



July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	7/5	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Patsy Kane-Collins Mass at St John's	From Helen Vande Hei Sharon & Earl Marcks
Tuesday	7/7	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's	OPEN
Wednesday	7/8	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Holy Communion Outside of Mass	OPEN
Thursday	7/9	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's	OPEN
Friday	7/10	8:15 AM	Donnie Kropp	From Don & Patti Eisenreich
Saturday	7/11	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's	Greg Ullmer
Sunday	7/12	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Lillian Ann Theroux Mass at St John's	Love, Aaron, Jessica, Peyton, Eloise & Adele Melchert Ricky Vande Hei, Bill Van Handel & Deceased Family Members

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 11:25-30

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, **"They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'"** Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

The Smallness of Great Faith

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, "Don't touch anything!" She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It's the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we've tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can't read?

A thought came to me so clearly: *Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?*

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM July 12	Dan Rynish	Jessica Melchert	Harry Bluma Jack Bluma	Steve Hackl Ken Linsmeyer

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1260.00
Loose Collection	\$ 115.75
Votives	\$ 10.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

WeShare CC Fees	\$ 7.16
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Please keep in your prayers, the family of Lillian Van De Yacht, who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



Jon, Sara & Friends July 8
TNT July 15
Thunder Country July 22

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:
Office of Safe Environment,
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.
YOU MATTER TO US — THERE IS HOPE!



Sacrificial Giving Envelopes Delayed

Cathedral Letter Concepts will be sending your monthly envelopes for July late as they are trying to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Please use any previous month's envelopes you still have available or any blank envelope and write the correct date on it. Sorry for any inconvenience.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the term for an uninterrupted hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?
Answer: Adoration or Holy Hour

Seymour Farmers Market

Tuesday's
2:00pm - 6:00 pm

Soda Sense Parking Lot
1010 S Mainline Dr

Shop Local

- ~ Produce ~ Vendors
- ~ Food Trucks ~ Crafts

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place?

Blessing for Our Country

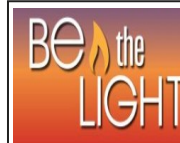
Dear God, Bless this land that we love, a land You created, in love. We are at our best when we're close to You. Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders and our vision, that our greatness may be founded in and defined in You. Amen.

Virtues, Explained! Empathy

Empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others, as Christ connected emotionally with our suffering in original sin. This virtue flows directly from the virtue of charity, and growth in charity will enable growth in empathy.

St. Michael Prayer, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome. Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church. The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.



Bishop's Appeal 2026
Parish Goal: \$16,357
Given to date: \$12,607
Still Needed: \$3,750



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.

Fr. Sengole Dass
St. John Parish Office - 833-6140

DC. Richard Matuszak
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