







May 10, 2026

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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>	
Tuesday	5/12	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Open</i>	
Wednesday	5/13	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Joseph Liebhaber</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass	
Thursday	5/14	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Open</i>	
Friday	5/15	8:15 AM	In Memory of Gene Kropp for His Birthday Love, Family	
Saturday	5/16	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's In Thanksgiving for a Favorable Planting Season</i>	
Sunday	5/17	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Carl Eisenreich for His Birthday From Patti & Don <i>Mass at St John's Open</i>	

**The Christ You See**

“What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?” a friend once asked me.

My blood ran cold. *Jeez*, I thought. *That would be...really unfortunate.*

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have *zero* interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they've seen? He puts himself first. He's suspicious of other people. He's not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He's been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here's the problem: they haven't seen Christ at all. They've only seen Christians.

It's easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today?

**Work Together For God**

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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 the May Bulletin

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM May 17	Jodi Soltvedt	Julie Skinkis	Ella Ambrosius Saddie Ambrosius Olivia Ambrosius	Jim Soltvedt Dick Stedl


**INCOME FOR WEEK:**

Church Support	\$ 1780.00
Loose Collection	\$ 160.00
Votives	\$ 5.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00
Stole Fee- Gene Kropp Funeral	\$ 75.00
Burial Fees- Donald Kropp	\$ 750.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 50.00


**DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:**

Spectrum	\$ 150.34
AON Risk Insurance	\$ 830.26
St. John's Cost Share	\$ 5146.59
Jerry Mueller- Burial	\$ 400.00
Jeff Vanden Langenberg- Burial	\$ 100.00
Dick Stedl- Burial	\$ 50.00



Thank you to our 6th & 7th grade RE Classes, under the direction of Briana Vander Heiden, for making "Blessing Bags" and giving to the Christian Women for donation to those in need!



Our next lunch for the NEW Community Homeless Shelter in Green Bay is on Saturday, May 23rd. We are still in need of sliced ham, hamburger buns, baked beans, sliced cheese, assorted fruit and cookies. We could use cooks coming in at 8:30am and servers leaving at 10:15am. If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet in the entrance of church.




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.

**ADORATION FOR THE NATION**  
TUES., MAY 12 | 5 - 7 PM  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SEYMOUR



Join us in prayer leading up to the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America!

Diocese of Green Bay  
CHECK OUT THE CURRENT LIST OF ADORATION SITES!  
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**Question:** What is required by Canon Law to be enclosed in every Catholic chapel and church?  
**Answer:** A relic.

**Blessing for Mother's Day**  
Dear Lord,  
Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.  
For those who have lost children; hold them in their sorrow.  
For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.  
For those who have lost a mother; May they know Your comfort.  
For those carrying difficulty on this day; bring them consolation.  
Bless all women this day.  
Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen.


**Virtues, Explained! Courage**  
The virtue of courage is intimately linked with that of fortitude— roughly understood as courage in action— and is shown by the person who makes a choice to place his trust in God, not in circumstance.

**Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week**  
When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "but you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again— even today.



**Bishop's Appeal 2026**  
Parish Goal: \$16,357  
Given to date: \$10,692  
Needed: \$5,665

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