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### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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|-----------|------|---------------------|---|
| Sunday    | 8/17 | 8:00 AM<br>10:00 AM | Mary Wilinski for Our 50th Wedding Anniversary<br><i>Mass at St John's Judy VanHandel</i>                         |
| Tuesday   | 8/19 | 8:15 AM             | <i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>   |
| Wednesday | 8/20 | 8:15 AM<br>9:00 AM  | <i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i><br>Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow                       |
| Thursday  | 8/21 | 8:15 AM             | <i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>   |
| Friday    | 8/22 | 8:15 AM             | Donald Vande Hei By Trudie & Kathy <a href="#">The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</a>                       |
| Saturday  | 8/23 | 4:00 PM             | <i>Mass at St John's Joel Cartier</i>   |
| Sunday    | 8/24 | 8:00 AM<br>10:00 AM | Martin & Rose Marie Wied for their Wedding Anniversary From Patti & Don<br><i>Mass at St John's Ray Palubicki</i> |

### WE DID IT!

St Sebastian's has reached  
our \$15,974 goal!



### Thank You

to everyone that helped us meet  
our 2025 Bishop's Appeal  
Goal!

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?"** he asks, **"No, tell you, but rather division"** (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



AUGUST 22

#### The Queenship of Mary

This feast day recognizes Mary as the "Queen of Heaven and Earth" and celebrates her special role in salvation.

Music in the Park ~ Music starts at 6:15pm  
August 20th - The Reason Why

Let the Holy Spirit Blaze  
Like Fire in Your HEART

| DAY/TIME                                  | LECTORS           | DISTRIBTORS | SERVERS                             | USHERS                               |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b><br><b>August 24</b> | Brad VandenHeuvel | Dcn Rich    | Graham Kisling<br>Liberty Schroeder | Jacob VandenHeuvel<br>Perry Matuszak |

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

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Church Support         | \$ 865.00 |
| Loose Collection       | \$ 174.69 |
| Votives                | \$ 15.50  |
| Missionary Coop Appeal | \$ 10.00  |

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

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| MMC-Multi Media               | \$ 20.00   |
| GIA Publications              | \$ 36.00   |
| James Imaging (Copier)        | \$ 4628.00 |
| The Catholic Foundation (MCA) | \$ 10.00   |
| Dcn Rich Retirement Gift      | \$ 2000.00 |
| 2026 Desk Calendars           | \$ 25.76   |
| Fuel for Lawn Mower           | \$ 27.90   |
| WeShare CC Fees               | \$ 5.34    |

#### **The Parish Has Made A Request From The Catholic Foundation For The Diocese of Green Bay**

The parish has made a request from the Diocese Foundation to utilize funds from the 2021 Parish one-by-One Campaign for the new copier needed in Parish Center and for the repairs needed on the church roof.

The initial funds that the parish received from the campaign were utilized for the pew cushions, carpeting in church, and the cemetery project as outlined in the campaign statement. However, we are now requesting additional funds from the campaign to cover these needs.

If any parishioner has any questions about this request, please contact Fr Sengole at 920-833-6140 on or before August 29, 2025.

#### **Catholic Q&A**

#### **Queenship of Mary**

**Question:** Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

**Answer:** For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

#### **Devotions, Explained! Gregorian Chant**

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.

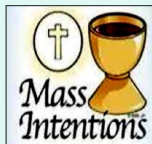
#### **Prayer for Bravery**

Dear God, In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation. Amen.

#### **Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week**

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

**Mini reflection:** If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

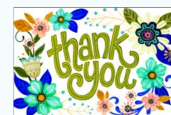


#### **2025 Available Dates (Fridays):**

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>September 5</b> | <b>November 14</b> |
| <b>October 3</b>   | <b>November 21</b> |
| <b>October 24</b>  | <b>December 5</b>  |
| <b>October 31</b>  | <b>December 12</b> |

**\* All Sundays have been scheduled for 2025 \***

**The August Bulletin is Sponsored in Memory of**  
**Donald Vande Hei &**  
**Jane (Vande Hei) Angrabright**  
**Love, The Helen Vande Hei Family**



**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**