



June 29, 2025

Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

Sunday	6/29	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mary Wilinski for Her Birthday By Jill Hodkiewicz <i>Mass at St John's Bob Uecker</i>	Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles
Tuesday	7/1	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's John & Pat Matteson</i>	
Wednesday	7/2	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's For Unborn Babies</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction to follow	
Thursday	7/3	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's For the Safety of All this 4th of July Holiday</i>	
Friday	7/4	8:15 AM	Those Struggling With Addiction	Have a Safe and Blessed Fourth of July!
Saturday	7/5	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Alice Nackers</i>	
Sunday	7/6	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Bill & Elaine Letter <i>Mass at St John's John & Pat Matteson</i>	

GOSPEL MEDITATION

**Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Matthew 16:13-19**

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination?

Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: People have a lot of opinions about God. But when the world asks, "Who do you say that Jesus is?" We know the answer. Will we speak up?

Some Say

At first, the Apostles try to dodge the question.

When Jesus confronts them — and make no mistake, it is a confrontation — with the question "Who do you say that I am?" they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Some say.

But Jesus doesn't let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. "Who do you say that I am?"

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

Some say.

We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating loudness of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, *we know*.

But will we answer?



DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM July 6	Chris Stedl	Dcn Rich	Ella, Sadie & Olivia Ambrosius	Rick Stedl Kevin Matuszak

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1347.00
Loose Collection	\$ 129.00
Votives	\$ 14.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

Brightspeed	\$ 320.77
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 9.14

**St Sebastian's has reached
\$14,280.10 of our \$15,974 goal!**

Only \$1,693.90 Still Needed

Thank you!!



**★HONOR OUR★
ARMED FORCES**

**Please Welcome
OUR NEW MEMBERS**

**Please welcome
William and Kayla Van De Yacht
and their children, to our parish family.
We pray for God's blessing upon them
and welcome them with open arms.**

**If you would like to become Parish Members,
please contact the Parish Office.*

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Peter testified to a dangerous and unpopular truth— that Christ was the Messiah. That courage, that trust in God, is the cornerstone of all we believe. Like Peter, we must always bear witness to the truth.

Devotions, Explained! Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage is a journey to a place of spiritual significance undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

Prayer of Pastoral Care

O God, Bless the souls You have entrusted to our care. As You hear every one of their prayers, help us to hear them, too. Answer their prayer intentions and personal needs through us and our ministry, as we all seek to do Your will. Amen.

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Love, the Family**



Independence Day

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.



**"One Flag, One Land, One Heart,
One Hand, One Nation Evermore!"**
~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom

God, giver of all good gifts,
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
and remember that, in all we do or say,
you are with us, here this day.
We are thankful for all you do
and for everything you have given us.
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms
and the ability to protect others' freedom.
We are free because of you.
We ask for your continued blessing
on all your creation.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Seymour's 2025

**Music
in the Park**

**Music starts at
6:15pm**

**July 2nd -
Jon and Sarah**

**July 9th -
The Drovers**

**July 16th -
TNT**

**July 23rd -
Thunder Country**

**July 30th -
Nite Hawk**

**August 6th -
The New Generation**

**August 13th -
"Rockin" Country**

**August 20th -
The Reason Why**

**August 27th -
Chad Przybelski
and the Polka
Rhythms**



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**