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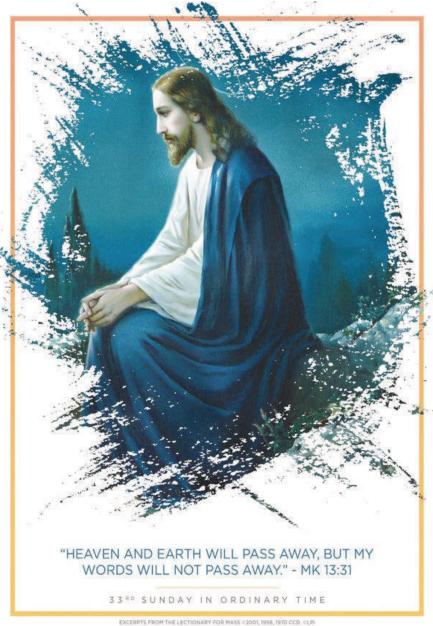
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**Sunday Masses** 

Sunday: 10:00am Thursday

**Confessions** 

Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

**Weekday Masses** 

Saturday: 4:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday & 8:15am

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** 

1st Wednesday of the Month 6:15-7:15 pm

Next Holy Hour: December 1, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time · November 14, 2021

! SCAM

Please join us for a very special presentation from Investigator T.J. Hilgenberg on Sunday, November 14th after the 10am mass. He will be here to talk to

us about scams that are happening in our area and what we can do to prevent them from happening. A month or two ago, our parish was targeted by some scammers claiming to be Fr Sengole and that he needed help. Investigator T.J. Hilgenberg, will show us what to do and what not to do with these types of situations.

Live the Liturgy - Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.

#### Everyday Stewardship - Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Last month the plans for Phase III were presented to the parish.

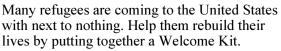
The response from parishioners has been mostly very positive and many

expressed their eagerness to see the project begin. Since then the plans have been forwarded to the diocese and we are currently waiting for their guidance and expertise in raising the funds. Until that time comes though, those wishing to do so, may still donate to the project through the Phase III Building Account that was set up in our parish many years ago for this purpose. Also, as we approach the end of the year, and IRA and Annuity funds are distributed to those of you with these investments, we ask that you consider directing some of those returns to investing in the future of our parish. Thank you for supporting our Phase III plans in any way you can.



**Bingo** - Looking for something fun to do. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the school gym starting at 1 pm. All ages are welcome to join in the fun that's free of charge!

#### **Afghan Refugee Welcome Kits**





If you are interested in donating, you can choose a kit to build like baking, cooking, food, bedroom, cleaning, etc. There is a collection basket under the table by the coat rack. See the information packet on the table above the basket to see what is needed in each kit.

## Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer: All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH · SEYMOUR

### RE Classes:

Sunday, November 14th **Children** of God during the 10am Mass





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

Wednesday, November 17th **Grades 1-8** from 6:15-7:15pm

Sunday, November 21st **HS Classes (9-11)** 8:30-9:45 am

#### Saint of the Week – Examples of our Faith

St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

November 14, 2021

If you're anything like me, you probably have a hard time imagining the end times. In our readings today we get a tiny sense of what those times will be like; "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace" (Daniel 12:2). Mark defines this time even clearer, "...the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken (13:24-25).

Maybe the most significant take-away from these readings is you and I will never truly know when the end will be, "...of the day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32).

So, we must ask ourselves, how are we preparing for these end times today? As I ask myself this question, the lyrics of *Live Like That*, written and performed by The Sidewalk Prophets comes to mind:

What will people say of me when I'm only but a memory?
Was I love when no one else would show up?
Was I Jesus to the least of us?
Was my worship more than just a song?
Am I proof that You are who You say You are, that grace can really change a heart?
Do I live like Your love is true?
People pass; and, even if they don't know my name, is there evidence that I've been changed?
When they see me do they see You?
I want to live like that and give it all I have, so that everything I say and do points to You.
If love is who I am, then this is where I stand: recklessly abandoned, never holding back...I want to live like that.

I pray that I can live in a way that people know that I know Jesus. That people see Jesus when they see me. That people know that grace can truly change a heart. That I can be love to anyone.

I want to live like that!

God, please help me to "remain vigilant at all times and pray that I have the strength to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

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

#### Give A-Kid-A Book

Kids who read succeed!...Every child wants a book to call their own. Please help. The impact of our donation will help thousands in our community receive these books as gifts. There are a couple ways to donate:



-Drop off new, unwrapped books at any Brown County Library by December 10th. We're looking for books for babies, children or young adults up to age 18.

-A financial donation can also be made and the library will shop for you. Make checks payable and mail to: Friends of the Brown County Library-GAKAB 515 Pine Street, Green Bay, WI 54301

#### Sunday, Nov 14, 2021

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### The poor have a gift for you

Charity presupposes a giver and a receiver, Pope Francis reminds us this fifth annual World Day of the Poor. This division poses a spiritual danger: tempting the giver to view the poor as a "category" outside our community, to which we may choose to offer our generosity. This perception gratifies the giver and demeans the receiver. Francis observes that "the poor, always and everywhere, evangelize us"—revealing the suffering Christ to us. Charity is occasional and voluntary; mutual sharing, however, is enduring. The real invitation of the poor is this: to share the burden of Christ until we can alleviate it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 (158). "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

#### Monday, Nov 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Head in the clouds but feet on the ground

Albert the Great was a Renaissance man—but he lived in the Middle Ages. He was a German theologian, but he also wrote voluminously about botany, zoology, music, astronomy, and law—to name just a few of his studies of interest. He never let his head full of knowledge go to his head, though, and one of the ways this Dominican friar and bishop stayed humble was by only traveling by foot. Are there lifestyle changes you can make or privileges you can shed to keep yourself down-to-earth?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497). "When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God."

