



June 28, 2026

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday	6/28	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	In Memory of Gene Kropp Love, Family <b>Mass at St John's Donna Lubinski</b>
Tuesday	6/30	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's Don Raymakers</b>
Wednesday	7/1	<b>8:15 AM</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Mass at St John's OPEN</b> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Adoration & Benediction to follow
Thursday	7/2	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's OPEN</b>
Friday	7/3	8:15 AM	Living Intention for Parker & Joseph Oakley Grzelak From Joe & Jane Grzelak
Saturday	7/4	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's OPEN</b>
Sunday	7/5	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	Patsy Kane-Collins From Helen Vande Hei <b>Mass at St John's Sharon &amp; Earl Marcks</b>



**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Matthew 10:37-42**

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.”** (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ’s claim on my love is absolute? Are you? Over the years, I’ve learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him. This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.  
 —Father John Muir

**Putting God First**

It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my wife as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my wife and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well.  
 — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Works of Mercy**

**Question:** I’ve heard of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. What are they, and what’s the difference?

**Answer:** As God has shown us mercy, so too are we called to show mercy to those we encounter. We see mercy throughout the Gospels, but the parable in Matthew 25 forms the foundation for the first set of Works of Mercy. This parable of the last judgment shows each person being asked how well they cared for those around them, and being reminded that this care for those in need is care for God Himself. Each person is asked if they have fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, sheltered the stranger, cared for the sick, and visited the imprisoned. These — along with burying the dead — are the Corporal Works of Mercy, as they primarily concern the physical life of a person.

The list of the Spiritual Works of Mercy developed later. These actions of love primarily concern the inner life of a person. They are instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses, comforting the afflicted, and praying for both the living and the dead. All of these actions are concrete ways of bringing the love of God into the world.

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM July 5	Abby Matuszak	Janet Matuszak	Preston Vander Heiden Liberty Schroeder	Ron Matuszak Jr Dick Stedl

**INCOME FOR WEEK:**

Church Support	\$ 2285.00
Loose Collection	\$ 124.00
Votives	\$ 19.00

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:**

St Therese of the Little Flower	\$ 639.50
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 8.11

Our New Parish Trustee Secretary as of July 1st is...  
**Janet Matuszak**

Thank you to those that accepted their nomination and to everyone that voted!




**Bishop's Appeal 2026**  
Help Us Reach Our Goal  
~ Donate ~  
**\$28 on the 28th**


Envelopes are located on the ledge of the stairs and at the end of each pew.

<b>Our Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$16,357</b>
<b>Given to Date</b>	<b>\$12,517</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$3,840</b>





**Blessing for Marriage**



Dear Jesus,  
Bless the married couples in our community and grow their bonds of love for each other. Give them the grace to share minds, hearts, dreams, growth, challenges, and strength in every season of life. Make them a sturdy shelter for each other, a place to find comfort and rest.  
Amen.



Available Mass Intention Dates: August 21 & 28

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

Whoever receives the one sent in Christ's name receives Christ. Whoever loves the Word of God loves God Himself. Who is Christ sending to you in his name this week? What Word do they speak into the stillness of your soul? Receive them. Receive him.

**Pilgrimage, Explained**


When the time came for the Transfiguration of Christ, Jesus took three of his disciples to "a high mountain by themselves," indicating that the sacred mysteriousness of this moment was something best experienced apart from the routine of ordinary life. This is the principle behind the act of pilgrimage: a journey to a place of spiritual significance, undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

Christian pilgrimages really began in the fourth century, when churches in the Holy Land were constructed in locations associated with the life of Christ. Throughout the centuries, pilgrims have likewise flocked to sites of Marian apparitions, miracles, and to places connected with the lives of saints. Some of the most iconic pilgrimage destinations include Fatima, Lourdes, and the Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

**Virtues, Explained! Discernment**

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply go — he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea; the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment.

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Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar  
Seymour Food Pantry St Vincent de Paul to collect & deliver.  
**JULY: Mac & Cheese**



**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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**833-2294 or 609-5292**

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