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DECEMBER 12, 2021
 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun	12/12	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of David Vande Hei Req by Don & Helen Vande Hei Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of Robert & Diann Ciesielczyk
Tues	12/14	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of the Gillis & LaPlante Families
Wed	12/15	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of the Coonen & Kline Families Communion Service / Adult Faith Formation
Thurs	12/16	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Joe Kline
Fri	12/17	8:15 AM	In Memory of Florence, Walter & Duane Ebert
Sat	12/18	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's - Huettl & Samson Families
Sun	12/19	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Theodore Van De Yacht Req by Lillian Van De Yacht Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of the Monroe & Zillmer Families



Thank you to Don & Helen Vande Hei for sponsoring the December bulletin for the Living & Deceased Members of the Vande Hei & Garrity Families

The Christian Women Society's Annual Bake Sale is TODAY. Money raised will be used for the Salvation Army Christmas donation. Stop by and get some yummy treats to bring home after Mass!



Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more.



Please give generously to today's second collection.



Join fellow pro-life Wisconsinites for an exclusive journey to our nation's capital for the 2022 March for Life D.C., to be the voice of the unborn.

You'll travel with Pro-Life Wisconsin on privately chartered buses to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, January 19th, and return to Wisconsin on Sunday, January 23rd. The March for Life itself will be on Friday, January 21, 2022. Pickup locations include Madison, Green Bay, Plainfield, Necedah, Elm Grove, and Racine. Visit www.prolifewi.org/march-for-life-dc for full details and register before December 20, 2021.

Seymour Community Christmas Dinner
 Saturday, December 25
 11 AM - 12:30 PM
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 349 N. Main St., Seymour
 Pick-up or Delivery Only
 RSVP to 920-833-2316 by December 22.

Eliminate the stress of preparing your Christmas dinner by reserving your free meal from Emmanuel today! The menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, rolls, cranberries and dessert.

Meals are available via pick-up or delivery only. Please RSVP to the church office at 920-833-2316 no later than Tuesday, December 22. Pick-up will take place at the Pearl Street entrance. When you RSVP, indicate the number of meals and the pick-up time (between 11 AM & 12:30 PM). Delivery is available in Seymour/Black Creek and the surrounding rural area. When you RSVP, indicate the number of meals needed and the delivery address. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?



Answer: Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	MUSIC	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Janet Matuszak	Don Eisenreich		Liberty Schroeder	Ron Matuszak Jr
8:00AM/DEC 19				Jovee Kust	Kurt Schuh

INCOME FOR THE WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 746.63
Loose Collection	92.00
Christmas Flower Donation	245.00
Votive Candles	17.75

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

WeShare Fee	\$ 3.37
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Christmas Flowers

Donations of Poinsettias or money to purchase them are needed to decorate our church for the Christmas season. Please put money in an envelope marked "Flower Fund" and drop in the collection basket or drop off or mail in to the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

RE Classes TODAY after Mass in Parish Center

Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a **donor match program** to help us increase recurring giving. For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1st and December 31st, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31st, 2021. We appreciate your generosity!

Note to Fr Sengole regarding the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service

Hello, Colleagues; I wanted to let you know that \$435 was offered for the Food Pantry last week at the Thanksgiving Eve Worship! What a great gift. I wanted to pass this along so that you might let your congregations know.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry. Pastor Ty



Thank you to Norm Steffens and family for the donation of the Nativity scene in front of church in Loving Memory of Mary Steffens.

Are you looking for more ways to give this holiday season? Our friends at Shepherds Inn, Meadow Wood and Forest Glen are looking for some people to help fill some tags on their giving trees for their residents. You do not need to go into the facilities. The trees are located in the entrances of the buildings. You pick a tag, and then write down your name and the tag number. Please return all gifts to them by the 14th of December. Thank you for making someone's day this Christmas Season.



Saint of the Week - Examples of our Faith

St. Lucy | Feast Day December 13

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

Everyday Stewardship - The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties. The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him. — 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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Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/8:00 – 4:00
Wednesday 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday