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October 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am ***Clifford Dembroski for Our 64th Wedding Anniversary***
L ove, Karen

10:00 am Mass at St John's Pete & Minnie Vosters

Confirmation at ABVM Pulaski 1:00 PM

Monday, October 12 ***Parish Office Closed***

COLUMBUS —DAY—

Tuesday, October 13

8:15 am Mass at St John's Marian Van Asten

Wednesday, October 14

8:15 am Mass at St John's Jean Birling

9:00 am ***Holy Communion Outside of Mass***

Thursday, October 15

8:15 am Mass at St John's For Our Country

Friday, October 16

8:15 am ***Gerald Linsmeyer*** ***From Jill & Dan Carey***

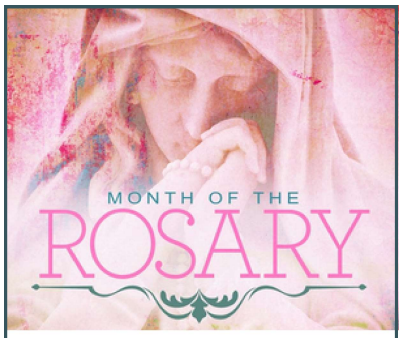
Saturday, October 17

4:00 pm Mass at St John's Rick, Bonnie, Patty, & Andy Van Rossum

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am ***In Memory of Tom La Combe*** ***Love, Sandy & Family***

10:00 am Mass at St John's Gerald & Gladys Schaumberg



The Rosary will be said before each Mass the month of October, beginning at 7:40 am. Sign-up sheets to lead are in the entrance of church.

The October Bulletin is Sponsored in Memory of

Tom La Combe

Love, Sandy & Family



The King of Rejected Meals

"She was the Queen of Rejected Meals."

That's what I want it to say on my tombstone. Etched in marble, deeply, so the wind and rain of a thousand years can never erase it.

Humor, you see, masks my despair. I'm sure many of you know the feeling of sweating over a hot stove for an hour to create a dish that a small, picky eater will push away, lips curled with disgust.

We've all made a feast no one wanted to come to.

It strikes me that "King of Rejected Meals" is an epithet which could likewise be scrawled on the empty tomb. Don't mistake me — I'm not comparing myself to Christ! (And I'm definitely not comparing my sub-par beef-and-zucchini casserole to the Eucharist, the food of life.)

I'm just saying that a lot of evenings, when I'm clearing plates from the table, I wonder why I even bother. I wonder why I don't just give in and let the kids eat potato chips and KitKats for every meal like they want.

Why don't I? Well, mom guilt, for starters. But it's more than that, really. It's the certainty I have, underneath the resentment, that my efforts aren't in vain, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Hope springs eternal, you see. How can we Christians help but be optimistic? We have been welcomed to a feast laid for others. We find our salvation in the ultimate rejected meal, in recognizing what true nourishment looks and feels and tastes like, even — especially! — when the rest of the world does not.

Maybe one day my kids will eat grilled chicken willingly. Who knows? Miracles happen every day.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

INCOME FOR WEEK:	
Church Support	$ 3570.00
Loose Collection	$ 223.00
Votives	$ 12.80
DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:	
MMC-Multi Media	$ 20.00
AON Risk Insurance	$ 828.47
St John's Cost Share	$ 5524.31
Liguori Publications	$ 25.00
WeShare CC Fees	$ 5.17

Respond with Love

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar
Seymour Food Pantry, St Vincent de Paul to collect & deliver.

OCTOBER: Spaghetti & Sauce
Noodles, Pasta, Macaroni

2026 Coats for Kid's collection dates:
September 28th - October 29th

Fall is here and as we gear up for the colder months, there are many underprivileged children and families that need a warm coat to get them through the cold winter months. Bring your new or gently used coats to **Muehl Public Library**, **Sal's Food (Freedom or Black Creek)**, **Don's Quality Market**, Papa Murphy's, YMCA's, Fleet Farm's, and more. Prefer to shop online? Purchase coats from the **Salvation Army's Walmart Registry**, and they'll ship directly to them! It is through donations from individuals, churches, businesses and foundations that we are able to offer this assistance to individuals and families in need. 2,759 coats were distributed to kids in 2025.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, October 18 8:00am

Lector Clara Vander Heiden

Distributor Clarence Grusczynski

Servers Levi Main
Harry Bluma
Jack Bluma

Ushers Dick Stedl
Kevin Matuszak

Blessing for Our Common Home

God, bless and protect
this beautiful earth You have created,
the place we call home.

Grow Your compassion in us, as we share our lives in this world, together.
Amen.



The Posbrig Family

Please welcome Paul, Alison and their baby boy to our parish family. We pray for God's blessing upon them and welcome them with open arms.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the body-length white liturgical robe priests wear during Mass?

Answer: An alb

