
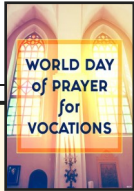


April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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| Sunday | 4/19 | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM | In Loving Memory of Michael Bowers Mass at St John's Joel Cartier |  |
| Tuesday | 4/21 | 8:15 AM | Mass at St John's For World Peace | |
| Wednesday | 4/22 | 8:15 AM 9:00 AM | Communion Service at St John's Holy Communion Outside of Mass | |
| Thursday | 4/23 | ***** | NO Mass or Services at St John's | |
| Friday | 4/24 | 8:15 AM | Holy Communion Outside of Mass | |
| Saturday | 4/25 | 4:00 PM | Mass at St John's Jean Birling | |
| Sunday | 4/26 | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM | In Memory of Robert Sponenburg From Chris and Sandy Mass at St John's Ann Theroux |  |

The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?
 —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—Just for Fun!

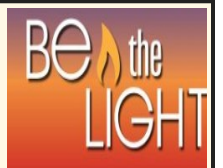
Question: What is the name of the Jewish feast day that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on?

Answer: The Passover Feast



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Bishop's Appeal 2026
 St Sebastian's has reached
 \$9,547 of our
 \$16,357 parish goal!



| DAY/TIME | LECTORS | DISTRIBTORS | SERVERS | USHERS |
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| Sunday 8:00 AM April 26 | Jessica Melchert | Julie Skinkis | Ella Ambrosius Saddie Ambrosius Olivia Ambrosius | Adam Vander Heiden Preston Vander Heiden |

St. Sebastian
Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report
2026 Fiscal Year

| Ordinary Revenue | March | Year to Date |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Parish Support | \$9,846 | \$127,613 |
| Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income | <u>1,493</u> | <u>7,974</u> |
| Total Revenue | \$11,339 | \$135,587 |
| Ordinary Expenses | | |
| Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis | \$236 | \$3,449 |
| Personnel Expenses and Salaries | 4,744 | 47,761 |
| Purchased Services and Supplies | 902 | 10,548 |
| Utilities | 986 | 7,835 |
| Building and Grounds | 1,642 | 7,603 |
| General and Office Expenses | 522 | 4,950 |
| Diocesan Assessments | 640 | 6,896 |
| Other Expenses | 42 | 2,490 |
| Parish Donations | - | <u>379</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$9,713 | \$91,910 |
| Revenue Net of Expense | \$1,626 | \$43,678 |



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

St. Joseph
Parish Oneida
Spring Fling
Sunday
April 26
11:00-2:00
10:00AM
Polka Mass
w/Maroszek
Bros.
Food, Bake
sale, Raffle
baskets, Silent
Auction, 50/50
raffle, Plinko
FREE KIDS
CORNER




Saturday, April 25, 2026, 2-4pm
WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL
marchforlifewisconsin.org

**"If You Are To Do
His Work, The Strength
Will Be Given You."**
~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord, As this new season begins, bring new life to our hearts as well. Prune what has grown despondent, brush back that which darkens and clouds. As flowers bud and bloom, bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy. Amen.

Virtues, Explained! Temperance

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism.

Live the Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

Wine & Beer Tasting Event



St. Mary's Parish
Parish Hall
301 E. Burdick St.
Black Creek

Sunday, April 26, 2026
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Admission: \$10 a person
Children under 12 with an adult: Free

Wine* Beer* Coffee* Cheese* Appetizers*
Water* Soda* Desserts*

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Music

Free Samples of wine, beer, & coffee and may purchase by the glass or cup.

Designated Drivers: Free non alcoholic beverages.



INCOME FOR WEEK:

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| Church Support | \$ 1292.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 209.00 |
| Votives | \$ 15.00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 80.00 |
| Building Maintenance | \$ 40.00 |
| Bulletin Sponsorship (June 2026) | \$ 30.00 |
| Easter Flower Donations | \$ 20.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

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| WE Energies | \$ 945.13 |
| Geenen's Liquid Waste | \$ 120.00 |
| Darrin Stingle Trucking (Snow Removal) | \$ 670.00 |
| WeShare CC Fees | \$ 3.97 |

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

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