an adult?
Why or why not?

ACTIONS

November Actions

Faith Formation:

Subs* Christmas Reflection

Justice & Peace:

Nov. 14 Dismas Cards

Nov. 15 Holy Hour 6:30pm

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Baskets (TBD)

Pastoral Care:

Nov. 13/14 Blood Pressure

Liturgy: Mass * Child Care

Special Projects:

Nov. 20 Advent Adventure

December Actions

Faith Formation

Subs* Christmas Reflection

Justice & Peace

Dec. 17/18 Christmas Baskets

Pastoral Care

Dec. 11/12 Blood Pressure

Liturgy: Mass * Child Care

More to come....

Check your gold booklet for more

ACTION information details!!