


April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday	4/12	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Donald Vande Hei ~ A.O.D. & Jane Angrabright Love, the Helen Vande Hei Family Mass at St John's David & Rosemary Vande Hei
Tuesday	4/14	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Open
Wednesday	4/15	8:15 AM *****	Mass at St John's Deceased Members of the Peterson & VanGheem Families NO Services Today TAXES DUE
Thursday	4/16	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Vernon & Evelyn Lubinski
Friday	4/17	8:15 AM	In Memory of Gene Kropp Love, Family
Saturday	4/18	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Dana Werner & George Kaczowski & Family
Sunday	4/19	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Loving Memory of Michael Bowers Mass at St John's Joel Cartier  Religious Education after Mass

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the [Anima Christi](#). This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “*anima Christi, sanctifica me*” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*”

Then comes my favorite part: “*within thy wounds hide me.*”

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.”

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Give Yourself Completely

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47

would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**The April Bulletin is Sponsored In Memory of Donald Vande Hei & Jane Angrabright
 Love, The Helen Vande Hei Family**



Easter Flower Intention & Donation:
 In Memory of Lillian Ann Theroux.
 Love you, Love you,
 Aaron, Jessica, Paden, Eloise and Adela Melchert

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM April 19	Abby Matuszak	Janet Matuszak	Liberty Schroeder Harry Bluma Jack Bluma	Ron Matuszak Jr Perry Matuszak



INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1585.00
Loose Collection	\$ 455.65
Votives	\$ 14.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Easter Flower Donations	\$ 125.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
Holy Thursday Bread (Reimbursement)	\$ 41.88
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 6.13

Cemetery Clean-Up
Saturday, April 25th at 8:00 AM
Please bring rakes & leaf blowers.

Available Dates


April 24
May 1
June 19

Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus, May your mercy flow over us, filling our gaps and healing wounds. Open our hearts more deeply with knowledge of your love for us, understanding of the depth of your passion, and trust in your never-ending mercy. Amen.

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation.

Virtues, Explained! Fortitude

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him, doing so specifically *in pursuit* of the good.

Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar
Seymour Food Pantry St Vincent de Paul to collect & deliver.
APRIL: Jell-O, Pudding, Crackers

Be the LIGHT

Bishop's Appeal 2026

St Sebastian's has reached \$7,122 of its \$16,357 parish goal!

Needed: \$9,235

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:
Office of Safe Environment,
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.
YOU MATTER TO US — THERE IS HOPE!



Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:
Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:
If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

THE BIG SING 2026
APRIL 25 7PM
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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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St. John Parish Office - 833-6140

DC. Richard Matuszak
833-2294 or 609-5292

St Sebastian Parish Office - 833-2558
Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00
Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri