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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	11/12	8:00 AM	In Memory of the Deceased Members of the VandeWalle & Hill families Req. by DJ & Mary Hill
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's
Mon	11/13	9:00 AM	Communion Service
Wed	11/15	9:00 AM	Communion Service-Adult Faith Formation
		3:00 PM	Mass at Good Shepard
Fri	11/17	8:15 AM	For the People of St Sebastian
Sat	11/18	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's
Sun	11/19	8:00 AM	In Memory of Mary Alsteen Req. by Louis & Georgian Rynish
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's

"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.



The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait? Jesus tells us today, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!

Everyday Stewardship

For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	MUSIC	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Abby Matuszak	Don Eisenreich*	Chapel Choir	Tyse Leisgang	Dick Stedl
NOV 19		Janet Matuszak		Javon Leisgang	Rick Stedl
8:00 AM		Darlene Stedl		Cael Leisgang	

Week of November 13th

Church Cleaners: Tina Court & Deb Hendzel

Money Counters: Kim VanHandel & Bonnie Taylor

INCOME: November 5, 2017

Church Support	1,193.86
Loose Collection	131.00
Votive Candles	13.00
Lumen Christi-RE	650.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bills paid the week of 11/6/17	670.98
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TODAY

Little Liturgy during the 8:00 am Mass
Grades 1-8 from 9:00 - 11:00 am

Bell ringers are at the heart of Salvation Army's mission. Kind souls' bright smiles and warm hearts get them through even the toughest winter weather. Programs and services transform broken lives through-meals and groceries, housing assistance, youth services and much more. Bell ringers are families, school groups, business leaders, members of civic groups and churches, and retirees. This Christmas, grab a bell and be a blessing. Schedule your shift by texting or calling Sue Seidl at 920-366-3420. Ringers begin Friday, Nov 17th at Don's Quality Market and Seymour's Hometown Shopko. Call now to schedule a date and time!

The Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in Seymour will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Any undesignated moneys collected, will be donated to the Food Pantry. A pie social will follow the service.

All are Welcome!



"YOU can participate in the March for Life Chicago on Jan 14, 2018! Pro-Life Wisconsin is coordinating buses all over the state to make it easy to join thousands of fellow pro-lifers. \$30 pp/\$85 family. Raise your voice for the unborn!"

For details visit prolifewi.eventbrite.com or contact Therese.A@ProLifeWI.org / 262-796-1111 ext 14.

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.

Cemetery Walk Meeting
Monday, November 13th at
6:00 pm in Parish Center



Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm in the church basement. Committees meet at 6:00 pm.



Mark Your
Calendar

Rural Life Day Celebrations
Join the Bishops of the Diocese of Green Bay for 'Rural Life Days 2018'. It is a unique opportunity to praise God's

abundant generosity, have your soil, seeds, animals and machinery blesses and build relationships throughout the rural communities in the diocese. All are welcome! Collections during Masses go to scholarships for students pursuing a degree in a field that supports rural life. More details to follow closer to the dates.

March 20, 2018, Holy Family, Brillion
Bishop Morneau will celebrate Mass.

March 22, 2018, Sacred Heart, Shawano
Bishop Ricken will celebrate Mass.



Thank you to each and every one who attended the St. John Christian Women Fall Potluck/Auction. St. Vincent de Paul received all the nonperishable items. The auction made \$1,470. Catholic Financial and the St. John Christian Women each donated \$500. The grand total that St. Vincent de Paul received is \$2,470. St John's Christian Women appreciate your help.

May the Virgin Mary help us to take the first step each day in order to build peace in love, justice and truth. ~Pope Francis

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