



JULY 23, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	7/23	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Marlene Matuszak *Anniversary in Heaven 7/25/14* by Norb Matuszak Mass at St John's Carol Dorn
Tues	7/25	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Greg Ullmer
Wed	7/26	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Kyle VanHandel * NO Communion Service / NO Faith Formation *
Thurs	7/27	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Francis VerVoort
Fri	7/28	8:15 AM	For all suffering from physical and mental illness.
Sat	7/29	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Jon & Kyle Pelishek
Sun	7/30	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Tom, Floyd & Helen LaCombe by Sandy, Kennedy & Trenton Mass at St John's Ronald Haws

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 23, 2023 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great). Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.
— *Father John Muir*

Do What Needs to Be Done EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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Rick De Ruyter**



“He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ’ — Mt 13:29-30

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Janet Matuszak	Dcn Rich Matuszak		Paden Melchert	Louis Rynish
July 30				Graham Kisling	Steve Hackl

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 693.17
Loose Collection	\$ 148.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles	\$ 7.75
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$ 30.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

MMC- Multi Media	\$ 20.00
Geenen's Waste	\$ 100.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 1.83



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to get involved!

St. Sebastian

Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report 2023 Fiscal Year

Ordinary Revenue

	June	Year to Date
Parish Support	\$ 8,149	\$ 105,235
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	293	4,090

Total Revenue

\$ 8,443 \$ 109,326

Ordinary Expenses

Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 174	\$ 3,323
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	5,260	85,875
Purchased Services and Supplies	678	8,578
Utilities	436	9,684
Building and Grounds	50	9,040
General and Office Expenses	287	7,064
Diocesan Assessments	-	8,038
Other Expenses	15	390
Parish Donations	-	-

Total Expenses

\$ 6,900 \$ 131,992

Revenue Net of Expense

\$ 1,543 \$ (22,666)

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!**



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus and beseech him to explain.

Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand.

Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service:

Nativity of Our Lord Parish
(2270 S. Oneida St.)

will be hosting a Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service on Wednesday, August 2.

Adoration, Confession and Personal Prayer will be held from 4:00 p.m. until the Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

Following the Mass there will be Eucharistic Healing and Personal Prayer.

Everyone is invited to Attend.



"Occupy your minds with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones; unoccupied they cannot be."

— St. Thomas More

**Thank
You!!**



**Bishop's Appeal 2023
GOAL Met - \$14,962**

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
Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00
Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri