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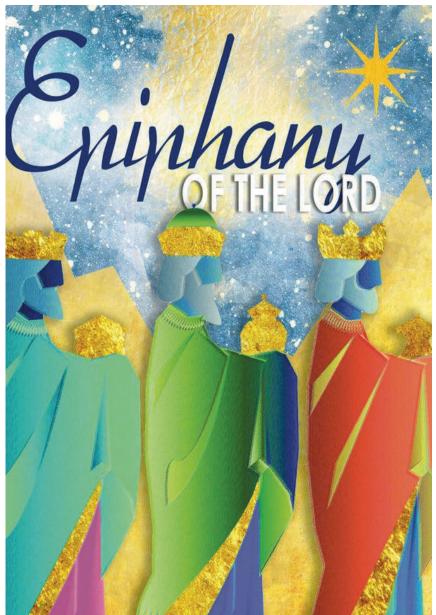
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Sunday MassesWeekSaturday:4:00pmTuesday,Sunday:10:00amThursdayFucharis

Confessions Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

Weekday Masses Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:15am Eucharistic Holy Hour 1st Wednesday of the Month 6:15-7:15 pm Next Holy Hour: March 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord · January 2, 2022





Father Sengole will be gone Jan 3rd-Feb 18th. He is heading home to visit his family. While gone, we have priests to cover weekend Masses. Some weekday Masses will be

Communion Services instead. A complete schedule will be in next weekends bulletin. Enjoy your time Father!

RE Classes:

Wednesday, January 5th Gr 1-8 from 6:15-7:15 pm

Sunday, January 9th **Children of God** during the 10:00 am Mass

Please join us for our Donut Social following Mass in the school gym. All are Welcome!

Sunday, January 16th HS Classes (9-11) 8:30-9:45 am

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

Living the Liturgy

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



Paula Van Dyn Hoven, the parish secretary, will be on vacation from Wednesday, January 5th – Wednesday, January 19th. Kim Van Handel will be answering any voicemails left on the phone daily and will be in the office on Wednesdays.

Lee will be around in the mornings to assist if needed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped spread warmth and joy this Holiday



Season. Thanks to the generous cash donations, wrapped gifts, handmade knit hats, gift cards and warm blankets, we were able to provide for over 80 local families which includes over 150 individuals of all ages. Also thank you to everyone who helped sort and bag up the gifts for the families. It was an example of our Catholic Faith at work. Peace and Happiness to all this coming year.

Everyday Stewardship - The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved. "Good Lhaven't done anything had to the priest."

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH · SEYMOUR



John Steltz, Missionary Discipleship Coordinator The Lord bless and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you; And be gracious to you. Numbers: 6, 24-25

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen





Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"



St. John Evangelist Homeless Shelter in Green Bay, we are sponsoring supper on Thursday, January 20th. We could use your help with donations of food. We could use

Farmland Hams sliced, potato rolls, milk, sliced cheese, assorted fruit, baby dill pickles, cookies and bake beans. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway of church. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our decorators that made our church so beautiful for our Christmas celebration.





Also, thank you to all the children that participated in the Christmas pageant and the adults that helped organize it for our Christmas Eve Mass. What a special way to celebrate the coming of our Lord!

"In our day, it is particularly necessary for us, both as individuals and communities, to devote more time to worship," said Pope Francis. "We need to learn ever better how to contemplate the Lord," following the example of

the Wise Men, the Magi, who came to Bethlehem to worship the Baby Jesus. "Like them," the Pope said, "we want to fall down and worship the Lord."



Saint of the Week - Examples of our Faith

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 -January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy. where her husband had died, she returned



to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

Sunday, Dec 26, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Holy families aren't necessarily picture-perfect. But they are faithful and consistent in their values and goals. Like Mary and Joseph and biblical parents before them, holy families consecrate their children early and often to the care of God. They do this by baptizing them and seeing to their sacramental preparation. They do this by praying for and with their little ones. They provide them a religious education and share faith-filled practices of compassion and charity. All the children in our lives look to us for love and acceptance, guidance and Christian example. Teach the children well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52 (17A); or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52 (17C). "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever."

Monday, Dec 27, 2021

FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

He lived to tell the tale

John the Apostle is credited with being the author of the Gospel of John. He is also believed to have been the "Beloved Disciple" of Jesus mentioned in that gospel and is presumed to have outlived the other apostles, perhaps being the only one to die of natural causes rather than martyrdom. Imagine being the last survivor, and the heartache he endured on losing his peers to violent deaths for their faith. Perhaps it was John's job to live to tell the story—"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name"—as he says in his final line. Take John's mission to heart and embrace his good word today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 (697). "Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."

