



August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	8/3	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Gary & Dorie Kropp for their Wedding Anniversary <i>Mass at St John's Ken, Joyce, & Christopher Langteau</i>	Love, The Family
Tuesday	8/5	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Louis Rynish</i>	
Wednesday	8/6	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Merle Wagner</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Adoration & Benediction to follow	Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday	8/7	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>	
Friday	8/8	8:15 AM	Pat Taylor for Her Birthday From the Posbrig Family	
Saturday	8/9	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Krepline Family Deceased Members</i>	Burger Fest
Sunday	8/10	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Marvin Nooyen ~ 1 Year Anniversary of Death <i>Mass at St John's Russell & Rose Kleist</i>	Love, Mary Ann

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

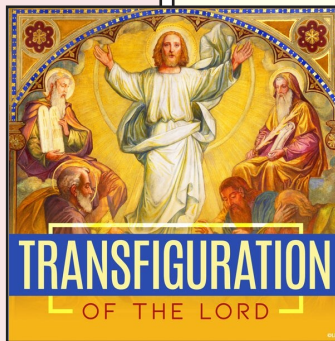
During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She

crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

TRANSFORM GREED INTO GRATITUDE

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM August 10	Janet Matuszak	Dcn Rich	Clara & Gracelyn VanderHeiden	Ron Matuszak Jr Kevin Matuszak

St. Sebastian Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report 2025 Fiscal Year			
Ordinary Revenue	June	Year to Date	
Parish Support	\$ 7,434	\$	113,554
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	9,861		30,375
Total Revenue	\$ 17,295	\$	143,929
Ordinary Expenses			
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 216	\$	4,972
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	4,840		60,222
Purchased Services and Supplies	882		11,184
Utilities	495		8,503
Building and Grounds	1,514		7,286
General and Office Expenses	685		6,194
Diocesan Assessments	-		8,242
Other Expenses	248		576
Parish Donations	-		-
Total Expenses	\$ 8,879	\$	107,180
Revenue Net of Expense	\$ 8,416	\$	36,749

Parish Fundraising Days
Cathedral Book & Gift
August 8th and 9th, 2025

Shop in-store or online.
Our parish will receive
10% of their sales!

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

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Not on Special Orders made in store.

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Memory of Donald Vande Hei &
Jane (Vande Hei) Angrabright
Love, The Helen Vande Hei Family

Seymour's 2025 Music in the Park
Music starts at 6:15pm

August 6th - The New Generation
August 13th - "Rockin" Country

  **2025 Seymour Burger Fest**  
August 8th & 9th

Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,
I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.
Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.
Help me to live according to Your invitations.
Amen.

Devotions, Explained! Holy Hour

A Holy Hour is the practice of spending one hour's time
in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and
meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before
God to face judgement. When we are, our life will be
measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what
matters to God. What do we have to show for our time
spent on earth?

INCOME FOR WEEK:	
Church Support	\$ 440.00
Loose Collection	\$ 167.00
Votives	\$ 11.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
Missionary Coop Appeal	\$ 10.00
Burial Fees - Sale of Plot	\$ 580.00
Cemetery - Perpetual Care	\$ 220.00
DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:	
WE Energies	\$ 525.11
Brightspeed	\$ 317.51
Cathedralcum Assessment	\$ 639.50
The Catholic Foundation (Missionary Coop)	\$ 10.00
Otis Elevator	\$ 1215.60
Clarence Gruszczynski (Landscaping Trees)	\$ 300.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 6.28

St Sebastian's remains at
\$14,995.10 of our \$15,974 goal!
\$978.90 is 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.

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Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00
Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri