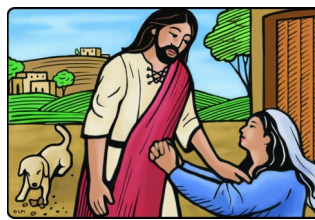


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August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	8/16	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mary Wilinski for Our Wedding Anniversary Mass at St John's OPEN	
Tuesday	8/18	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM
Wednesday	8/19	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN Holy Communion Outside of Mass	
Thursday	8/20	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN	
Friday	8/21	8:15 AM	In Memory of Lillian Van De Yacht Love, Family	
Saturday	8/22	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Joel Cartier	
Sunday	8/23	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Larry (deceased) & Alice Vanden Langenberg ~ 67th Wedding Anniversary Mass at St John's Betty & Lee Schmit & Living/Deceased Family	

Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **"O woman, great is your faith,"** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?
— Father John Muir

The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.
— Tracy Earl Welliver



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

God's blessings to Cooper Joseph Lambert, son of Chase & Laura, who was baptized in our parish on August 9, 2026!





The Wegner Family

Please welcome Brandon, Emily and their children to our parish family. We pray for God's blessing upon them and welcome them with open arms.

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM August 23	Jessica Melchert	Julie Skinkis	Jackson Banker Olivia Ambrosius	Dick Stedl Brennin Wojcik

St. Sebastian			
Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report			
2026 Fiscal Year			
Ordinary Revenue	June	Year to Date	
Parish Support	\$ 10,334	\$151,685	
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	<u>1,219</u>	<u>10,380</u>	
Total Revenue	\$ 11,553	\$162,065	
Ordinary Expenses			
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 180	\$ 4,158	
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	5,042	62,593	
Purchased Services and Supplies	912	12,519	
Utilities	534	9,832	
Building and Grounds	178	9,376	
General and Office Expenses	154	6,572	
Diocesan Assessments	640	8,814	
Other Expenses	80	2,637	
Parish Donations	-	<u>379</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 7,719	\$116,881	
Revenue Net of Expense	\$ 3,834	\$ 45,185	

RE REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!!!



To sign up for RE
at St. Sebastians for
2026-2027,
please scan the QR code
or use the following link:

<https://www.jotform.com/assign/262016260120035/262017239257053>

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1220.00
Loose Collection	\$ 227.88
Votives	\$ 17.60

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
James Imaging Systems	\$ 264.49
Church Door Repair-Reimburse	\$ 47.72
Cathedral Letter Concepts	\$ 157.99
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 5.17

St. Sebastian Men's Group

Next meeting is **August 27th**, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm
in the Parish Hall

Homeless Shelter Meal

On Saturday, September 5th we are sponsoring a meal for NEW Community Homeless Shelter, Green Bay for lunch. We are in need of hamburger, hot dogs, buns for both, potato chips, sloppy joe sauce, baked beans, sliced cheese, pickles, cookies, assorted fruit, cooks and servers. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance of church. Any donations are appreciated. Thank you for your help!

Virtues, Explained! Wisdom

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does—but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom—and remember to be ready when it comes.

Mass Intentions ~ Available Dates

Aug. 28, Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 4, Oct. 30

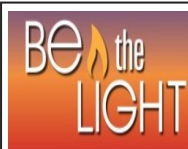


Live the Liturgy— Inspiration of the Week

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

Prayer for Conversion of Our Communities

Dear God,
Move in our community; Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed, Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain. Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts, making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate. Amen.



Bishop's Appeal 2026

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



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