



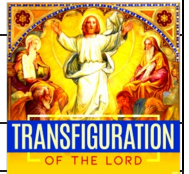
August 2, 2026

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Sunday    | 8/2 | 8:00 AM<br><b>10:00 AM</b> | Marvin Nooyen ~ 2nd Anniversary of Death Love, Mary Ann<br><b>Mass at St John's OPEN</b>            |
| Tuesday   | 8/4 | <b>8:15 AM</b>             | <b>Mass at St John's Ann Theroux</b>                                                                |
| Wednesday | 8/5 | <b>8:15 AM</b><br>9:00 AM  | <b>Mass at St John's OPEN</b><br>Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Adoration & Benediction to follow |
| Thursday  | 8/6 | <b>8:15 AM</b>             | <b>Mass at St John's OPEN</b>                                                                       |
| Friday    | 8/7 | 8:15 AM                    | Gary & Dori Kropp ~ Wedding Anniversary From Jim & Jodi                                             |
| Saturday  | 8/8 | <b>4:00 PM</b>             | <b>Mass at St John's Gerald Saindon &amp; Deceased Members of Saindon &amp; Mueller Families</b>    |
| Sunday    | 8/9 | 8:00 AM<br><b>10:00 AM</b> | Gene Kropp<br><b>Mass at St John's Gerald Saindon &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>                 |



**The Miracles We Don't See**

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink, and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle. — Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Matthew 14:13-21**

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he**

**withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

*Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.*

— Father John Muir

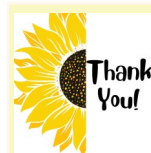


**AUGUST 15**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

St Sebastian's will have Mass for this Feast Day on Saturday, Aug. 15th at 8:15 AM.

This Mass does not satisfy your Sunday obligation.



**The August Bulletin Is Sponsored  
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the  
Mary Vande Walle Hill & DJ Hill Families**

| DAY/TIME                                 | LECTORS             | DISTRIBTORS      | SERVERS                            | USHERS                                |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b><br><b>August 9</b> | Brad Van Den Heuvel | Sandy Sponenburg | Jordan Banker<br>Liberty Schroeder | Jacob Vanden Heuvel<br>Don Eisenreich |

#### **INCOME FOR WEEK:**

|                      |            |
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| Church Support       | \$ 4897.00 |
| Loose Collection     | \$ 153.00  |
| Votives              | \$ 30.00   |
| Building/Maintenance | \$ 85.00   |

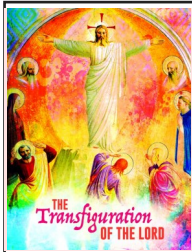
#### **DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:**

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| WE Energies                  | \$ 488.59  |
| AON Risk Insurance           | \$ 833.47  |
| Otis Elevators Contract      | \$ 1325.04 |
| The Catholic Foundation      | \$ 1012.00 |
| Lawnmower fuel Reimbursement | \$ 40.07   |
| Dcn Rich- Mileage for July   | \$ 101.50  |
| Reimbursement- RE Food       | \$ 76.86   |
| WeShare CC Fees              | \$ 6.20    |

#### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** In addition to Jesus' mother Mary, which saint is depicted in artwork more than any other?

**Answer:** St. Nicholas



The Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6, 2026), is a miraculous event where Jesus revealed His divine glory to Peter, James and John on a mountain, previewing His resurrection and confirming His identity as the Son of God.

#### **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

#### **Music in the Park**

New Generation Aug 5

Rockin Country Aug 12

Tom's Tunes Aug 19

Chad Przybylski

Polka Band Aug 26



#### **Bishop's Appeal 2026**

**Parish Goal: \$16,357**  
**Given to date: \$14,747**  
**Still Needed: \$1,610**



#### **Our Young People Are Counting On You:**

A spiritual family needs priests and sisters. That is why the Raising Vocations Collection is so important. By now, you most likely received a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting young men and women on their faith journey. Please consider a contribution to this collection, using the pledge card and return envelope you received in the mail. Every gift makes a difference. To make your gift today, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) or call Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123.

#### **RE REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!!!**

#### **SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS**

#### **Organ Concert Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30 PM**

Join Abbey organist Devin Attein for an evening of music in the Church of St Norbert Abbey. This concert is co-sponsored by the Northeastern WI Chapter of the American Guild of Organists as part of the "Power of the Pipes" concert series. Cost: FREE

#### **Live the Liturgy— Inspiration of the Week**

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed—there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

#### **Blessing of God's Provision**

Dear God, Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community—every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs—bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual—in Your holy and sacred name. Amen.

#### **Virtues, Explained! Respect**

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence." It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar

Seymour Food Pantry

St Vincent de Paul to collect & deliver.

**AUGUST: Toilet Paper & Bar Soap**



**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**