



May 17, 2026

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Sunday	5/17	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	Carl Eisenreich for His Birthday From Patti & Don <b>Mass at St John's For the People of St John Parish</b>	 <b>World Communications Day</b>
Tuesday	5/19	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's OPEN</b>	
Wednesday	5/20	<b>8:15 AM</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Mass at St John's OPEN</b> Holy Communion Outside of Mass	
Thursday	5/21	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Ebben &amp; Gertrude Mullen</b>	
Friday	5/22	8:15 AM	Joe Socha ~29 Year Anniversary of Death & Ryan Socha Love, Family	
Saturday	5/23	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Jean Birling</b>	
Sunday	5/24	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	Clifford Dembroski and All Veterans He Held Close to His Heart <b>Mass at St John's Bob Daoust</b>	 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!

**7th Sunday of Easter John 17:1-11a**

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "**Consecrate them in the truth.**" (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews. Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned," "I need help," "I forgive you," "I take you as my husband," "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.  
 — *Father John Muir*

**When Words Fail**

**Mini reflection:** We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. But saying the words isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there, inviting the Spirit to move among them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

**Devotions, Explained! Hail Mary**

**Mini Explanation:** The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11<sup>th</sup> century.



**Thank you to Gene & Jacqui Westerman for Sponsoring the May Bulletin**



DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM May 24	Jessica Melchert	Jake Hodkiewicz Jill Hodkiewicz Kathy Krull	Paden Melchert Graham Kisling Jackson Banker	Don Eisenreich Brennin Wojick

**INCOME FOR WEEK:**

Church Support	\$ 3650.00
Loose Collection	\$ 152.71
Votives	\$ 9.00

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:**

MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
James Imaging Systems	\$ 315.44
St. John's- Homeless Shelter Meal Donation	\$ 20.00
The Catholic Foundation- B.A. Donation	\$ 300.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 6.13



**Trustee Secretary for St Sebastian Parish**

Beginning July 1, 2026  
2 Year Term with option for an additional 2 Years  
Please contact Father Sengole for yourself or to recommend another parishioner now!

**Blessing for Communications**

Dear Jesus, On this World Communications Day, bless each of us as we communicate, whether by conversation, email, text, post, letter, or phone. May our words bring peace, comfort, healing, promise, joy, and love. May we bring your blessing wherever we go. Amen.



N.E.W. Community Homeless Shelter meal is on Saturday, May 23rd. We still could use some food. There are sign-up sheets in the entrance of church. The door on the north side of St John's school will be open Friday, May 22nd from 6 am to 5 pm and Saturday, May 23rd from 6 to 8 am.

Thank you for all your help. It is greatly appreciated.

**Virtues, Explained! Loyalty**

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. We are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church, and to the Christian way of life.

Next week, we will take up a second collection for **Home Missions – Our Own Needs**, which supports the -Black and Indian Missions, -The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), -The Catholic University of America, and - The Catholic Home Missions

This consolidated collection helps the Church evangelize in the US, including here in the Diocese of Green Bay. Your support helps the Church spread the gospel message and form many in their faith.

\*There are extra envelopes on the ledges as you enter church

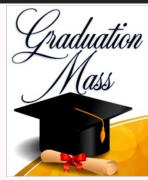
**Abandon yourself to the Virgin Mary. She will take care of you. ~ Padre Pio**

Words cannot express our thanks to all who helped prepare and deliver 5 meals to St John's Homeless Shelter. Without your time, food donations, or monetary help, it would not have been possible. God bless you all.



~ The Wurl's

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 ASAP if you have not already done so.



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**Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week**

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship- one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week?



**Bishop's Appeal 2026**  
Parish Goal: \$16,357  
Given to date: \$10,712  
Needed: \$5,645

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