

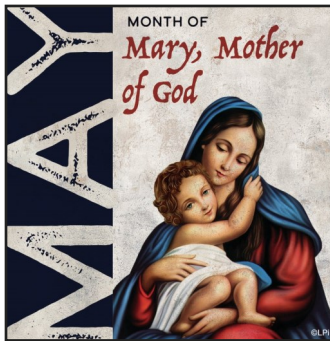



May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday	5/24	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Clifford Dembroski and All Veterans He Held Close to His Heart <i>Mass at St John's Bob Daoust</i>	 Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	5/26	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>	
Wednesday	5/27	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Deacon Nathan Budde</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass	
Thursday	5/28	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>	Men's Group in Parish Hall 8pm-9pm
Friday	5/29	8:15 AM	Mary De Ruyter ~ Birthday From Pat Ullmer	
Saturday	5/30	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Jean Birling</i>	
Sunday	5/31	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Marvin Nooyen for Our Wedding Anniversary Love, Mary Ann <i>Mass at St John's For Our High School Graduates</i>	



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Pentecost Sunday John 20:19-23

“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22–23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: “Why do I keep confessing the same sins?” It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, “You’re forgiven, now go back to your old life.” He says, so to speak, **“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ’s healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— *Father John Muir*

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn’t need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I’m the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into “Church” from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus’ ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit’s help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM May 31	Laurie Pahlke	Clarence Grusczyński Kathy Grusczyński Amy Van Schyndel	Ellie Melchert Lily Van Schyndel Preston Vander Heiden	Kevin Matuszak Perry Matuszak

St. Sebastian Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report 2026 Fiscal Year			
Ordinary Revenue	April	Year to Date	
Parish Support	\$ 5,881	\$133,494	
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	284	8,258	
Total Revenue	\$ 6,164	\$141,752	
Ordinary Expenses			
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 315	\$ 3,763	
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	4,681	52,442	
Purchased Services and Supplies	870	11,418	
Utilities	784	8,619	
Building and Grounds	1,120	8,723	
General and Office Expenses	1,194	6,143	
Diocesan Assessments	640	7,535	
Other Expenses	25	2,515	
Parish Donations	-	379	
Total Expenses	\$ 9,628	\$101,538	
Revenue Net of Expense	\$ (3,464)	\$ 40,214	

This weekend, we take up the 2nd collection for *Home Missions – Our Own Needs*. This consolidated collection benefits the Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), Catholic University of America, and Catholic Home Missions dioceses. Your support helps build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States through Catholic media, religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. *There are extra envelopes on the ledges as you enter church*



call for nominations!

Trustee Secretary for St Sebastian Parish

Beginning July 1, 2026

This is for a 2 Year Term with the option for an additional 2 Years.

Please contact Father Sengole for yourself or to to nominate a parishioner!

In a long overdue thank you, we wanted to also provide you with some totals from the 2026 Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Over 5,220 items were collected plus an additional 4 1/2 large festival style boxes well kept at the Shiocton & Seymour school levels to be given out in the city to the families. Values exceed \$14,450! Thank you for the impact you make in our community! -Community 2000

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 870.00
Loose Collection	\$ 77.00
Votives	\$ 26.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 60.00
Funeral Luncheon-Donald Kropp	\$ 100.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

WE Energies	\$ 728.20
Check Stamp - Reimbursement	\$ 37.25
Kailhofer's - Easter Flowers	\$ 244.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.97

Pentecost Prayer

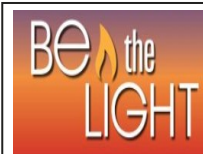
Come Holy Spirit, Descend upon us and fill us with the fire of Your love! Remind us of Your dreams for us, ignite us with new zeal, place new visions on our hearts, and the grace to work alongside You. Amen.

Virtues, Explained! Piety

"Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country," writes St. Thomas Aquinas. "And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety."

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "the Advocate." The Latin word for lawyer is "advocatus." Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you're in trouble, don't forget : ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you.



Bishop's Appeal 2026
Parish Goal: \$16,357
Given to date: \$10,817
Needed: \$5,540

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