




March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday	3/1	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	In Memory of Joe & Ryan Socha Love, Family Mass at St John's Alex Pretti & Renee Good Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross	
Tuesday	3/3	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Open	
Wednesday	3/4	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Open Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Adoration & Benediction to follow	
Thursday	3/5	*****	NO Mass or Services at St John's	
Friday	3/6	8:15 AM 6:00 PM	Louis Rynish Stations of the Cross at St John's	
Saturday	3/7	3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Reconciliation at St John's Mass at St John's Open	
Sunday	3/8	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	In Memory of Bobbi Jean Kimball From Ray Wagner Families Mass at St John's Mary Louise Jones Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross	

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.



We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir

Please join us every Sunday of Lent

 **Divine Mercy Chaplet 12:50 PM** 
Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM


REFLECTION - EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
2nd Sunday of Lent

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.


2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2026 Bishop's Appeal.
St Sebastian's has reached \$3,547 of its \$16,357 parish goal!


DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM March 8	Janet Matuszak	Julie Skinkis	Lily Van Schyndel Jordan Banker Graham Kisling	Ron Matuszak Jr Kurt Schuh

Parish Bulletin Sponsorships

Effective January 2027, the amount to sponsor one month of the bulletin will be changing from \$30 to \$40 due to increasing costs. Thank you!

The March Bulletin is Sponsored In Loving Memory of Bonnie Ahlborn From Jill & Dan Carey



 Available Dates:



March	April	May	June
13, 20	24, 26	1, 8, 29	19, 26

Violent Conflicts

Question: What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer: In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us “Blessed are the peacemakers” and to “love your enemies.” All human beings are made in God’s image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent. During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The “Just War Theory” was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

 **February 18– March 29**
www.40daysforlife.com

 Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar Seymour Food Pantry St Vincent de Paul to collect & deliver. 

Featured items for March: **Tuna & Canned Meats**

This weeks Income & Disbursements will be added to next weeks bulletin.

Helping Christians in the Holy Land

Did you know that funds collected in last year’s Good Friday Collection provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth, and provided 398 homes benefiting Christian families? Your gift will make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are in dire need of our help. Please consider supporting the Good Friday Collection with some of your Lenten almsgiving.

Virtues, Explained! Self-Control

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it’s really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us. Help us to know Your abundance and Your gifts. Help us to hear Your voice and know Your assurance. Help us remember what You have done, and look forward to what You will do. Amen.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

“Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

CRS Rice Bowls ~ Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program fights hunger & poverty in more than 100 countries. Boxes available at entrance door.

Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ March 6-11th
<https://championshrine.org/guadalupe/>



Catholic in Recovery
SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAYS @ 1 PM
STARTING MARCH 18TH

ST. WILLEBRORD PARISH
LOWER LEVEL

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

We welcome all who wish to grow and heal spiritually and emotionally from any addiction, compulsion or unhealthy attachment.
No sign-up necessary.

QUESTIONS? Contact Donna at 715-330-4354 | dthiry@gbdioc.org

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