



November 26, 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sun	11/26	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Michael Bowers Love, Family Mass at St John's Beth VanderHeiden
Tues	11/28	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's For All the Members of St John's
Wed	11/29	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass at St John's Mary Van Dyn Hoven Communion Service Faith Formation
Thurs	11/30	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Helen Rozmiarek
Fri	12/1	8:15 AM	For the Protection of Our Societies Most Vulnerable
Sat	12/2	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Alice & Harry Bluma and Deceased Members of the Bluma Family
Sun	12/3	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Lynn & Dale Nooyen and the Otto Worsch Family by Henry & Janice Nooyen Family Mass at St John's David & Rosemary Vande Hei

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity & unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are *one in him*. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.
— Father John Muir

Christ the King

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom is "not of this world." And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith. In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent. How is Jesus king of your life today?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!
- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday	Laurie Paholke	Sandy Sponenburg		Vincent Sigl	Ken Linsmeyer
December 3				Owen Sigl	Steve Hackl

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1,507.00
Loose Collection	\$ 162.00
Votive Candles	\$ 9.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 105.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

ISP- Background Checks	\$ 26.00
Lawncare/Gasoline	\$ 315.40
Appleton Marble & Granite Works	\$ 1,320.00
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 4.93



**The November bulletin
is sponsored in memory of the
Westerman and McClay Families.
Love, Gene & Jacqui**

Breakfast with Santa



**Sunday,
Dec 3rd
8am-Noon**

**St. Jude Hall
1420 Division St,
Green Bay**

All ages welcome to join us
for pancakes, eggs,
sausages & all the fixings.

Plenty of activities for the
kids, including time
with Santa~ so bring your
camera!

Hosted by the Knights of
Columbus Council 5382.

Free-will offering...
benefits local charities.



Helping those in need!

The Salvation Army Giving Tree

**Please bring unwrapped gifts,
with Angel Card attached,
to the Parish Hall no later than
next Sunday, December 3rd.**

There is also a table marked
"Extra Gifts", if you'd like to
give, but didn't take an Angel.

Gas & food cards
are always welcome!

Christian Women Society ~ Annual Bake Sale ~

**Sunday,
December 10th**



PURPOSE: Raise money for next
years Salvation Army Christmas
Giving Tree Donation.

REQUEST: Each Parish Family
is asked to bring 2 pre-priced items
to donate to the bake sale.

AFTER MASS: Purchase some
baked goods for yourself!
Tastes even better knowing \$ is
going to a wonderful cause!

Everyday Stewardship

One day when I was walking the city streets where I was giving a series of talks, I saw what appeared to be an older woman hunched over with a sign asking for help. At first I passed her, on my way to visit the local drugstore. But then I came back around when I realized that I had not been very mindful upon first seeing her. I didn't have much cash to give her, but as I always tell everyone else in my talks, oftentimes what people need more than cash is someone to at least acknowledge them. I reached into my pocket to give her what little I had and I simply said, "Hello. I hope you are okay and I hope you can use this."

When her face turned toward me I saw she was probably only about sixteen years of age and she was very beautiful. She smiled immediately and said how much this meant to her. She gathered up her few belongings and I watched her walk to a café for a meal. I turned to walk back to my lodging and I thought to myself, "She could have been my daughter." That's when the still, small voice spoke to me saying, "Don't you understand? That was your daughter!"

Who is your daughter or son, your mother or father? Who is your neighbor? Better yet, in whom do you see Jesus? A young homeless girl on the street can take on so many forms: stranger, neighbor, daughter, and Jesus. Unless we are mindful of those in our midst, we miss the chance to see any of them. We must never be fooled by appearance. That day I almost missed seeing my Lord.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**If you would like
to request Mass Intentions
and/or Sponsor the Bulletin,
please contact Laurie at the
Parish Office.**



YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

**This Sunday, November 26th
following 8am Mass**



Christmas Flower Donations are now being accepted!



Please put your donation &
intention in an envelope
marked Flower Fund.
You can put it in the collection
basket, drop off or mail it
to the Parish Office.

Thank you for helping to
decorate our church for the
Christmas Season!

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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**St Sebastian Parish Office - 833-2558
Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00
Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri**