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NOVEMBER 5, 2017
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	11/5	8:00 AM	In Memory of Mary & Francis Smurawa and Julie Reindl Req. by the family
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's
		1:30 PM	Mass at Good Shepard
Mon	11/6	9:00 AM	Communion Service
Wed	11/8	9:00 AM	Communion Service-Adult Faith Formation
Fri	11/10	8:15 AM	In Memory of Ralph Matuszak Req. by Ted & Lill Vande Yacht
Sat	11/11	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's
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



"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This

is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Everyday Stewardship

Over the years we have had many great social events in our parish community. We have had socials for New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Valentine's Day, and so many more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other's company. And for more than the last decade, my pastor has been present at most of these events. What always tickles me is to see him in his clerics going around with a tray of entrees or desserts as he seeks to serve his parishioners. We have joked that his clothing does resemble that of a waiter in a fine restaurant. The only difference is no tips! Sorry, Monsignor.

To see a shepherd serve his sheep causes me to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of "us and them." In Christ, there is only US. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don't be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a little dessert might be all it takes to show others they are loved.

-Tracy Earl Welliver

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	MUSIC	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Dan Rynish	*Dcn Rich Matuszak*	Terez Shulze,	Jacob VandenHeuvel	Kurt Schuh
NOV 12		Jake Hodkiewicz	Brad, Ron	Garret Sigl	Steve Hackl
8:00 AM		Jill Hodkiewicz	and Fred	Vincent Sigl	

Week of November 6th

Church Cleaners: Don Melotte & Dan Nelson and family

Money Counters: Kim VanHandel & Pat Ullmer

INCOME: October 29, 2017

Church Support	1,273.24
Loose Collection	59.00
Votive Candles	9.50
World Missions	85.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bills paid the week of 10/23/17	3,670.91
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TODAY

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

Sunday, November 12th

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

Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father,

on this day, help us remember those
who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.

Enkindle in our consciences a desire
to serve those who served their country selflessly.

Give us the grace to aid those
who have given aid and protection to us and others
both here and overseas.

Let us never forget the causes for which they fought
or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.

May we be always be mindful of those
who paid the price for our freedom,
just as your Son gave his life

to free us from the bondage of sin. Amen.



Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11th.

St Sebastian and St John's would like to say

"Thank you" to all of our Veteran's!

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.



The Parish Office will be closed
on Thursday, November 9th and
Friday, November 10th.

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.



Thank you to Ronald Melchert
for the donation given for the
perpetual upkeep of the parish
cemetery. The donation is in
memory of Paul Wilquet.

**Booyah Sale TODAY at the pavilion in Rockledge
Park from 9:00 am until sold out!
\$20/gallon or \$10/2 quarts.
Sponsored by Seymour Girl Scouts Troop 2082**



Thank You Again
Catechists, Families, and Parish
for sharing your faith and
supporting the RE Program.

Christmas by Candlelight – An Advent Experience
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Sunday Dec 3rd

5:00 Arrival, 5:30 Program, 6:00 Dessert & Fellowship

The Christmas by Candlelight Committee would like
to invite the ladies for an evening of God's Word,
gifts of music, fellowship and dessert. Please RSVP by

November 20th to deewoldt@live.com,
maschaum54@gmail.com or by calling

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 833-2316.



**Fr. Brian Belongia
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**Dcn. Richard Matuszak
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Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 8:30 – 2:30
Wednesday 8:30 - Noon**