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September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	9/13	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Loving Memory of Larry & Dorothy Vanden Langenberg Mass at St John's Roger & Helen Rozmiarek	
Tuesday	9/15	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Jean Birling	
Wednesday	9/16	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN Holy Communion Outside of Mass	
Thursday	9/17	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's OPEN	
Friday	9/18	8:15 AM	John & Tillie Linsmeyer, Jerry, June and Vi From Jill & Dan Carey	
Saturday	9/19	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Gerald Saindon & Deceased Members of Saindon & Mueller Families	
Sunday	9/20	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Clifford Dembroski for His Birthday Mass at St John's Donna Lubinski	

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows



A Blessing for Grandparents

Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope.
Amen.

Mercy You Can Feel

"You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That's forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies."

If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)



God's blessings to
Garrison James Soltvedt,
son of Zachary & Amber,
who was baptized in our parish on
September 6, 2026!

**The September Bulletin Is Sponsored
In Memory of
Donald Vande Hei & Jane Angrabright
Love, The Helen Vande Hei Family**



DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM September 20	Abby Matuszak	Dcn Rich	Clara Vander Heiden Gracelyn Vander Heiden Elaina Vander Heiden	Adam Vander Heiden Preston Vander Heiden

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1132.00
Loose Collection	\$ 143.00
Votives	\$ 5.50
RE Donation	\$ 10.00
Christian Women Dues	\$ 14.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

MMC-Multi Media	\$ 20.00
Spectrum	\$ 150.49
AON Risk Insurance	\$ 828.47
Kailhofer's—St Therese flowers	\$ 24.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 5.17

Pilgrimage with Fr. Sengole ~ Wednesday, Sept 23rd
The Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe, La Crosse.
Call St John's parish office at #920-833-6140
by Noon on Monday, September 14th to REGISTER!

Stressing About Stress?

Wire Your Brain for Happiness!

- Understand what stress is
- How does stress affect your brain
- Learn how to overcome anxiety & fear

Date: September 14

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Location: Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
2771 Oakwood Dr., Green Bay

No Need to RSVP. All Are Welcome.
Presentation by: The Brain Center Green Bay

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:

True or false:
A pope's pontificate begins at their coronation.

Answer:

False.
It begins when they accept the election results.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF NICHOLAS VANDE HEY

OCT. 1 | 11 AM CDT
Rome, Italy

Watch live at: dioc.io/ewtnlive
Or watch on EWTN.



St Lawrence Outdoor Polka Mass (10:00 AM—Rain or Shine)
With the Mroczek Brothers, Family Picnic(11am-1pm) and Car Show (Registration 11am with award ceremony at 2pm) on Sunday, September 20th, W5125 St Hwy 156, Navarino. Bring your own lawn chairs. Cash Raffles, 50/50, General Store, Live & Silent Auctions, Money Tree, Bake Sale, & more.

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration of the Week

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet.

Virtues, Explained! Friendliness

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum., 11:11, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew; “As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you.” (Matthew 10:13)



**OUR 2026
BISHOP'S APPEAL GOAL
HAS BEEN MET!**

**Thank you to everyone
that contributed.**

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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Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri