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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	11/16	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Bonnie Ahlborn Mass at St John's	From Jim & Dan Carey & Family Mary, Mark, & Paul Burkel
Tuesday	11/18	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's	OPEN
Wednesday	11/19	***** 9:00 AM	NO Mass or Services at St John's Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow	
Thursday	11/20	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's	OPEN
Friday	11/21	8:15 AM	For those suffering in mind, body or spirit	
Saturday	11/22	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's	Ken, Joyce, and Christopher Langteau
Sunday	11/23	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Loving Memory of Michael Bowers Mass at St John's	From The Family Ray Palubicki



GOSPEL MEDITATION **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary** **Time Luke 21:5-19** — *Father John Muir*

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC **Two Things Can Be True At Once** By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

"What's wrong?" my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

"She's — going — to — die — someday," I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

"Ohhh, honey." I'll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. "I think you might be tired."

Ten years later, it's a memory we laugh about. I hadn't slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It's funny. It's absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. *The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.*



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DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM November 23	Janet Matuszak	Clarence Grusczyński Kathy Grusczyński Sandy Sponenburg	Graham Kisling Harry Bluma Jack Bluma	Ron Matuszak Jr Kurt Schuh

St. Sebastian Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report 2026 Fiscal Year			
Ordinary Revenue	October	Year to Date	
Parish Support	\$ 6,036	\$ 27,749	
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	247	2,756	
Total Revenue	\$ 6,283	\$ 30,504	
Ordinary Expenses			
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 277	\$ 1,877	
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	4,170	22,979	
Purchased Services and Supplies	887	4,083	
Utilities	420	2,014	
Building and Grounds	856	3,523	
General and Office Expenses	(30)	2,169	
Diocesan Assessments	640	3,698	
Other Expenses	26	2,176	
Parish Donations	-	-	
Total Expenses	\$ 7,246	\$ 42,519	
Revenue Net of Expense	\$ (963)	\$ (12,015)	



Christian Women Society
Annual Bake Sale
Sunday, December 7th



We ask that each member bring 2 priced items to be sold before and after Mass that day. Proceeds from the sale will go toward next year's Salvation Army Giving Tree.

The Christmas Giving Tree

Only 1 Angel Card remains on the Giving Tree located in the lobby by the ladies' bathroom. Be sure to write your name by the # of your card on the sign up sheet. If you'd like to buy gifts of any kind, please put those unwrapped gifts on the table marked "Extra Gifts". Gas & food cards are always welcome! You can put those in the collection basket ~ be sure to label envelope as Christmas Giving Tree. Please return your gifts asap, so we can deliver by Dec. 7th.

Thank You!

Parish Membership Invitation

If you are not currently members of St Sebastian Church, but would like to be part of our parish community, please contact the parish office # (920) 833-2558.

We would love to have you!

Devotions, Explained!
Advent Wreath

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; on is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas.

Live The Liturgy -
Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion—and, ultimately, peace.

Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end?

Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar

Seymour Food Pantry, St Vincent de Paul to collect and deliver. Featured items for **November:**

Cold Cereal



A HUNTER'S BLESSING

By the intercession of St Hubert, patron saint of hunters, may you always honor God the Creator, who set man in dominion over all the animals.

May the Lord God make you an honorable hunter who respects fellow hunters, the animals, and all creation.

May He keep safe you and all who share the field or the forest;

May He make all the hunters proud of their kill, generous with their meat, and thankful in all circumstances.

May God bless you:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

AMEN

Prayer in Season of Trust

O Lord, Be with me now, I feel so alone. Bring Your Blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness. Wrap me in Your mercy, give me strength to face every hardship. Amen.

INCOME FOR WEEK:	
Church Support	\$ 1220.00
Loose Collection	\$ 148.00
Votives	\$ 6.00
Military Services, USA (AMS) Collection	\$ 273.00
DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:	
MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
WE Energies	\$ 239.14
Brightspeed	\$ 319.10
The Catholic Foundation-Military Collection	\$ 273.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 5.34

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