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**24th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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Sunday Masses
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday 8:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour
1st Wednesday of the Month
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm
Next Holy Hour: October 3, 2018

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time · September 16, 2018

Attention



Seymour American Legion Auxiliary is hosting our 7th Annual Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, September 19th, from 11:00-1:30 pm at the Legion Clubhouse, which is located at 322

W. Pearl Street in Seymour. Proceeds will go to “homeless vets “ and to the emergency fund.

Several varieties of salads, casseroles and desserts will be served. Cost is \$8.00. Carry outs are available.

Hope to See You There!

Living the Liturgy

Who do you say Jesus is? Some look to Jesus as the reliever of pain and suffering. We want to believe in a God who will take away the discomfort we are feeling and make things better. Frustration and even a lessening of faith can happen when we realize this is not happening. Jesus is the Christ. As the Christ, he is the one who shows us how to keep both the joys and sorrows of life in balance. There is no hopping, skipping, or jumping over suffering. It is a part of life. In addition to the physical pain we are asked to endure, living the Gospel can bring rejection and suffering as well. Jesus the Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Do we have the desire and faith to follow him?

Gospel Meditation

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.



First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

The decorating committee is getting ready to do a Harvest/Fall theme. If you have any decorations that you would like to donate, please have them here by Sept 28th. You can either place them in the ushers room or the parish office.

Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained

Question: Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer: The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

On this Sunday, we recognize those who are called to be teachers and ask for God's blessing and grace.

Everyday Stewardship

I must confess. I have not always prayed for someone if I told him or her I would. I have fallen victim to making the phrase, "You are in my prayers," a sentence void of real emotion or intent. It is like asking the question, "How are you?" Do I always want to know how you are at the time? Then follows the most common responses of "fine" or "good." I could have had the worst day, but I still utter a response that does not reflect my true state. Many of us say things to be nice without really thinking about it. At least, I hope I am not the only one.

The truth is that words are meaningless without action. We sometimes make ourselves and others feel better by saying we will do things only to provide no action at all. Offering best wishes to those in real need without any action is worth little. Even if we think we are sincere, true faith without works is dead.

Good stewardship requires us to say what we mean and mean what we say. Stewardship is a way of living. It does ask for sentiments of love. It asks for profound actions of love. We need to offer our gifts, talents, time, and prayers to one another and then follow through. This means we need to be more mindful of what we are saying, more committed to following through, and more accountable for our actions if we fail. If we practice this way of living, not only will we be able to say we are doing the right thing, but our integrity will be intact and we will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. --Tracy Earl Welliver



We are in need of your help! If you have a new item for the silent auction please call Helen 833-2214 or Rosie. Saturday, October 6th after the 4 pm mass there will be a potluck supper for men, women and families sponsored by the St. John Christian Women. The Christian Women will donate the ham, buns, pickles and beverage. You can bring a dish to pass, canned or boxed food item for St. Vincent de Paul. All proceeds will go to a local St. Vincent de Paul Society. Catholic Financial will match up to \$500. Raised by this event There is a signup sheet in the hallway of church. All are welcome.

"Boy Scout Troop 117 of Seymour will be holding their annual Electronics Recycling Event in an effort to help keep our community green. The event will take place on Saturday, September 22nd, from 8am-12:00pm in the parking lot of St John's Catholic Church. Recycle anything with a cord - and more! Most items are free to recycle, however TVs, computer monitors, refrigerators and freezers will require a fee. For a full list of items please go to www.cybergreenllc.com."

**"In Our Forefathers Footsteps"
St. Sebastian Cemetery Walk & Lunch**



Please join us for a guided cemetery walking tour with actors presenting stories about past parishioners buried in our cemetery.

**Saturday, September 22, 2018 and Sunday, September 23, 2018
(Rain or Shine)**

Daylight Tour each day at 4:00 p.m.

Twilight Tour each day at 7:00 p.m.

