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DECEMBER 19, 2021  
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun	12/19	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	In Memory of Theodore Van De Yacht Req by Lillian Van De Yacht <b>Mass at St John's - Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Monroe &amp; Zillmer Families</b>
Tues	12/21	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's - For Unborn Babies</b>
Wed	12/22	<b>8:15 AM</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Mass at St John's - For All Members of St John's</b> Communion Service / Adult Faith Formation
Thurs	12/23	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's - Barney &amp; Marie Dussling</b>
Fri	12/24	<b>4:00 PM</b> 6:00 PM	<b>Christmas Eve Mass at St John's - Joel Cartier</b> In Memory of Joseph & LaVerne Vande Corput Req by the family
Sat	12/25	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass at St John's - Lawrence, Libby &amp; Harlen Blumreich</b>
Sun	12/26	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	In Memory of Pat Taylor <b>Mass at St John's - Bob Coonen</b>



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



*Thank you to all who took an angel card. You bought gifts for over 60 people. Also for all the extra gifts and donations for the Salvation Army. Thank you to the 2 men and use of their trucks to deliver the gifts to Black Creek. Also, thank you to who baked and bought food from our bake sale on Sunday, December 12th. We made \$240.00. Once again St Sebastian is a generous and giving parish. May God bless all of you and have a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. ~Christian Women Society*

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

**Everyday Stewardship - Baby Jesus' Wish List**

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart. — Tracy Earl Welliver

Life is a time for making decisive, eternal choices. Trivial choices lead to a trivial life; great choices to a life of greatness. In fact, we become what we choose. If we choose God, we grow daily in his love, and if we choose to love others, we find true happiness. ~ Pope Francis, Twitter

**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!

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	MUSIC	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Pat Ullmer	Dcn Richard Matuszak		Chase Hooyman	Steve Hackl
8:00AM/DEC 26				Vincent Gagnow	Rick Stedl

INCOME FOR THE WEEK:	
Church Support	\$ 1,541.99
Loose Collection	80.50
Retired Religious	708.46
Other	188.25
DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE WEEK:	
The Catholic Foundation-Retired Religious	\$ 708.46
Other	89.33

Call Ahead

Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene. The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?" Jimmy replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"

**Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained**

**Question:** Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

**Answer:** Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

<b>St. Sebastian</b>		
<b>Monthly Stewardship and Expense Report</b>		
<b>2022 Fiscal Year</b>		
	<b>November</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Ordinary Revenue</b>		
Parish Support	\$ 6,260	\$ 69,835
Offerings and Other Unrestricted Income	591	1,369
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 6,851</b>	<b>\$ 71,204</b>
<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>		
Worship, Music, non-Religious Ed Catechesis	\$ 633	\$ 3,477
Personnel Expenses and Salaries	8,418	37,712
Purchased Services and Supplies	678	3,625
Utilities	600	2,691
Building and Grounds	1,733	3,576
General and Office Expenses	676	2,178
Diocesan Assessments	697	4,685
Other Expenses	16	83
Parish Donations	-	30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,451</b>	<b>\$ 58,057</b>
<b>Revenue Net of Expense</b>	<b>\$ (6,600)</b>	<b>\$ 13,148</b>



Need a gift for that special woman in your life? Gift her with a beautiful weekend getaway to "Women Celebrate"

An inspirations experience of faith, fellowship, food and fun! February 4-6

womencelebrate.org for details and registration



**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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**DC. Richard Matuszak**  
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**Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/8:00 – 4:00**  
**Wednesday 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday**