







FEBRUARY 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sun	2/26	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM 1:30 PM 2:00 PM	In Memory of Elaine Letter Req by Kim VanHandel MASS at St John's - Jim Clevon Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations of the Cross Lenten Penance Service Confessions - (Father Sengole and fellow Norbertine Priests to help)	
Tues	2/28	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Shirley Doecker	
Wed	3/1	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 6:15 PM	Mass at St John's - Deceased Members of St John's Parish Communion Service Holy Hour Holy Hour at St John's	
Thurs	3/2	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - For the People of Turkey	
Fri	3/3	8:15 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	In Memory of Clayton & Duane Ebert Req by Gary Ebert Stations of the Cross at St John's 'The Chosen' Series at St John's following Stations of the Cross	
Sat	3/4	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of the Wendt Family	
Sun	3/5	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:50 PM 1:00 PM	All Living & Deceased Descendants of the Vande Corput Families Mass at St John's - Regina Maroszek Divine Mercy Chaplet Stations of the Cross	



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

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman - Formed and Fallen

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of pączki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — submit to me, and you will have the whole world — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression." — Romans 5:15



DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Brad VandenHeuvel	Dcn Rich Matuszak	Kaleb Griesbach	Preston & Brady	Jacob VandenHeuvel
8:00AM / MAR 5			& Family	VanderHeiden	Rick Stedl

INCOME & DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK: Amounts will be included in next weeks bulletin.

Reminder:

Tuesday Night - Feb 28th
Committees Meetings 6:00 pm
Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm



Agenda copies are in the church lobby if you are interested.

DQ SHARE NIGHT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 4 - 8 PM

Join us at the Seymour DQ for SHARE NIGHT!
20% of in-store and drive thru sales will be donated to the Our Kids Weekend Snack Bag Program.

Purchase SCRIP cards in advance at New Life United Methodist Church and benefit the Our Kids program twice!

During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith and receive with open hearts the love of God.

~ Pope Francis

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give



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

Feb26th - No 9am RE Classes today.
Congratulations on First Reconciliation!

Jordan Banker
Brailyn Domke
Levi Main
Eloise Melchert



Rural Life Day 2023 - Mass with Bishop Ricken

Thursday, March 23rd at 10:00 am Mass at St Anthony Parish, 253 N Franklin St, Oconto Falls~ Blessing of Soil, Seeds, Animals, and Machinery / 11:30 am Lunch and speaker, Sr Marla Clercx / Meal Tickets \$15 each must be purchased 7 days in advance. Call (920) 846-2276.

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our Fat Sunday celebration! Fantastic turnout for donations and helpers. What a joyful way to kick off the Lenten season. God bless us everyone!
And congratulations to Judy Bluma, winner of the Fat Sunday floral arrangement.



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you!

ALL RISE!

7:00 pm March 30, 31, April 1
1:00 pm April 1, 2

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Everyday Stewardship - The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Bishop's Appeal

St Seb Goal: \$14,962	Goal !
Given to date: \$3,835	\$14,000
Still needed: \$11,127	\$11,000
26% of our goal	\$8,000
St John's Goal \$41,643	\$5,000
Given to date: \$14,268	\$2,000
Still needed: \$27,375	
34% of their goal.	

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