Lunch served in parish hall from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tour includes Lunch Adult \$10.00

Child (11-16 years old) \$5.00

Child 10 years old & under – Free

St. Sebastian Catholic Church

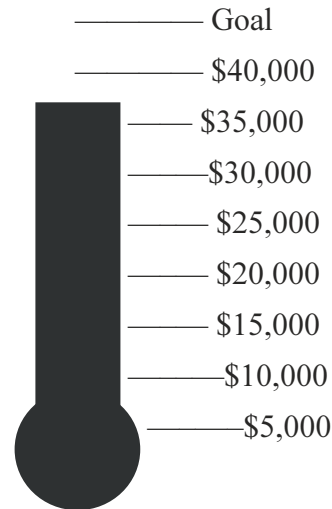
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Bishop's Appeal

Our Parish Goal \$43,084



Please consider making a donation today and help our parish reach its goal in 2018!

Given to date: \$36,023
Still needed: \$7,061

We are at **83%** of our goal!

The N.E.W. Community Shelter Homeless meal is Sat, October 6th for lunch. We need your help with hamburger, hamburger buns, hot dog buns, potato chips, cookies, sliced cheese, assorted fruit, and servers. There are sign-up sheets in the hallway of church. Thanks for your support.

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JUBILEE PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit!
We ask you to renew the Diocese of Green Bay and make of us a community of missionary disciples. Fill our marriages, homes, and families with the love of Jesus and love for one another. Renew our priests and parish leaders with a zeal for souls. Invigorate the diocese with many new vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Fill our churches, our classrooms, and our faith communities with many followers, eager to be sent on mission to live and share the Gospel. Help us to impact our communities with the joy of the Gospel, especially by serving those in greatest need. Amen.

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay

Worship Services

SEPTEMBER 15 - SEPTEMBER 23

Saturday, September 15 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

Lawrence & Libby Blumrich

Sunday, September 16 - 10:00 am Mass

Ron & Ione Zahn



Monday, September 17 - No Services

Tuesday, September 18 - 8:15 am Mass

Julian Tyczkowski

Wednesday, September 19 - 8:15 am Mass

Return to Faith

3:00 Mass at Good Shepherd

Thursday, September 20 - 8:15 am Mass

Thanksgiving for all the Love

Friday, September 21 - 8:15 am Mass at St Sebastian

Saturday, September 22 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

Gerald Linsmeyer



Sunday, September 23 - 10:00 am Mass

Bob Coonen

Stewardship - Weeks 9/2 & 9/9

Sacrificial Giving for the Week	7,406.67
Offertory	394.19
Other Income	777.00
Expenses	
Bills pd.	13,478.62

Remember the more you give yourselves to others, the more you will receive and be happy!

-Pope Francis

Readings

Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/ Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Liturgical Ministers



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

4:00 PM

Lector	Jill Carey
Song Leader	Marilyn Menor
Musician	Jo Machacek
Altar Prep	Fr Brian Belongia
Servers	Summer Theys, Noelle Blank, Ellery & Thomas Romanowski
Ushers	Randy & Deb Peterson, Helen Wachtendonk, John Kurczek
Greeters	John, Desiree, Brooklyn & Dawson Steltz
Scrip	Rosie Wurl

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00 AM

Lector	Breanna Patz
Song Leader	Ann Theroux
Musician	Jo Machacek
Altar Prep	Dcn Rich Matuszak
Servers	Connor Patz, Hailey Tesch, Allie & Kaci Willison
Ushers	Jill & Brandon Joly, Pete Sippl, Chris & Jacob Linsmeyer
Greeters	Mark & Karen Coonen, Mike, Charlene & Ali Gonnering
Scrip	Ann Spaude



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The 9am-10am classes on Monday and Thursday are low impact. The routines are more chair exercises and slow paced. The more active classes are Monday and Thursday 10am-11am and Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30am-9:30am.

Any questions, call Mary Jo Vanden Heuvel at [920-833-1515](tel:920-833-1515) or Chris Van De Hei at [920-634-8141](tel:920-634-8141).



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