




AUGUST 13, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	8/13	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Mary Wilinski by Gary Wilinski for their Anniversary Mass at St John's Frank Svacina	
Tues	8/15	8:15 AM 6:30 PM	Vocations Holy Day of Obligation ~ Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at St John's Alice & Harry Bluma & Deceased Family Members	
Wed	8/16	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass at St John's Unborn Babies Communion Service Faith Formation	
Thurs	8/17	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's For Those Struggling with Depression	
Fri	8/18	8:15 AM	Larry & Alice VandenLangenberg for their 64th Wedding Anniversary	
Sat	8/19	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Ronald Haws	
Sun	8/20	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of Francis & Mary Smurawa Mass at St John's Joel Cartier	

Everyday Stewardship - Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others. Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear:

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." ~Tracy Earl Welliver

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to accept him however he comes, amidst whatever fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

"The Almighty has done great things for me." -Luke 1:49

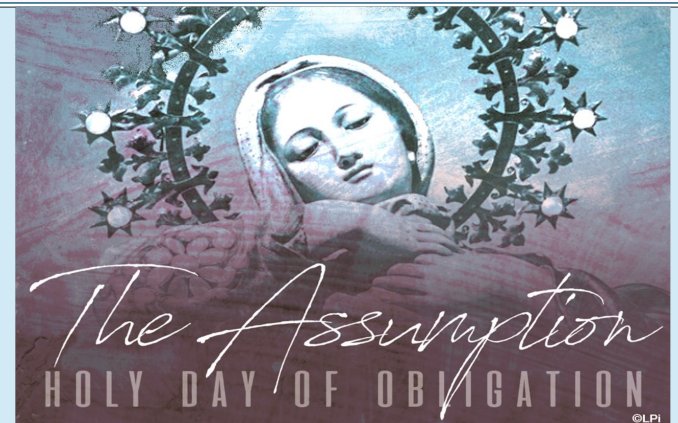
GOSPEL MEDITATION—Trust in the Lord's Grace

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin - and who hasn't? - has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir



St Sebastians 08/15/2023 8:15A.M. Mass

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Abby Matuszak	Dcn Rich Matuszak		Liberty Schroeder	Fred Fleming
August 20				Elise Melchert	Kurt Schuh

The **Raising Vocations Collection** is underway. By now, you have received a letter from Bishop Ricken inviting you to take part in our diocesan goal of having 30 men in seminary by 2025. Today, we have 20 seminarians! To reach this goal of 30 men, we need to invite and journey with young men eager to serve the Lord as priests and young woman who are interested in religious life. Through this collection, we are able to financially support these ministries. Whatever you are able to give is greatly appreciated. Please return the pledge card or donate online www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give



Question: Public Life

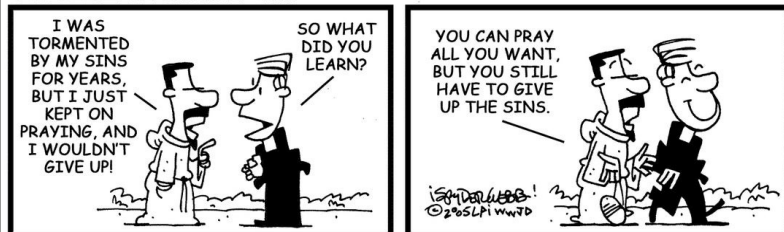
If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

Answer:

No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does *not* mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility.

We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. It also means standing up for the truth of human life and dignity, and advocating for just policies that serve the common good. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 759.18
Loose Collection	\$ 139.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Votive Candles	\$ 15.25
Missionary Coop	\$ 20.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

AON Risk Insurance	\$ 731.41
St John's Cost Share	\$ 5,614.60
St Therese of Little Flower	\$ 715.00
The Catholic Foundation	\$ 20.00
MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
WeShare	\$ 2.82

Catholic Trivia - Just For Fun

Question: Before the Second Vatican Council, what was the official name of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: The Holy Ghost.



If you, or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact the parish office.

We are in need of a
PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY
This is a 3 year commitment.



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Gerald Linsmeyer**



Music in the park 2023

Music starts at 6:15 - Wednesday evenings
Depot St - Downtown Seymour

Aug 16 The Reason Why Wussow, Skodinski and Huettl
Aug 23 Rockin' Country Classic Country and Rock & Roll
Aug 30 Chad Przybylski's Polka Rhythms Energetic Polka

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