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FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	2/19	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Myron Gruszynski Req by Joe & Jane Grzelak <b>POLKA MASS at St John's - Helen &amp; Ralph Sassman</b>	
Tues	2/21	8:15 AM	<b>Mass at St John's - Barney &amp; Marie Dussling</b>	
Wed	2/22	8:15 AM 6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass - For the People of St Sebastian <b>Ash Wednesday Mass at St John's - Regina Maroszek</b>	
Thurs	2/23	8:15 AM	<b>Mass at St John's - Alice &amp; Harry Bluma &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>	
Fri	2/24	8:15 AM	In Memory of Clayton & Duane Ebert Req by Gary Ebert	
Sat	2/25	4:00 PM	<b>Mass at St John's - LaVern &amp; Helen Leisgang</b>	
Sun	2/26	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Elaine Letter Req by Kim VanHandel <b>Mass at St John's - Jim Clevon</b>	

**Thank You!**

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

**Gospel Meditation** - Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

St. Sebastian Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report 2023 Fiscal Year			
<b>Ordinary Revenue</b>			
Parish Support	January	Year to Date	
	\$ 12,159	\$ 74,658	
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	330	1,777	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 12,489</b>	<b>\$ 76,436</b>	
<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>			
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 461	\$ 1,883	
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	6,793	53,216	
Purchased Services and Supplies	677	5,083	
Utilities	1,508	5,495	
Building and Grounds	1,698	3,392	
General and Office Expenses	167	3,971	
Diocesan Assessments	695	5,954	
Other Expenses	17	139	
Parish Donations	-	-	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,014</b>	<b>\$ 79,133</b>	
<b>Revenue Net of Expense</b>	<b>\$ 474</b>	<b>\$ (2,698)</b>	



Where love becomes tangible, become closeness, becomes tenderness, becomes compassion, God is there. ~ Pope Francis

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Ron Matuszak Jr	Dcn Rich Matuszak	Alexis & Brennin	Knox Leisgang	Ron Matuszak Sr
8:00AM / FEB 26			Wojcik & Family	Krew Leisgang	Perry Matuszak

#### INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 652.99
Loose Collection	148.00
Other	17.00

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

St John's Cost Share	\$ 7,442.43
Fr Christian Raj Arulanardu	95.26
Fr Bradley Vanden Branden	59.89
Fr David Komatz	59.89
Fr Xavier /Amirthain	76.92
USPS	252.00
Fees	2.01

#### Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

8:15 am Mass at St Sebastian Parish

6:30 pm Mass at St John Parish



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

#### Why De We Dd That? - Catholic Life Explained - Is Gossip a Sin?

**Question:** Is gossip a mortal sin?

**Answer:** To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

#### Feb19th

No 9am RE Classes Feb26th.

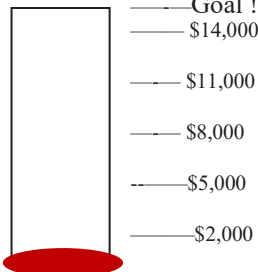
Please pray for the 2nd grade students as they prepare for First Reconciliation Feb26th.



#### Bishop's Appeal

St Seb Goal: \$14,962  
Given to date: \$1,700  
Still needed: \$13,262  
12% of our goal

St John's Goal \$41,643  
Given to date: \$8,800  
Still needed: \$32,843  
21% of their goal.



#### Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult,  
please contact:  
Office of Safe Environment  
Diocese of Green Bay  
920-272-8174  
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US –  
THERE IS HOPE!**

#### Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

-Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

-Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single fill meal.

-Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

**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.

**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**