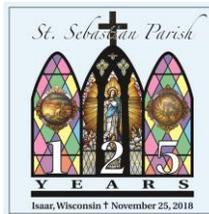


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JANUARY 21, 2018
 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	1/21	8:00 AM	In Memory of Harmony & Faith Vanden Heuvel Req. by the Vanden Heuvel family
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's
Mon	1/22	9:00 AM	Communion Service
		9:30 AM	Shepherd's Inn
		10:15 AM	Forrest Glenn
Wed	1/24	9:00 AM	Communion Service-Adult Faith Formation
Fri	1/26	8:15 AM	For the People of St Sebastian
		3:00 PM	Good Shepherd Communion Service
Sat	1/27	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's
Sun	1/28	8:00 AM	In Memory of Geraldine Nooyen (birthday 1-26) Req. by Melvin and family
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.



Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything--or anyone--else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives. We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

Everyday Stewardship

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	MUSIC	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Dan Rynish	Sandy LaCombe*	Sebastian	Kassidy VandeCorput	Dick Stedl
JAN 28		Darlene Stedl	Singers	Alec Socha	Don Eisenreich
8:00 AM		Kathy Nelson		Brock Socha	

Week of January 22nd

Church Cleaners: Alice VandenLangenberg & Marilyn Socha

Money Counters: Kim VanHandel & Bonnie Taylor

INCOME: January 14, 2018

Church Support	620.00
Loose Collection	57.00
Votive Candles	5.00
Mass Intentions	10.00
Stole Fee - Funeral	50.00
Christian Women - Funeral	100.00

St Sebastian's 125 Year Anniversary Parish Fact

Four families donated \$25 each to begin building the church is 1893

4 Stages of Marriage – The four stages of marriage are: (1) romance, (2) disillusionment, (3) misery and (4) awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the fourth stage of awakening. Don't give up without learning about the fourth stage! If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille.. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend retreat in the Green Bay area, March 2-4, 2018, at the St Norbert's Abbey in De Pere, please call (414) 502-7685, email: lakeshore@retrouvaille.org or visit our website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>



Open auditions for **The Northeast Wisconsin**

Passion Play will be held on Thursday, January 18th and Saturday, January 20th, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton. Singing and non-singing roles are available. Those auditioning will also be asked to do a dance audition. To register for an audition time please go to: www.newpassionplay.org and follow the audition link.

Bishops Appeal: Kick-off Weekend February 3-4

What is the Bishop's Appeal?

The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin.

To make a gift **today** contact your parish, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123.

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.



St Sebastian Feast Day Celebration

- Mass at 8:00 am
- Little Liturgy Kids & Students in grades 1-11 have RE classes today
- Presentation on the life of St Sebastian
- Parish Brunch at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED!

We are in need of several teams of parishioners to help in cleaning the church. Please consider sharing a few hours of your time each month to help in this important ministry. It is a wonderful way for a family, or group of friends to serve the community and keep our house of worship presentable to God and our guests. Please call the parish office to volunteer.



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.
Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 8:30 – 2:30
Wednesday 8:30 - Noon