#### Tuesday, Nov 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF GERTRUDE, MYSTIC

#### God's love conquers all

Orphaned during the Middle Ages, Gertrude the Great grew up in a Benedictine monastery and became a brilliant scholar. Like her teacher, Saint Mechtilde of Helfta, Gertrude also became well-known as a mystic, experiencing—and transcribing—vivid visions of God's boundless love. Let Gertrude's encounters with Divine Love calm any worries today: "Joy and gladness be to thee from that sweetest heart, my one refuge and shelter in my exile, from that heart so full of tender care for me, whose love is so set on me that it cannot rest till it hath received me into itself for evermore."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498). "But he could not see him because of the crowd."

#### Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

#### Keep the faith under pressure

Faithfulness unto death is the great rallying cry of the Christian. Without this in mind, today's saint, Elizabeth of Hungary, might at first seem an odd pairing with the readings about martyrdom and divine retribution. With it, however, we see that Saint Elizabeth's firm resolve to serve the poor, despite being a princess with access to enormous privilege, is precisely the kind of behavior God wishes to see in his children. It is precisely the use of the "talents" to which Jesus referred in the parable from today's

gospel. Remember, then, that whenever we die to ourselves and devote our lives to Christian charity, we become common martyrs and fulfill the law of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499).
"He, in his mercy, will give you back both breath and life, because you now disregard yourselves for the sake of his law."

#### Thursday, Nov 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

#### Perseverance please!

Life can sometimes beat a person down, and when that happens, the beautiful tradition of praying for saints to intercede for us can provide communion and solace. Today's saint, Philippine Duchesne, was a nun who survived the upheaval of the French Revolution and combined both a strong devotion to prayer and a passion for missionary life in the American frontier, with its many hardships. Because perseverance was a major theme in her life, she is a patron saint of perseverance in adversity. Saint Philippine, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500). "If this day you only knew what makes for peace."

#### Friday, Nov 19, 2021

#### Act on memory

Dedications in memory of fields where lives were lost or sacred places defiled have been a mainstay since biblical times. By remembering the horror of death and destruction, we hope to redeem the site and make it holy again. But as Abraham Lincoln stated on this day in 1863 in his *Gettysburg Address*, honoring a Civil War battlefield: "We cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground . . . . the living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it." Our role, says Lincoln, is "to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced." It is for us to "highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain." Lincoln's words echo Jesus' call to his disciples to "do this in memory of me." Become the body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501). "The days of the dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness."

#### Saturday, Nov 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### God of the living

The Bible's Second Book of Maccabees, composed about a hundred years before Christ, introduced the ideas of resurrection from the dead, the intercession of the saints in heaven, and the responsibility of the living to offer prayers and sacrifices for the dead. The Sadducees of today's gospel episode rejected these ideas while Jesus obviously embraced them. Resurrection, praying for the souls in Purgatory, and the intercession of the saints all have become part of what the church believes. Every Saturday we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the greatest saint in heaven, and ask her intercession for the souls of our departed relatives and friends.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502). "[God] is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

# **Worship Services**

#### **NOVEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 21**

Saturday, November 13 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation 4:00 pm Mass

† Virginia & Richard Wachtendonk

Sunday, November 14 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Theodore Van De Yacht

10:00 am Mass (Children of God during Mass)

† Boe Manning

\*After Mass - Presentation by Investigator T.J. Hilgenberg on scams happening in our area

11:00 am Donut Social Following Mass

Monday, November 15 - No Services

Tuesday, November 16 - 8:15 am Mass

† Evelvn Lubinski

Wednesday, November 17 - 8:15 Mass

† Bob, Jack & Duke Liebergen

9:00 am Communion Service at St Sebastian

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

Thursday, November 18 - 8:15 am Mass

Living & Deceased Members of the

Coonen & Kline Families

Friday, November 19 - 8:15 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Evelyn (Smurawa) Gardner

Saturday, November 20 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

† Esther Liesch

Sunday, November 21 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Rose Marie Wied

8:30 am RE Grades 9-11

10:00 am Mass

† Delores Leininger

† Denotes deceased person(s)

Readings - Week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3,4-5, 6-7[6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/ Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/

Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/ Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

# **Liturgical Ministers**

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

4:00 PM

John Cumicek Lector **Marilyn Menor** Cantor Musician Sam Goeben **Ed Machacek** Distributors Servers Volunteer

Ushers Helen Wachtendonk, Len Pelishek,

Volunteer

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

10:00 AM

Lector **Marcie Jefferson** Cantor **Andy Huettl** Sam Goeben Musician **Distributors Judy Bluma** 

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Ushers Lee Rynish, Joey Bluma Family

# **Stewardship**

Sacrificial Giving for the Week \$ 6,963.56 **Other Income** 898.73

**Expenses** 

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Starting in November thru Spring, Jim & Rosie Wurl will be cooking and serving for the St. John's Homeless Shelter. They provide meat, potatoes, vegetables, fruit and a light desert. If you would like to help, please contact Jim and Rosie Wurl at 833-7734 or if you would like to donate money towards these meals, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope for 'Jim and Rosie Wurl/Homeless Shelter Meal'. Thank you for your generosity during these winter months and helping those in need.



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