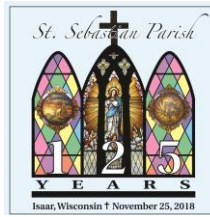


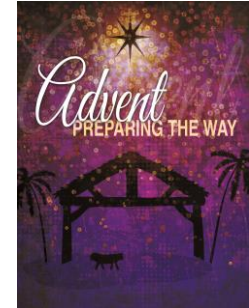
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DECEMBER 17, 2017
 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun	12/17	8:00 AM	In Memory of Gerald Linsmeyer Req. by Dcn Rich & Marge Matuszak
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's
Mon	12/18	9:00 AM	Communion Service
		6-6:25 PM	Confession at St John's
		6:30 PM	Holy Mass at St John's
		7-7:30 PM	Confession at St John's
Tues	12/19	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's
		6:30-7:30pm	Confession at St John's
Wed	12/20	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's
		9:00 AM	Communion Service – Adult Faith Formation
		6:15-7:30pm	Confession at St Sebastian
Thur	12/21	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's
Fri	12/22	8:15 AM	For the People of St Sebastian
		3:00 PM	Communion Service at Good Shepherd
Sat	12/23	2:45-3:40pm	Confession at St John's
		4:00 PM	Mass at St John's
Sun	12/24	8:00 AM	In Memory of
		10:00 AM	Mass at St John's
		1:30 PM	Communion Service at Good Shepherd
		4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Family Mass at St John's
		6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass–In Memory of Rosemarie Wied by the family
		8:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass at St John's
Mon	12/25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass at St John's



"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that

swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah-is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.

MASS INTENTIONS: In recent years, our parish has not been able to accept as many Mass intentions as in earlier years. However, there are other options for you to remember your deceased loved ones through a Mass intention. Many retired priests in our diocese, as well as priests in mission areas, would be happy to pray for your intention at Masses they celebrate. You may contact the parish office to make these arrangements. The offering/stipend for a Mass is \$10.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	MUSIC	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY DEC 24 8:00 AM	Jodi Soltvedt	*Dcn Rich Matuszak* Alice VandenLangenberg Janet Matuszak	Chapel Choir	Abby Matuszak Nya Matuszak Alec Socha	Jim Soltvedt Ron Matuszak Jr
SUNDAY DEC 24 6:00 PM	Amanda VandeHei	Dcn Rich Matuszak* Jake Hodkiewicz Jill Hodkiewicz	Sebastian Singers	Mckenzie Lambert Cody Lambert Henry VanEss	Don Eisenreich Steve Hackl

Week of December 18th

Church Cleaners: Don Melotte and Dan Nelson & family

Money Counters: Kim VanHandel & Bonnie Taylor

INCOME: December 10, 2017

Church Support	1,582.60
Loose Collection	104.00
Votive Candles	8.50
Diocesan Book Sale	30.00
Donation-Unrestricted	3,000.00
Christian Women-Bake Sale & Hall Rental	385.00
Christmas Flower Fund	60.00
Diocesan Collection-Retired Collection	347.00
Perpetual Care	50.00
Cemetery Checking	100.00
Burial Fees	400.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bills paid the week of 12/11/17	1,766.80
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St Sebastian's 125 Year Anniversary Parish Fact

The rectory was constructed in 1916 and the Isaar church was no longer a mission.

The end of the year is coming soon. Please have your contributions to the parish office by noon on Friday, Dec 29th or they need to be post marked by December 30th for them to be counted for the 2017 year. We have to comply with IRS reporting requirements. Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Flower Donations are now being accepted. Please put your donation and intention in an envelope marked Flower Fund and put it in the collection basket or drop it off or mail it to the parish office. Thank you for helping decorate our church for Christmas.

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes that were provided in the bulletin a few weeks ago or a blank envelope, just mark 'Retirement Collection' on the front. On behalf of the retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests, thank you for your generous care!

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.



Thank you so much to everyone who generously bought gifts for the Salvation Army Families. 100% of the tags were filled by parish members. Also, thank you to those who brought bakery items for our bake sale. We made \$350 to be used for Christmas presents next year. -Christian Women Society

Bishop David L. Ricken invites the faithful to join together in thanksgiving during the 150th Jubilee Year by participating in a series of 12 special liturgical celebrations at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. www.gbdioc.org/jubilee2018

St Pius X in Appleton will be holding a Respect Life Mass on January 16th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 P.M. ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
(YOUTH CHOIR SINGS)

6:00 P.M. ST SEBASTIAN PARISH

8:00 P.M. ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00 A.M. ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES

9:00 A.M. ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



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Wednesday 8:30 - Noon