



December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sun	12/31	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Joseph & LaVerne Vande Corput by Family Mass at St John's Vivian Trem	
Mon	1/1	***** 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	New Year's Day Mass *Parish Office Closed For Health and Happiness in the New Year! Mass at St John's For the Health of Phyllis Pelishek	
Tues	1/2	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's For Unborn Babies	
Wed	1/3	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 6:15 PM	Mass at St John's Peace in the World Holy Hour Holy Hour at St John's	
Thurs	1/4	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's For All Members of St John's Parish	
Fri	1/5		Mass Cancelled due to Funeral	
Sat	1/6	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Gerald & Gladys Schaumberg	
Sun	1/7	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Ryan Socha on his Birthday Love, Grandma Barb Mass at St John's Danelle Bluma & Deceased Members of Bluma & Rozmiarek Families	

Everyday Stewardship - Belonging to the Family of Christ by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I have heard people say, "You don't get to choose your family!" I believe that to be only partially true. I did not choose my father and mother, but my family is greater than my family tree of ancestors. My family includes those who have been there when both my father and mother passed away. My family includes those who came to see my newborn children in the hospital. My family includes those who celebrated with me my greatest triumphs and consoled me in my greatest times of trial. Each and every one of them I have chosen to be a part of my family.

Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts, seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. When we fully empty ourselves into another and into the reality of God we find ourselves transformed. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism.

It is in that transformation that we find ourselves connected to others in a profound way. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit. Our family, the body of Christ, grows and becomes stronger. In this family, a man can be father to a Son not of his flesh and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin. In this family, we find our hope and our home. And we must never make the mistake of thinking that is not a choice.

Everyday Stewardship - The Gift of Family by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

Thank you Youth & Adult Choirs, along with coordinators,
Jill VandeHei & Jessica Melchert, for sharing your talents
with us during Masses Christmas Eve!



Parish Office will be Closed January 1st
Happy New Year!

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM	Dan Rynish	Dcn Rich	Vincent Sigl	Ron Matuszak Sr
January 7			Owen Sigl	Steve Hackl

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 2,610.00
Loose Collection	\$ 557.00
Votive Candles	\$ 11.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$ 30.00
Christmas Flowers Fund	\$ 100.00
OnebyOne Reimbursement	\$ 2,640.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Brightspeed	\$ 227.15
The Catholic Foundation	\$ 1,000.00
Wooden Canopy Poles	\$ 380.79
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 9.09



In order for your contributions to be counted for taxes in 2023:

Put in collection during Mass, on Sunday **December 31st**.

Donations given during collection will be counted for 2023.

On Thursday, January 18th, we are hosting St. John Evangelist Homeless Shelter meal in Green Bay for supper. We are trying to feed about 100 people. We are in need of 4 lb. sliced hams, potato rolls, milk, sliced cheese, assorted fruit, baked beans, cookies, cooks and servers.

The sign-up sheet is in the lobby of church.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



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

CONSIDER AN END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

— Father John Muir

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.



LIVE THE LITURGY ~

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

**** Changes to weekly Take Five for Faith ****

Editor's note: Starting with the week of December 31, 2023, **Take Five for Faith** has transitioned from day-to-day short reflections to one themed reflection for the week exploring key Catholic concepts.

We will miss the daily reflections, and we know you will too. But we are hopeful that you will find

value in this in-depth approach to mining the riches of our faith.

We welcome your feedback as you become accustomed to our new offering.



Thank you to Douglas & Patty Karcz, for sponsoring the December bulletin, in loving memory of Joseph & LaVerne Vande Corput.

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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Wed: 8:30 – Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri