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Music Ministry: Jim Brill
H.S. Youth Ministry: Eric Antrim
Religious Education Grades 1-8: Susi Kurek

MASS SCHEDULE
St. Sebastian
Saturday ~ 4:30pm
Confessions before Mass
Sunday ~ 9:15am
Thursday ~ 8:00am
Adoration after Mass
St. Sharbel Mission
Sunday ~ 4:00pm
St. Lucy
Daily Mass ~ 8:15am
(Monday through Saturday)
Saturday ~ 4pm
Sunday ~ 8am, 10:30am & 5
(See St. Lucy Website for 5pm exceptions)

7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” - Lk 6:36

Mass Intentions
Sundays, March 3, 2019
9:15am †Earnest Tryba by Connie Osborne
Sunday, February 24, 2019
9:15am †Zolton Orosz by Diana Orosz
Saturday, March 2, 2019
6:30pm †Bill Niebur by Tom & Diane Davis
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, March 2, 2019
6:30pm †Charles Snyder by Carol Snyder
Sacristy Cleaning: Debra Clemens
Volunteers needed for sacristy/church cleaning. The rotation is once every 12 weeks or about 4 times a year and takes about 1 hour. You can sign up yourself or with a buddy. Please call the parish office to sign up.

Liturgical Roles
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, March 2, 2019
9:15am †Earnest Tryba by Connie Osborne
Sunday, March 3, 2019
9:15am †Larry Sewell by Your Parish Families
†Herman Kubowski by John Belvina & Dave Piero
†Larry Sewell by Your Parish Families
†Deceased Parishioners

From Susi Kurek, Pastoral Associate/Religious Education
Religious Education-Grades 1-8
• Sunday, February 24 NO CLASS at St. Sebastian School
• Wednesday, February 27th St. Lucy School 6-7pm
From Eric Antrim, Dir. of Youth Ministry/Adult Education
Religious Ed. Update
The 9th and 10th grade will be meeting for class on February 24th. The next class after that is on March 3rd.
Youth Group Night (Learning to make Rosaries)
All 8th through 12th graders are invited to come and learn how to make knot rosaries on March 11th in the Vajda Hall at St. Lucy’s. We will be starting at 6:00pm and going till 7:30. Grab your friends for this fun activity.
Sunday Night Lenten Study
During Lent the Church asks us to spend time in prayer and learning. St. Lucy will be offering a Sunday night Lenten Study starting March 10th in Vajda Hall. All are welcome to take this time out of your busy lives to draw closer to God. We will be meeting from 6:00pm till around 7:30pm. Contact Eric Antrim for more information.

Simple Supper—Following Our Ash Wednesday Mass
It’s time to start looking for your favorite meatless soup recipes. There will be a Simple Supper held in the church hall after the Ash Wednesday Mass on March 6, 2019. If you would like to bring a soup or help serve this supper please call the parish office to sign up.

Readings for the week of February 24, 2019
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

“Faces of Jesus” Famous Speed Painter/Portrait Artist ROB SURETTE will be performing his touching FACES OF JESUS show at St. Catherine’s High School on Tuesday/February 26th @ 6:30pm in St. Catherine’s Auditorium. Seating is 1st come/1st serve. Doors open at 6pm. This very special performance is open to the public and is FREE thanks to the following generous donors: Marc/Michelle Delsman, Carpetland USA, Design Partners, John/Helen Miller and an Anonymous donor. For more information on Rob go to AMAZING HERO ART.COM. For more information on the show/seating contact Betty Hunt (Principal) at St. Catherine’s High School.

Family Speaker Series is Back Fr. Nabil is back talking about his life and how it was growing up in Lebanon. If you missed this talk at St. Lucy’s a few months back DO NOT miss it on Mar. 3rd at St. Sebastian’s starting at 10:15am. Fr. Nabil will be giving a firsthand look at what it’s like growing up in a war torn country. For more information please contact Eric Antrim

Our Prayer List
Keep In Your Prayers
Virginia Jacobs, Acela Rivero, Adrienne Trephko, Brother Greg Havel and Daxton LaRue
Father Javier Office Hours
Wednesdays, 10am–12:30pm in our Parish Office
GOSPEL: "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." (Lk 6:37)

Welcome to St. Sebastian Parish-3126 95th Street, Sturtevant, WI 53177
I've dropped my child off at Religious Education. I have an hour. What should I do?
I have a suggestion for you: Join the Parents’ Book Club! Let’s read and talk about a book while the children are in class. No heavy religious discussion, just light reading and pleasant conversation. We’ll start during Lent (Wednesdays at St. Lucy: March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd and 10th). The book we will read is My Life with the Saints by James Martin, S.J. You can order it from Amazon, buy it at your favorite bookstore or find it on eBay new or used. This will be a great Lenten exercise — no sackcloth and ashes, just an hour of your time to meet other parents and talk about a good book. Don’t miss this opportunity to give yourself some painless spiritual time this Lent! Please reserve your spot with Susi Kurek and don’t miss this opportunity to give yourself some painless spiritual time to meet other parents and talk about a good book. Don’t miss this opportunity to give yourself some painless spiritual time this Lent! Please reserve your spot with Susi Kurek and

Find a way to give and serve during Lent. For example, go to neighboring churches and see what they are offering. One of the events I like best is the Helping Hands Catholic Food Pantry. Helping Hands Catholic Food Pantry

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HELPING HANDS CATHOLIC FOOD PANTRY

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Current & Upcoming Events

Mondays: Rosary at 7pm

Thursdays: Our daily 8am Mass/Adoration

Sunday, March 3rd: Speaker Series featuring Father Nabil

Wednesday, March 6th: Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30pm

Simple Supper after Mass

Information on upcoming events will be in future bulletins.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.” Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn’t "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole $20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"Act and God will act, work and He will work." -St. Joan of Arc

February 24, 2019 ● Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time