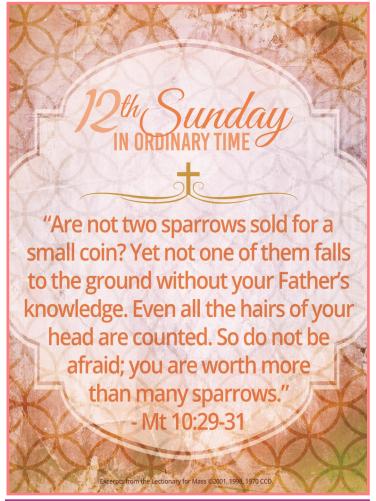
JUNE 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	6/25	8:00 AM	Wedding Anniversaries: Norb & Teena Rottier *63 Years* Jeff & Ginny Rottier *40 Years*				
		10:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Matuszak & Van De Hei Families				
Tues	6/27	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's A Special Intention				
Wed	6/28	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Cismoski & Schuster Families				
		9:00 AM	Communion Service / Faith Formation				
Thurs	6/29	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Jim & Jeannie Gillis Family				
Fri	6/30	8:15 AM	The Rynish Family by Louis & Georgie Rynish				
Sat	7/1	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Nicci Greene				
Sun	7/2	8:00 AM	In Memory of Mary Wilinski on her Birthday by Gary Wilinski				
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's Bob Daoust				



Thank you to all those that donated to the one by One Campaign.

Due to your generosity, our parish is using some of the funds to recarpet the church & recover the church pews!



We are in need of a Parish Council Secretary. This is a three-year commitment. If you, or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact the parish office.





ST. IRENAEUS

Can you imagine sitting at the feast of the Apostles? St. Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor - now Turkey - and was tutored in Christianity by St. Polycarp, himself a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. Irenaeus caught the missionary zeal and became a priest sent to Gaul (modern day France). Following a persecution by the pagan Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, Irenaeus replaced the martyred bishop in the region. His trials were not over, however. The heretical sect of Gnosticism spread to Gaul. Gnostics proclaimed a secret, spiritual knowledge available only to a few. Irenaeus researched the Gnostic texts and exposed the falsehoods they taught, such as denying the divinity of Christ.

His book **Against Heresies** is still being published today, over 1800 years after his death. May St. Irenaeus intercede for our own quests for greater understanding!

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Frank Van Ess	Den Rich Matuszak		Preston VanderHeiden	Jacob VandenHeuvel
8:00AM / JULY 2				Brady VanderHeiden	Rick Stedl

Today is \$25 on the 25th

We are so close to reaching our GOAL!

Only \$397 is still needed!!

If you have not already participated, please consider completing one of the envelopes at the end of each pew or on the ledges in the back of church today!

Thank you to those who have already given!

We Can Do this!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support\$ 830.32Loose Collection\$ 78.00Bishop's Appeal\$ 40.00Mass Intentions\$ 10.00Votives\$ 16.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

The Catholic Foundation \$ 60.00 DeWitt Church Goods \$ 7,365.00 DSPS-Elevator Permit Renewal \$ 50.00



The Parish Office will be Closed July 3rd - July 4th in Celebration of Our God-Given Rights!



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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St Sebastian Parish Office - 833-2558 Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 - 4:00 Wednesday: 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday