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November 5, 2023
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	11/5	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Joyce Clevon by Shirley Roskom Mass at St John's Gerald Saindon
Tues	11/7	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Unborn Babies
Wed	11/8	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass at St John's Joe & Anna Ambrosius Communion Service Faith Formation
Thurs	11/9	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Julius & Veronica Tyczkowski
Fri	11/10	8:15 AM	Ryan Socha & Tom La Combe by the Family
Sat	11/11	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's For the Safety of All in the Upcoming Hunting Season
Sun	11/12	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	John Krause and Deceased Members of Krause & De Ruyter Families by Milton & Beverly Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Anschutz & Rusch Families

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY ~ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS ~ 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, '**Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?**'" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another. But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) *hard work*.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out *meaning* to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

"The greatest among you must be your servant." — Matthew 23:11

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday	Henry Van Ess	Tim Eisenreich		Paden Melchert	Dick Stedl
November 12				Graham Kisling	Ron Matuszak Sr

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1085.00
Loose Collection	\$ 126.00
Votive Candles	\$ 12.00
Building /Maintenance	\$ 50.00
World Mission Collection	\$ 10.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Brightspeed	\$ 226.37
The Catholic Foundation (World Mission Donation)	\$ 10.00
Quill Supplies	\$ 205.24
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 2.52

Shop the Block, Seymour

Saturday, November 11th, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Kailhofer's Greenhouse & Floral*	Hustle Inn*
Mel's Coffeehouse & Cafe*	Dairy Queen
Sissy's Treats & Treasures	One June Day*
Tessy's Krafty Kreations	Service Motors
Seymour Chiropractic*	Rustic Cuts & Co*
Van Eperen Auction	Petticoat Junction
Fire Fitness Camp*	Favoryt Brands
JSA Coffee Roasters	Joe's Power Center
Tia's Devine Design*	Community 2000
One Choice Wireless	* Indicates Stops with Vendors

A variation of establishments reaches restaurants, retail and the service industry. There is literally something for everyone when you Shop The Block in Seymour!



The Christmas Giving Tree

is here once again, located in the lobby near the men's bathroom.

When you take an Angel Card, be sure to write your name by the # of your card on the sign up sheet.



Please bring Unwrapped gifts back to church no later than December 3rd.

If you don't care to take an Angel Card & prefer to buy gifts of any kind, please put those unwrapped gifts on the table marked "Extra Gifts"

Gas & food cards are always welcome!

Questions: Alice Vanden Langenberg: (920)833-2919.

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 *****

Stay to purchase some delicious baked goods for yourself! Tastes even better knowing the proceeds are going to a wonderful cause!

Thank you to all that attended St John's Fall Pot Luck & Silent Auction this past weekend! Thank you to all who donated to our local St Vincent de Paul.

We made \$2,255, the Christian Women will donate \$500 & Catholic Financial will donate \$500. The Grand Total: \$3,255, along with hundreds of pounds of canned foods donated!



If you would like to request Mass Intentions or Sponsor the Bulletin, please contact Laurie in the Parish Office.

HEALING service

Nativity of Our Lord Mass & Eucharistic Healing Svc on Monday, November 6th

4:00 - 6:00 pm Adoration,

Confession and Prayer 6:00 pm Mass

Following the Mass -Eucharistic Healing and Prayer Teams

All are invited to attend.

Everyday Stewardship

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them.

The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love.

It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00
Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri