






March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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
Tuesday	3/24	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Open	
Wednesday	3/25	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Open Holy Communion Outside of Mass	The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday	3/26	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Open	
Friday	3/27	8:15 AM 6:00 PM	Bonnie Ahlborn From Jill & Dan Carey Stations of the Cross at St John's	Discussion Group: Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ 6pm - 7:30pm at St Sebastian
Saturday	3/28	3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Reconciliation at St John's Mass at St John's Eugene Kaczrowski	
Sunday	3/29	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	Louis Rynish Mass at St John's Roger Rozmiarek Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross	PALM SUNDAY

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Please join us every Sunday of Lent

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

5th Sunday of Lent John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44)**.

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway. **Lenten challenge:** Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— Father John Muir

See The Signs

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. -- God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM March 29	Laurie Paholke	Den Rich	Clara Vander Heiden Gracelyn Vander Heiden Elaina Vander Heiden	Adam Vander Heiden Preston Vander Heiden

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 490.00
Votives	\$ 9.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 20.00
One by One (New Copier)	\$ 6255.99

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

Darrin Stingle Trucking (Snow Removal)	\$ 802.50
DeWitt Church Goods	\$ 148.30
Brad Vanden Heuvel (Sink/Thermostat)	\$ 435.17
St Therese of the Little Flower	\$ 639.50
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.97



We have new **'Holy Spirit'** prayer cards in our pews from the Diocese. We also have affixed the prayer to the back inside cover of the journey songbook. Please use whichever works best for you.

2nd Collection Today

Last Sunday Mass was cancelled due to the weather, so today we will take up our World's Poor Collection, which benefits 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.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to help decorate our church this Easter, you may donate money to our flower fund. Just place in a separate envelope marked 'Flower Fund' with your name and "In memory of..." Drop in the collection basket or in the parish office.



Virtues, Explained! Faith

The virtue of faith is "man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man." (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope, and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

Helping Christians in the Holy Land

Franciscan priests and brothers are the custodians of the Christian sites in the Holy Land and they are counting on our financial help to assist them in providing presence, care and service on that holy ground. These dedicated servants of God work tirelessly to preserve the sanctuaries and shrines from the life of Jesus and the prophets. Funds collected last year on Good Friday helped to preserve 74 Christian sites and supported over 100 men preparing to be priests or brothers. Your contribution to the Good Friday collection this year will help this most worthy cause. Can we count on you?

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb. These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope. Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains. Where we feel discouraged, bring us light. Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew. Amen.

March For Life Wisconsin

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Council, and Wisconsin Right to Life for a joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 2-4pm. Find out more and sign up to take the bus at MarchforLifeWisconsin.org. Bus tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$45 for families. Questions? Contact Pro-Life WI Outreach Director Lesley Chisholm at 262-796-1111 X116 or Lesley.C@ProLifeWI.org. marchforlifewisconsin.org

Devotions, Explained! Anima Christi

Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.



Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2026 Bishop's Appeal. St Sebastian's has reached **\$5,422** of its **\$16,357** parish goal!



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