



June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	6/21	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Donald & Helen Vande Hei ~ Wedding Anniversary <i>Mass at St John's Tammi Lyn Caron</i>	Love, Helen	
Tuesday	6/23	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>		
Wednesday	6/24	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Joseph Liebhaber</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass		
Thursday	6/25	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>		
Friday	6/26	8:15 AM	Sharon & Earl Marcus From Pat Ullmer		
Saturday	6/27	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Adrienne Cumicek</i>		
Sunday	6/28	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Gene Kropp <i>Mass at St John's Donna Lubinski</i>	Love, Family	

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 10:26-33

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: **“Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.”** (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *Father John Muir*

Priestly Ordination of Men

Question: Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer: One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.

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DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM June 28	Clara Vander Heiden	Amy Van Schyndel	Gracelynn Vander Heiden Elaina Vander Heiden	Adam Vander Heiden Preston Vander Heiden

St. Sebastian
Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report
2026 Fiscal Year

	May	Year to Date
Ordinary Revenue		
Parish Support	\$ 7,858	\$141,351
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	903	9,161
Total Revenue	\$ 8,761	\$150,513
Ordinary Expenses		
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 215	\$ 3,978
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	5,109	57,551
Purchased Services and Supplies	189	11,607
Utilities	679	9,298
Building and Grounds	475	9,198
General and Office Expenses	275	6,418
Diocesan Assessments	640	8,175
Other Expenses	42	2,557
Parish Donations	-	379
Total Expenses	\$ 7,624	\$109,162
Revenue Net of Expense	\$ 1,137	\$ 41,351



Father's Day Blessing

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers, step-fathers, and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Bless and Uphold Our Fathers!!!

Devotions, Explained! Marian Consecration

Marian consecration, the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother, is actually rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27) and to "take her into his own home." He was actually instructing us all to do likewise — to "behold your mother" and take Mary into our hearts, for wherever she is beloved, Christ is known and praised.

St. Maximilian Kolbe described Mary as "the stairway to Heaven." Marian consecration, therefore, could be likened to climbing the stairs. Different formulas exist for spiritual development in preparation for the consecration, based on the writings of saints like St. Louis de Montfort, and there are different prayers for the act of consecration. However, there is no "right" way to consecrate oneself to Jesus through Mary, so long as the ultimate goal is closeness to Christ and the glorification of God.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light." We all hear God's voice whispering in our hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls. Discipleship means that we dance to the tune.

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.

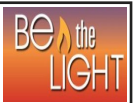
Funeral Arrangements: Please call St. John's parish office.

Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Please call St. John's parish office.



Bishop's Appeal 2026

Help Us Reach Our Goal
~ Donate \$28 on the 28th



Envelopes are located on the ledge of the stairs & will be at the end of each pew next Sunday.

Our Parish Goal	\$16,357
Given to Date	\$12,317
Still Needed	\$4,040



The Soltvedt Family

Please welcome Zachary, Amber and their new baby boy to our parish family. We pray for God's blessing upon them and welcome them with open arms.

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 520.00
Loose Collection	\$ 300.70
Votives	\$ 5.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

WE Energies	\$ 632.21
Spectrum	\$ 150.34
Quill	\$ 108.86
Lawnmower fuel	\$ 65.54
ISP-Background Checks	\$ 15.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.97

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