








May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday	5/3	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Lynn & Dale Nooyen and the Otto Worsch Family <i>Mass at St John's For All Mothers</i>	
Tuesday	5/5	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Lloyd & Esther Kraft</i>	
Wednesday	5/6	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Donna Lubinski</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Adoration & Benediction to follow	
Thursday	5/7	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>	
Friday	5/8	8:15 AM	Marlene Matuszak By Norb Matuszak	
Saturday	5/9	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Jean Birling</i>	
Sunday	5/10	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Jane Angrabright for her Birthday & Donald Vande Hei ~The Helen Vande Hei Family <i>Mass at St John's Bob Leisgang</i>	

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REFLECTIONS - GOSPEL MEDITATIONS
5th Sunday of Easter John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

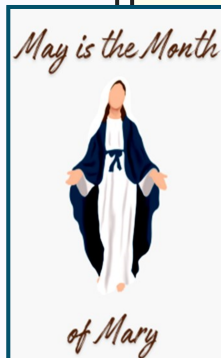
It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**" (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

- Father John Muir



The Value of Stewardship

What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives? Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Why Catholics Honor Mary

Catholics honor Mary with prayers and processions to show reverence because she is the mother of Jesus. But veneration is not the same as worship. It holds the Blessed Virgin in high regard while recognizing that she is not divine like her son. Those who venerate Mary have a deep respect for her place in God's plan. They recognize her holiness and see her as a mother figure of the Church. Mary is a model of faith because of her obedience, humility, and complete trust in God.

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM May 10	Amanda Nagel	Dcn Rich	Jackson Banker Parker Nagel Levi Main	Kurt Schuh Steve Hackl


INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$	980.00
Loose Collection	\$	335.00
Votives	\$	6.50
Mass Intentions	\$	20.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	100.00


DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

The Catholic Foundation	\$	100.00
Jeff Vanden Langenberg- Utility Pump/Hose	\$	178.89
WeShare CC Fees	\$	7.16

On Sunday, May 31st we will be honoring our graduating High School Seniors from St Sebastian Parish. Please be sure to RSVP to the parish office at 833-6140 by May 18th.



GRADUATION MASS




On Saturday, May 23rd for lunch we are trying to feed 200 people at the NEW Community Homeless Shelter in Green Bay. We are in need of hamburger, sliced hams, buns, bake beans, sloppy Joe sauce, cookies, sliced cheese, pickles, and assorted fruit. We could use servers leaving at 10:15 and cooks at 8:30. If you can help there is a sign-up sheet in the entrance of church. Anything you can do is greatly appreciated.

Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained
Mary, Mother Of God


Question: If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer: The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' human nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary Theotokos. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.



Thank you to everyone that helped with Cemetery Clean-Up... You Are Appreciated!



Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You, and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress, my light in times of darkness, and my rest in the storm. Amen.



Available Dates:

June 19
July 3
August 9, 14, 21, 28, 30
September 4, 6, 11, 18
October 2, 9, 30

Question: What is the first of the Sorrowful Mysteries?
Answer: The Agony in the Garden.

Virtues, Explained! Diligence


Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.



Bishop's Appeal 2026
St Sebastian's has reached \$10,117 of our \$16,357 parish goal!
Needed: \$6,240

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

MAY: Money for Meat



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