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FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	2/12	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of June Linsmeyer Req by Don & Helen Vande Hei <i>Mass at St John's - Mary Steffens</i>	
Tues	2/14	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's - Gertrude &amp; Ebben Mullen</i>	
Wed	2/15	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's - Delores Leininger</i> No Services at St Sebastian	
Thurs	2/16	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's - Harvey &amp; Angeline Ullmer</i>	
Fri	2/17	8:15 AM	In Memory of Florence, Walter & Duane Ebert	
Sat	2/18	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's - June Linsmeyer</i>	
Sun	2/19	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Myron Gruszczynski Req by Joe & Jane Grzelak <i>POLKA MASS at St John's - Helen &amp; Ralph Sassman</i>	



Thank you to Chris and Sandy Sponenburg for the February bulletin sponsorship in Honor of the Living & Deceased Members of their Families

### Gospel Meditation

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic. — Father John Muir

**Please note  
the new  
parish email  
address -  
listed above.**

The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.

~ Pope Francis



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BEST LENT EVER

Dynamic Catholic is featuring a "Best Lent Ever" series by Matthew Kelly.

"Best Lent Ever" ties together the book "Holy Moments" (handed out at Christmas time) and our Lenten journey.

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# Eat Sunday

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

**10 am polka mass at St. John's followed by a complimentary luncheon in the school gym**

Enjoy your favorite polka tunes & a bowl of our **famous** chicken soup or chili!

Menu includes ham sandwiches, coffee, milk & **delicious homemade desserts!**

**All are welcome, no charge!**

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Dan Rynish	Tim Eisenreich	Alec Ullmer	Ashlin Ullmer	Dick Stedl
<b>8:00AM / FEB 19</b>			& Family	Whitney Hock	Louis Rynish
				Liberty Schroeder	
<b>ASH WED</b>	Pat Posbrig	Volunteer			Volunteers
<b>8:15 AM / FEB 22</b>					

#### INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 2,096.19
Loose Collection	108.00
Other	113.50

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

AON Risk Insurance	\$ 608.77
St Therese of Little Flower	718.40
Centurylink	223.40
Other	25.81

#### *Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week*

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

#### *(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments* By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman -

**The Hardness of Holiness** - Want to know the words I find hardest to say? "Lord, give me the strength."

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we're training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we're talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes "naturally" or without struggle it's supposed to be right. Only God is perfect, the world tells us. What's the use of trying so hard? I'm really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids' bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I've committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that's just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I'm dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it's so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse. It's not unlike my kids claiming they're too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them? With a job to do, that's where.

**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.

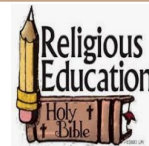
**Marriage:** Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Please call St. John's parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick and Dying:** Please call St. John's parish office.



RE Classes Today  
following Mass  
Parish Center 9-11 am  
Grades 1-11



Everyone Welcome at St. Sebastian's  
First Sunday of Lent February 26th  
12:50pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Dcn Rich  
1pm Stations of the Cross, Dcn Rich  
1:30pm Penance Service, Fr Sengole  
2pm Confessions Heard, Norbertine Priests  
"One does not live by bread alone" - LK 4:4

#### **The 2023 Annual Bishop's Appeal kicks off today! Our Parish Goal - \$14,962**



Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help in countless ways. Care ministers are trained to go out and share the Gospel with the homebound and sick. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive education programs learning the Word of God. A young woman in an abusive relationship is able, through counseling with Catholic Charities, to stand on her own feet. Married couples struggling with infertility are able to become parents through Adoption Services. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes happy endings possible.

91-93% of every dollar raised goes to Diocesan ministries and services right here in northeast Wisconsin. Make a tremendous difference and give to the Bishop's Appeal!

Help for the Homeless

## HYGIENE DRIVE

Feb 12 - March 5

**Donate Hygiene Supplies to Local Seymour Area Programs!**

Community 2000  
St Vincent de Paul  
The Salvation Army Outagamie County Service Extension Unit

Most Needed Items:

• Cleaning Supplies	• Hair Care	• Laundry Soap
• Feminine Needs	• Deodorant	• Kitchen Trash Bags
• Bathroom Tissue	• Dental Care	• Paper Towels
• Diapers/Baby Care	• Body Lotion	• Face/Bath Soap

Donations Remain in the Communities Where Collected!

**Fr. Sengole Dass**  
**St. John Parish Office - 833-6140**

**DC. Richard Matuszak**  
**833-2294 or 609-5292**

**St Sebastian Parish Office - 833-2558**  
**Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/8:00 – 4:00**  
**Wednesday 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday**