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February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	2/15	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Clarence & Marcella Vande Hei and Living & Deceased Family Members POLKA Mass at St John's Dawn Steffens	RE after Mass
Tuesday	2/17	*****	NO Mass or Services at St John's	
Wednesday	2/18	8:15 AM 6:30 PM	All Parish Members Mass at St John's Betty Schmit	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	2/19	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Open	PRESIDENTS' DAY Monday, 2/16
Friday	2/20	8:15 AM	Living Intention for Joey Grzelak	*6:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St John's
Saturday	2/21	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Jean Birling	
Sunday	2/22	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	In Memory of Gene Kropp From Mary Linsmeyer Mass at St John's Ann Theroux Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross	

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma

The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn't believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived. Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he's a person who uses words like "joist" and "weight-bearing" correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn't up to code. "We're going to have to reinforce this at some point," he told me. "Whatever!" I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren't going to redo the whole deck — we're not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say "*Raqa*," your heart filled with anger, and the law didn't break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it'll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you'll see why: there wasn't anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

Reflections— Everyday Stewardship
Ash Wednesday

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him.

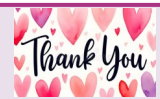
The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though all of us came from dust and to dust we will return, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state. The only thing we can take with us? Our hearts and whether or not we loved.

**ASH
WEDNESDAY
SCHEDULE**

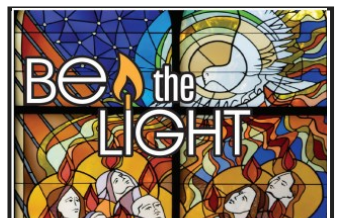
February 18th

*8:15 am Mass
at St Sebastian*

*6:30 pm Mass
at St John the Baptist*



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In Memory of the
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2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

PARISH GOAL:

\$16,357

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM February 22	Clara Vander Heiden	Den Rich	Ella Ambrosius Saddie Ambrosius Olivia Ambrosius	Adam Vander Heiden Preston Vander Heiden

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1695.00
Loose Collection	\$ 139.00
Votives	\$ 19.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 1000.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

MMC– Multi Media	\$ 20.00
Cathedral Book & Gift - RE Books	\$ 35.90
James Imaging Systems - Qtrly	\$ 370.42
Darrin Stingle Trucking - Snow	\$ 850.00
St John's -Homeless Shelter Meal	\$ 20.00
RE Teachers Christmas	\$ 400.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 5.91

Be the LIGHT

for those struggling



Many of our brothers and sisters struggle with stress, depression, loneliness, and financial insecurity.

Through it all, Catholic Charities continues to care for those in need.

With your support of the Bishop's Appeal, you will help us serve even more people across the diocese.



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www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give

Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar

Seymour Food Pantry

St Vincent de Paul to collect & deliver.

Featured items for February: **Soup**



FAT SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Please join us at St. John's in their school gym after the 10am Polka Mass for our luncheon, basket raffle, and more great polka music!

All Are Welcome!



Stations of the Cross, Explained

In the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way. In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ.

Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources, such as the meeting of Mother and Son and St. Veronica wiping the face of Christ.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law—he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life— only then will it flow forth into the world.

Virtues, Explained! Gentleness

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who "reveals to men who Jesus is" (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death.

Blessing of Mission

Bless us on our way, O Lord. Share with us as we share with others. Heal us as we help others to heal. Provide for us as we open our hands in charity. Every gift comes from You. You are at the heart of all that is good. Share that goodness with us today, abundantly. Amen.

STATIONS

St John the Baptist Catholic Parish,
Seymour
Friday 6:00 pm

February 20th March 13th

February 27th March 20th

March 6th March 27th

*St. Sebastian
Parish, Isaac
Sunday 1:00 pm

February 22nd

March 1st

March 8th

March 15th

March 22nd

March 29th



*Divine Mercy Chaplet at
12:50 pm each Sunday of
Lent before Stations of the
Cross at St Sebastian Parish



Lenten Reconciliation
(with Father Sengole & fellow Priests)

St Sebastian Parish,
March 22nd at 6:00 - 7:00 pm

St John the Baptist Catholic Parish,
March 11th at 6:15 - 7:15 pm

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