



July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday	7/26	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Gerald Linsmeyer Mass at St John's	From Jill & Dan Carey Ann Theroux
Tuesday	7/28	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's	OPEN
Wednesday	7/29	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Holy Communion Outside of Mass	OPEN
Thursday	7/30	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's	OPEN Men's Group in Parish Hall 8pm-9pm
Friday	7/31	8:15 AM	Marlene Matuszak	By Norb Matuszak
Saturday	8/1	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's	Gerald Saindon & Deceased Members of Saindon & Mueller Family
Sunday	8/2	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Marvin Nooyen ~ 2nd Anniversary of Death Mass at St John's	Love, Mary Ann OPEN

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 13:44-52

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity. In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

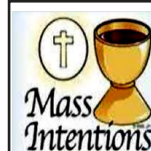
Thank you to
Jill & Dan Carey
for Sponsoring
the July Bulletin
in Loving Memory of
Gerald Linsmeyer



Thank you



God's blessings to
Sutton Kylie Feller,
daughter of
Samuel and Brittany,
who was baptized
in our parish
on July 19, 2026!



AVAILABLE DATES

August 28
September 4 September 18

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM August 2	Ellie Melchert	Jessica Melchert	Paden Melchert Graham Kisling	Dick Stedl Kurt Schuh

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 455.00
Loose Collection	\$ 101.00
Votives	\$ 14.50
Burial Fees—Ken Melotte	\$ 200.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 50.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

St Therese of the Little Flower	\$ 805.97
Tim Vanden Langenberg	\$ 50.00
Jeff Vanden Langenberg Burial of Ken Melotte	\$ 75.00
Cemetery Probe Drill Bit Reimburse	\$ 31.41
Lawnmower fuel Reimbursement	\$ 56.85
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 7.15

The St. Sebastian Men's Group will be meeting on July 30th from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall in church. August 27th will be the next scheduled meeting.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the funeral of Lillian Van De Yacht. As a longtime parishioner, we are grateful for your kindness and support.



Watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Ricken that should arrive this week.

On August 1-2, the Diocese of Green Bay will kick off the Raising Vocations Collections. This collection will support ministries that journey with young people to help them discover Christ and say "yes" to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This will help us reach our diocesan goal of at least 35 men in seminary formation by 2028.

Daily Examen, Explained!

The daily examen is a spiritual practice derived from the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. A Basque nobleman, Ignatius underwent a series of religious conversions as a young man following a wound sustained in the Battle of Pamplona in 1521. His *Spiritual Exercises* were first published in 1548 and form the basis of what is known today as "Ignatian spirituality."

Many different versions of the examen have been developed over the centuries, but all are centered on the same five elements which themselves reflect Ignatius' process of self-review and spiritual discernment.

In completing the daily examen, an individual places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

For more information on the examen and to find different variations of it, visit:
ignatianspirituality.com.



Seymour Farmers Market

Tuesday's 2:00pm - 6:00 pm
Soda Sense Parking Lot 1010 S Mainline Dr
Shop Local

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration of the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure— the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

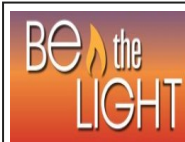
Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God, Pour Your blessing upon our parish, in need of Your renewal and inspiration. Prune the places that need pruning, and pour fresh grace and courage into our midst. Help us to find You and, with great joy, follow You wholeheartedly. Amen.

Virtues, Explained! Hospitality

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. It is the practice of true Christian love—love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

**Less than \$2,000
Needed!!**



Bishop's Appeal 2026

Parish Goal: \$16,357
Given to date: \$14,363
Still Needed: \$1,994

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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Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri