



July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

920-833-2558

www.stsebastianseymour.com
office@stsebastianseymour.com

Sunday	7/20	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Donald Vande Hei for His Birthday From the Helen Vande Hei Family Mass at St John's Roger Rozmiarek
Tuesday	7/22	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN
Wednesday	7/23	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Krepline Family Deceased Members Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow
Thursday	7/24	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN
Friday	7/25	8:15 AM	Marlene Matuszak ~ Date of Death 2014 Love, Norb
Saturday	7/26	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Greg Ullmer
Sunday	7/27	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Loving Memory of Gregory Ullmer ~ Anniversary of Death Mass at St John's Jean Birling

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Mary's lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained - Mary Magdalene

Question: July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Answer: Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM July 27	Abby Matuszak	Janet Matuszak	Levi Main Wyatt Main	Dick Stedl Ron Matuszak Jr.



The July Bulletin is Sponsored in Memory of Norm, Julie & Rick Soltvedt By Jim & Jodi



INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 740.00
Loose Collection	\$ 220.00
Votives	\$ 21.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Missionary Coop Plan Collection	\$ 10.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.40
-----------------	---------

Seymour's 2025

Music
in the Park

Music starts at
6:15pm

July 23rd -
Thunder Country

July 30th -
Nite Hawk



Confessions are heard
the last Friday
of the month,
after 8:15am Mass



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!**



Legion of Mary ROSARY CRUSADE

THE LEGION OF MARY HAS A NEW ROSARY CRUSADE.

We are looking for 100 million Rosaries starting now and continuing all over the world. We are asking people to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, peace in the Church, and peace in the womb. (Or for an end to abortion.) You are welcome to pray as many Rosaries as you like, or if you would like to be counted, you can email me at rshennum56@gmail.com

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:

Where did Mary and Joseph take young Jesus to hide him from King Herod?

Answer:

Egypt.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many “Marthas”- people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

Devotions, Explained! St. Bridget Prayers

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ’s suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant’s sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.
And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely,
with Your heaven as my guide. Amen.

Parish Fundraising Days

August 1st and 2nd, 2025

Shop in-store or online at
Cathedral Book & Gift.
Our parish will receive
10% of their sales!

When you shop ONLINE at
cathedralbookandgift.com
Indicate parish name in the comments.

Only Valid for In Store and Online Purchases not on
Special Orders made in store.

The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.

–St. Lawrence of Brindisi

St Sebastian’s has reached
\$14,995.10 of our **\$15,974** goal!

Only \$978.90 Still Needed

Thank you!!



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