



APRIL 30, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun	4/30	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Clayton & Duane Ebert Req by Gary Ebert Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of Pat & Anna Schadrie
Tues	5/2	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's - Esther & Lloyd Kraft
Wed	5/3	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	No Services at St John's Communion Service at St Sebastian Holy Hour at St Sebastian
Thurs	5/4		No Services at St John's
Fri	5/5		No Services at St Sebastian
Sat	5/6	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's - Earl & Dorothy Dunks
Sun	5/7	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Myron Gruszczynski Req by the Gruszczynski Family Mass at St John's - Living & Deceased Members of the Coonen & Kline Families Both Masses at St Sebastian and St John's with Fr Richard Getchel

Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained

Genuflecting & Kneeling

Question: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.



Thank you to Bonnie Laskowski for the April bulletin sponsorship in Memory of Joy Danforth 2/9/49 - 4/15/79 (44 years)

Catholic Trivia - Just For Fun

Question: What does it mean if a Mass is offered "pro populo?"

Answer: This means it is offered for parishioners with no specific intention.

Seymour's Boy Scout Troop 117 will be offering two Electronics Recycling Events again this year for our community!! Our first event will be held on Saturday, May 13th, from 8am - 12:00 noon in the parking lot at St John's Catholic Church. Time to do your spring clean-up at home and recycle anything with a cord - and much, much more! Please be aware that there is a nominal fee for computer monitors, TVs (based on size), A/C units, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and freezers. We can not accept aerosol cans, gas, oil, paint/primer or paint cans. Mark your calendars now for October 14th as well! For questions, please contact Tina Kemp (920-606-6830) or Vicki VanVleet (920-740-6144).



All are welcome to join us at
The 15th Annual Salvation Army National Prayer Day

PLACE: Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 N. Main St, Seymour, WI 54165

TIME: 8:30 A.M. **DATE:** Thursday, May 4, 2023

WHAT: Prayers & inspirational speaker

This is a free-will offering breakfast. Offering is to help sponsor The Salvation Army food pantry.

RSVP: are welcome but not necessary, please leave a message at 920-984-9305

Sponsored by: The Salvation Army, Outagamie Cty Svc Ext

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Jodi Soltvedt	Dcn Rich Matuszak		Clara VanderHeiden	Perry Matuszak
8:00AM / MAY 7				Gracelynn VanderHeiden	Dick Stedl

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 861.48
Loose Collection	160.95
Burial Fees	650.00
Other	80.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Burial Fees	\$ 500.00
Other	3.52

Congratulations to Colby Lee Kaczorowski, daughter of Corey & Jenilee Kaczorowski, who was recently baptized in our church.. We pray for God's blessing upon the family.



Pray not because you need something but because you have a lot to Thank God for.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman -

Cut to the Heart

Everyone who has been married knows this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You've really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with — my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone — single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained — knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, "cut to the heart." But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life "more abundantly." Stasis isn't the goal. Baptism isn't the finish line.

Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.



Congratulations to Riplee Lloyd Wegner, son of Brandon & Emily Wegner, who was recently baptized in our church. We pray for God's blessing upon the family.

Being Connected; June Serenity 12-Step Retreat
St Anthony Spirituality Center, 300 E Fourth St, Marathon
June 2-4, 2023

Presented by Elizabeth Neubauer

Alcoholism damages our connection to ourselves, our loved ones and our Higher Power. In recovery, we have the opportunity to move beyond our shame and isolation into wholeness. Together, we will explore the barriers to building meaningful relationships and how through working the steps and principles of recovery, we can awaken to a better understanding of our humanity, spirituality and a sense of belonging.

Check-in begins at 3:00 pm on Friday, followed by orientation at 5:45 and supper at 6:00. The retreat concludes Sunday after the Noon Meal - Cost: \$225

Wine & Beer Tasting Event

St Mary's Parish, 301 E Burdick St, Black Creek
Sunday, May 7th from 1:00-4:00 pm

Advance \$10 a person Call the Office at 920-984-3319
At door \$15 a person - Children under 12 w/ an adult: Free
Wine~Beer~Cheese~Appetizers~Water~Soda~Desserts
Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Music
Free samples of wine and beer, and may purchase by the glass. Designated Drivers: Free non alcoholic beverages.

Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service

Nativity of Our Lord Parish (2270 S Oneida St, Green Bay) will be hosting a Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service on Sunday, April 30. Adoration and Confession will be held from 1:00 pm until the Mass begins at 3:00 pm. Following the Mass there will be Eucharistic Healing and Personal Prayer. Everyone is invited to Attend.



Bishop's Appeal

St Seb Goal: \$14,962
Given to date: \$13,050
Still needed: \$1,912
87% of their goal.

St John's Goal \$41,643
Given to date: \$37,848
Still needed: \$3,795
91% of our goal



Goal !
\$14,000
\$11,000
\$8,000
\$5,000
\$2,000

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