Tuesday, Dec 28, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Children deserve protection

Nowadays when we think of Christmas pageants, we envision adorable children in bathrobes dressed as shepherds. But in the Middle Ages, religious pageants were a serious business. The whole community gathered to enact mystery plays that told the stories of birth, death, resurrection, and the lives of the saints. It's from such a mystery play that we get the haunting words and melody of "The Coventry Carol"—a song about King Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents that asks plaintively, "What may we do to preserve . . . this poor youngling for whom we sing?" Pray today for children who continue to suffer and face certain death without our help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children."

Wednesday, Dec 29, 2021

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Choose God

Everyone must at times make the choice of serving God or something less. Today we remember Saint Thomas Becket, bishop of Canterbury. Thomas was faced with such a dilemma when his friend the king, Henry II, continuously tried to interfere with church matters. Allowing the king to interfere with the church would have allowed Thomas to be in the king's good graces. Instead, Thomas chose to serve God above anything and anyone else, even at the cost of martyrdom. "When is constancy required," Thomas writes, "except under persecution. Are not friends then proved? If they always yield, how can they ever succeed? They must, one time or other, make a stand."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). "And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Thursday, Dec 30, 2021

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Take your time to absorb Christmas

Today we continue as a church to honor the feast of our Savior's birth. It is day six in the octave of Christmas—the eight-day liturgical focus on the birth of Christ. The entrance of the Christ into human history is such a significant event that the church notes its magnitude by keeping our gaze on it through the specified readings, psalms, and prayers during these eight days. Take a moment today to allow the wonder of God-among-us to continue to sink in.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."

Friday, Dec 31, 2021

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Out with the new, in with the old

The end of the year gives us pause to reflect on the past and change for the future. Typically, we find something new to embrace or resolve to do. But if it's true that there's really nothing new under the sun, then perhaps we should look to the old! This is exactly what the church does, as it moves into the new year, not with any newfound epiphany, but instead with a commitment to the very old-school value of peace. As we anticipate the World Day of Peace tomorrow, January 1, what are some deeply held and longstanding values that you would like to deepen during the coming year? How might you go old school?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "In the beginning was the Word."

Saturday, Jan 01, 2022

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD; WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Rocking with Mother Mary

People in every age have their particular way to celebrate the new year. These days we might change old eating habits to be healthier; get on track financially; spend more time with family. But maybe this year it could be about what young Catholics refer to as "rocking with Mary," that is, getting to know the mother of Jesus on a deeper level. Understanding her courage, strength, and faithfulness can help us realize our own potential as bearers of the Good News. On her feast day and in the days ahead, reflect on

Mary and strive to imitate her in bringing Good News to the world. TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

The first act of charity we can do for our neighbor is to offer a serene and smiling face. It is to bring them the joy of Jesus, as Mary did with Elizabeth.

The Christmas tree is a symbol of rebirth, God's gift by which He is united forever to humanity. He gives us His life. The lights on the fir tree recall the light of Jesus, the light of love that continues to shine in the world's nights. ~ Pope Francis



Worship Services JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 9

Saturday, January 1 - 4:00 pm Mass † Esther Liesch



Sunday, January 2 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian † Bill & Mary Matuszak 10:00 am Mass *†* Helen Leisgang

Monday, January 3 - No Services

Tuesday, January 4 - 8:15 am Mass

Living & Deceased Members of the **Gillis & LaPlante Families**

Wednesday, January 5 - 8:15 am Communion Service

6:15-7:15 pm RE Grades 1-8

Thursday, January 6 - No Services Friday, January 7 - 8:15 am Communion Svc St Sebastian

Saturday, January 8 - 4:00 pm Mass † Cvril & Bernice Letter

Sunday, January 9 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Jeff Rottier

10:00 am Mass † Danielle Bluma & Deceased Members of

the Rozmiarek & Bluma Families

† Denotes deceased person(s)



Beginning immediately, we are going back to the family of the Mass intention being able to carry up gifts in their loved ones honor.

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Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 | 12:30-5 PM National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

Join us for a vibrant celebration of life where we'll explore what it means to walk with moms in need before, during, and after pregnancy. This free event will be held in person and via livestream.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth track from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (new!)
- Keynote with national speaker Tori Petersen
- Panel discussion with local pro-life leaders . Breakout sessions and Q&A with Bishop Ricken
- Pro-life rosary
 Respect Life Mass with Bishop Ricken

For more details and to register: www.gbdioc.org/disciplesforlife

Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family & Pro-Life **Diocesan Office of Living Justice**

Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

4:00 PM

Lector	Jill Carey
Cantor	Jim Wurl
Musician	Sam Goeben
Distributors	Deacon Rich Matuszak
Servers	Myka Birling, Matthew Birling
Ushers	Mary VandenHeuvel, Mary Claire
	Bartz, Volunteer
Greeters	Rosie Wurl

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 AM

Lector	Jonathon Krull
Cantor	Andy Huettl
Musician	Sam Goeben
Distributors	Deacon Rich Matuszak
Servers	Olivia Ullmer, Cali Ullmer
Ushers	John & Barb VanBoxtel, Volunteer
Greeters	Lisa Leisgang

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Readings

Week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22





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