



March 8, 2026

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Sunday	3/8	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	In Memory of Bobbi Jean Kimball From Ray Wagner Families <b>Mass at St John's Mary Louise Jones</b> Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	3/10	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Francis Ver Voort</b>
Wednesday	3/11	<b>8:15 AM</b> 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's <b>Cheryl Johnson</b> Holy Communion Outside of Mass
Thursday	3/12	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Open</b>
Friday	3/13	8:15 AM <b>6:00 PM</b>	Mary Matuszak & Lee Hanstedt From Alice Vanden Langenberg <b>Stations of the Cross at St John's</b>
Saturday	3/14	<b>3:00 PM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Reconciliation at St John's</b> <b>Mass at St John's Morgan &amp; Roger Eick and Sandy Maass</b>
Sunday	3/15	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	In Memory of Robert Sponenburg From Chris & Sandy <b>Mass at St John's Dale Katch</b> Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross



**Please join us every Sunday of Lent**

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



**When God asks for Water**

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.”

After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”



Helping children discover Jesus is one of the most important things we do as Catholics. This happens every day in our parishes and in our Catholic schools.

Your support of the Bishop's Appeal funds the tools and training for youth ministers and faith formation leaders across northeastern Wisconsin.

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!

**Available Dates for Mass Intentions:**  
 April 24, 26 May 1, 8 June 19  
 July 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 31



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



DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
<b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b> <b>March 15</b>	Amanda Nagel	Sandy Sponenburg	Parker Nagel Jackson Banker Wyatt Main	Dick Stedl Ken Linsmeyer

**INCOME FOR WEEK of 2/23/26**

Church Support	\$ 4810.00
Loose Collection	\$ 205.25
Mass Intentions	\$ 140.00
Votives	\$ 13.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$ 35.00
Bulletin Sponsorship (April & Sept)	\$ 60.00
Easter & Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
World's Poor	\$ 20.00

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:**

WeShare CC Fees	\$ 10.27
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**INCOME FOR WEEK of 3/2/26**

Church Support	\$ 985.00
Loose Collection	\$ 210.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 65.00
NEW Homeless Shelter Meal Donation	\$ 500.00

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:**

AON Risk Insurance	\$ 830.26
St John's Cost Share	\$ 5516.73
ISP-Background Checks	\$ 15.00
The Catholic Foundation	\$ 1635.00
St John's (NEW Homeless Shelter Meals)	\$ 500.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 7.16

**Blessing of Living Water**

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water! Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water! Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water! Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water! Amen.

**Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week**

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

**Virtues, Explained! Mercy**

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.



Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2026 Bishop's Appeal.

St Sebastian's has reached \$4,387 of its \$16,357 parish goal!

2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

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



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



**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**