

St. Sebastian Parish
N9269 Isaar Rd
Seymour, WI 54165



September 6, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	9/6	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Donald Roskom & Karen Vander Veldon <i>Mass at St John's Ann Theroux</i>	From Shirley Roskom
Tuesday	9/8	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>	THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY HAPPY LABOR DAY!
Wednesday	9/9	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass	
Thursday	9/10	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's OPEN</i>	
Friday	9/11	8:15 AM	In Memory of Lillian Van De Yacht Love, the Family	SEPTEMBER 11 NEVER FORGET
Saturday	9/12	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's LaVern & Helen Leisgang</i>	
Sunday	9/13	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Loving Memory of Larry & Dorothy Vanden Langenberg <i>Mass at St John's Roger & Helen Rozmiarek</i>	

Treat Him Like a Gentile

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Owe Only Love

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: The word "Catholic" comes from the Greek "katholikos," meaning what?

Answer: Universal

DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM September 13	Jodi Soltvedt	Sandy Sponenburg	Preston Vander Heiden Brady Vander Heiden Parker Nagel	Kurt Schuh Jim Soltvedt

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 4010.00
Loose Collection	\$ 109.00
Votives	\$ 12.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
Building/Maintenance	\$ 100.00
RE Donation	\$ 15.00
Christian Women Dues	\$ 3.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

St John's Cost Share	\$ 6902.82
St John's—Homeless Shelter Meal	\$ 120.00
Faith Formation Books—Reimburse	\$ 89.23
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.01



**Thank you to everyone
that donated food and/or help for the
NEW Community Homeless Shelter Meal.
The support from our parish
is greatly appreciated!!**

Pilgrimage with Fr. Sengole

Wednesday, Sept 23rd ~ The Shrine of Our Lady
Guadalupe, La Crosse. **To Register:** Call
St John's parish office #920-833-6140.



St Lawrence Outdoor Polka Mass (10:00 AM—Rain or Shine)

With the Marozek Brothers, Family Picnic (11am-1pm) and Car Show (Registration 11am with award ceremony at 2pm) on Sunday, September 20th, W5125 St Hwy 156, Navarino. Bring your own lawn chairs. Cash Raffles, 50/50, General Store, Live & Silent Auctions, Money Tree, Bake Sale, & more.

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ?



Labor Day Blessing



Dear God,

We thank You for this Labor Day. Bless the men and women who serve in our workforce, and grant them strength and protection in their work.

Bless, too, those who courageously seek to build fairer and more just working environments for all our brothers and sisters. Bless all of us as we gather to rest and recreate during this holiday weekend.



**OUR 2026
BISHOP'S APPEAL GOAL
HAS BEEN MET!**

**Thank you to everyone
that contributed.**

Perpetual Monthly
Giving Calendar
Seymour Food
Pantry
St Vincent de Paul
to collect &
deliver.



**SEPTEMBER:
Peanut Butter
& Jelly**

Virtues, Explained! Vindication

Most commonly, we understand the term vindication” in a very legal, argumentative context. We say someone is “vindicated” when they are proven innocent from an accusation.

This isn't so far from what vindication means in the sense of virtue, either. Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which demands we honor our duty to God and to one another. Justice seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. It seeks to safeguard truth against those who would co-opt it for their own purposes.

If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth: “Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, and make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday.” (Psalm 37:5-6)

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