





DECEMBER 18, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Sun | 12/18 | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM | In Memory of Joseph Socha & Ryan Socha Req by Barbara Socha Mass at St John's - Andrew Rueden |  |
| Tues | 12/20 | 8:15 AM | Mass at St John's - Delores Leininger | |
| Wed | 12/21 | 8:15 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM | Mass at St John's - Barb & Merle Wagner Communion Service / Faith Formation Advent Penance Service / 6:15 pm Confessions begin (extra priests will be present to help Father Sengole listen to confessions) | |
| Thurs | 12/22 | 8:15 AM | Mass at St John's - Barney & Marie Dussling | |
| Fri | 12/23 | 8:15 AM | All Living & Deceased Descendants of the Vande Corput Families | |
| Sat | 12/24 | 4:00 PM 6:00 PM | Mass at St John's - Huettl & Samson Families In Memory of Larry VandenLangenberg Req by Alice VandenLangenberg |  |
| Sun | 12/25 | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM | In Memory of William & Mary Matuszak and Ryan Socha Req by Barbara Socha Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of the Coonen & Kline Families | |



Thank you to Don & Patti Eisenreich for the December bulletin sponsorship in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Eisenreich, Liebhaber & Wied Families

St John's

Wednesday, December 21st
6:00 pm Service begins
6:15 pm Confessions begin
Father will have additional priests to help with confessions



I wish you all a good Advent journey made up of many small gestures of peace every day: welcoming gestures, gestures of understanding, closeness, forgiveness, and service... Gestures from the heart, like steps towards Bethlehem, towards Jesus, the King of peace.

~ Pope Francis, Twitter

Thank you to everyone who bought gifts, extra gifts or money for our "Giving Tree" again this year. Father Dass blessed all gifts before they were delivered to the Salvation Army. Did you know St Sebastian's has been giving a Merry Christmas to families for over 30 years? You are a very generous parish.



Another good news is \$253 was made at our Bake Sale. This money will be used to buy gifts for next year. Thank you all again and have a Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year. ~ Christian Women

"If you or a family member are limited in your ability to leave your home, and would like to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month, please contact Dcn. Rich or the parish office. We would love to include you in our First Friday Communion visits."

Everyday Stewardship - St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one. Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

| DAY/TIME | LECTOR | DISTRIBUTORS | MUSIC | SERVERS | USHERS |
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| SATURDAY | Pat Posbrig | Dcn Rich Matuszak | | Owen Sigl | Kurt Schuh |
| 6:00 PM / Dec 24 | | | | Vincent Sigl | Louis Rynish |
| SUNDAY | Henry Van Ess | Alice VandenLangenberg | | Ashlin Ullmer | Ron Matuszak Jr |
| 8:00AM / DEC 25 | | | | Saddie Ambrosius | Kevin Matuszak |

INCOME FOR WEEK:

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| Church Support | \$ 21,315.00 |
| Loose Collection | 130.00 |
| Votive Candles | 20.50 |
| Flowers & Decorations | 120.00 |
| Retired Religious | 538.00 |
| Other | 10.00 |

Next RE Classes - February 22nd

8:00 am Little Liturgy at Mass
9:00-11:00 am Grades 1-8 in Parish Center
HS RE-CFH in Parish Center



Experience the Beat, Feel the Heat - Zumbathon
January 7th 9:00-11:00 am at St John's gym

\$10.00 - Money raised will be
donated to St John's Church



Door Prizes, Raffle with three winners

Email: CharlityInMotion@yahoo.com

FB Group page; Seymour likes to move it, move it

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. Thanks for
helping decorate our church for Christmas.

Living the Liturgy - "God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

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.



Communion Service on Wednesday,
December 28th will be held in
Church so all can appreciate the
decorations from Christmas as
much as possible.



Seymour Community Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 25

11 AM - 12:30 PM

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 349 N. Main St., Seymour
Dine-in, Carry-out, or Delivery
RSVP to 920-833-2316 by December 21.

You are invited to a free Community Christmas Dinner
on Christmas Day from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM in the
Fellowship Hall of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Dine-in,
carry-out, and delivery is available for the traditional turkey
dinner. Please RSVP to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church
office at 920-833-2316 by Wednesday, December 21.
Come for food and fellowship as we gather to celebrate
the birth of Jesus!

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manager of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
whose Advent I hail. Amen.



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Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/8:00 – 4:00
Wednesday 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday