








DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun	12/4	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Karen VanderVeldon Req by Shirley Roskom Mass at St John's - Bob Fellion	
Tues	12/6	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Regina Maroszek	
Wed	12/7	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 6:30 PM	Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of the Jim & Jeannine Gillis Families Communion Service Holy Hour St Sebastian's Holy Hour at St John's	
Thurs	12/8	8:15 AM 6:30 PM	In Memory of June Linsmeyer Req by Rena Williams Mass at St John's - Kathy Caliaro	Immaculate Conception 
Fri	12/9	8:15 AM	In Memory of Jerry Vanden Langenberg Req by Alice Vanden Langenberg	
Sat	12/10	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's - Mary Steffens	
Sun	12/11	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Leroy Harvancik Req by Jennifer Dercks Mass at St John's - David & Rosemary Vande Hei	

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

Drop off new, unwrapped books at any Brown Cty Library or anywhere you see a **Give-A-Kid-A-Book** collection box by December 10th. Or the library will shop for you! Checks to: Friends of the Brown County Library-GAKAB, 515 Pine St, Green Bay, WI 54301

Christmas Stars 2022

Join us at the most wonderful time of the year for spectacular holiday fun that your whole family will enjoy!

7:00 pm December 8, 9, 10
1:00 pm December 4, 10, 11

*Sign language interpreter will be at the Dec 3rd 1:00 pm show

Are you looking for ideas to strengthen your faith during the holiday season?

Please check out a series by Matthew Kelly.

Matthew talks about how to prepare for the Best Christmas Ever! You can find this series at dynamiccatholic.com



WHY BEST CHRISTMAS EVER IS A GAME-CHANGER



Everyday Stewardship - How Much Is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough. I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough. I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	MUSIC	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Brad VandenHeuvel	Dcn Rich Matuszak		Clara VanderHeiden	Jacob VandenHeuvel
8:00AM / DEC 11				Gracelynn VanderHeiden	Don Eisenreich

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1,304.24
Loose Collection	227.00
Christmas Flowers	105.00
Other	22.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Centurylink	\$ 219.97
Other	12.76

"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord." - Luke 1: 14-15

RE Classes **Next Week** - December 11th

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



Additional Confession Opportunities During Advent

St Sebastian's - After the 8:15 am Mass on the mornings of

December 8th
December 9th
December 16th

St John's - Wednesday Evenings at 6:15 pm

December 14th
December 21st

Father will have additional priests here helping listen to confessions.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Thursday, December 8th
8:15 am St Sebastian Parish
6:30 pm St John the Baptist
Holy Day of Obligation

During this Advent Season, let us ask the Lord to help us keep the lamp of faith alit in our lives, to be prepared to receive him, and that he fill us with peace and joy.

ADVENT

~ Pope Francis,
Twitter

The Christian Women Society will be holding their annual Bake Sale on Sunday, Dec 11th to raise money for the Salvation Army Christmas donation. Each parish member is asked to bring 2 pre-priced items to donate to the sale. Thank you!



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.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

Answer: The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to "put on Christ" and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us. Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition.

Living the Liturgy

The God in whom we believe is "the God of endurance and encouragement." Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid." It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

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.

Fr. Sengole Dass
St. John Parish Office - 833-6140

DC. Richard Matuszak
833-2294 or 609-5292

St Sebastian Parish Office - 833-2558
Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/8:00 – 4:00
Wednesday 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday