




March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday	3/15	8:00 AM 10:00 AM ***** *****	In Memory of Robert Sponenburg From Chris & Sandy Mass at St John's Dale Katch Chaplet of Divine Mercy— Cancelled Stations of the Cross— Cancelled	 
Tuesday	3/17	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Open	
Wednesday	3/18	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Open Holy Communion Outside of Mass	 Men's Connect Group 8pm - 9:15pm at St John's
Thursday	3/19	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Adrienne Cumicek	
Friday	3/20	8:15 AM 6:00 PM	Joe Treml for His Birthday From Pat Ullmer Stations of the Cross at St John's	Discussion Group: Reconciliation, Forgiveness & Surrender 6pm - 7:30pm at St Sebastian
Saturday	3/21	3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Reconciliation at St John's Mass at St John's Bonnie Ahlborn	
Sunday	3/22	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	In Memory of Gene Kropp From The Ray Wagner Family Mass at St John's Ann Theroux Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross	Parish Dinner 5pm - 6pm Reconciliation 6pm - 7pm

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet
 & Stations of the Cross are cancelled due to
 inclement weather. See you next Sunday!**

Heal Your Blindness

Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well.

This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.


GOSPEL MEDITATION
4th Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark. Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir

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DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM March 22	Jodi Soltvedt	Jessica Melchert	Lily Van Schyndel Ellie Melchert Brady Vander Heiden	Jim Soltvedt Ken Linsmeyer

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1255.00
Loose Collection	\$ 125.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00
Votives	\$ 8.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 30.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
Skinkis Lawn & Landscape	\$ 404.72
Spectrum	\$ 194.93
Fr Christian Raj Arulandu	\$ 76.69
Fr Xavier Amirtham	\$ 86.55
Vorpahl Fire & Safety	\$ 326.50
The Catholic Foundation	\$ 20.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 6.13

2nd Collection Today

This weekend we take up our World's Poor Collection benefiting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, Peter's Pence, and the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your support of this collection provides relief for struggling communities, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection and sharing Christ's love with others. There are extra envelopes on the ledge of the stairs.

Helping Christians in the Holy Land

In this season of almsgiving, why not consider helping the Christians in the Holy Land by donating to the Good Friday Collection? Through our generosity last year, Catholics across our country helped make an incredible difference in many lives by helping to create more than 1,500 jobs and rehabilitate over 100 homes for Christian families in the Holy Land. This year, as war continues in the many countries that make up the Holy Land, your help is needed more than ever! Will you help make a difference again this year with your donation to the Good Friday Collection?

Virtues, Explained! Hope

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see. Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show. That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness. That Your Light can break like the dawn. Amen.

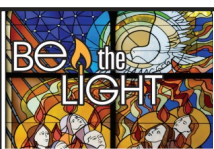
ThedaCare At Home

is seeking hospice volunteers in your community to assist in caring for terminally ill patients and their families. Our volunteers are an integral part of our hospice team as they visit patients in their homes and at long-term care facilities. Volunteers help to meet the emotional, spiritual, and family needs of those on hospice by providing companionship and respite. *They really are the heart of hospice!* Training is provided and helps build on a volunteer's experience and skills to learn about philosophy, comfort care, and communication with patients and their families. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sarah Lederer via phone at 920-422-6884 or email at sarah.lederer@thedacare.org to learn more about this opportunity and upcoming trainings. You can also begin by filling out our application at <https://thedacare.org/about-us/volunteers/>.



Through March 29

www.40daysforlife.com



Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2026 Bishop's Appeal. St Sebastian's has reached \$5,322 of its \$16,357 parish goal!

2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Confessions are heard the last Friday of the month, after 8:15am

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