

Dec. 6th, 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent

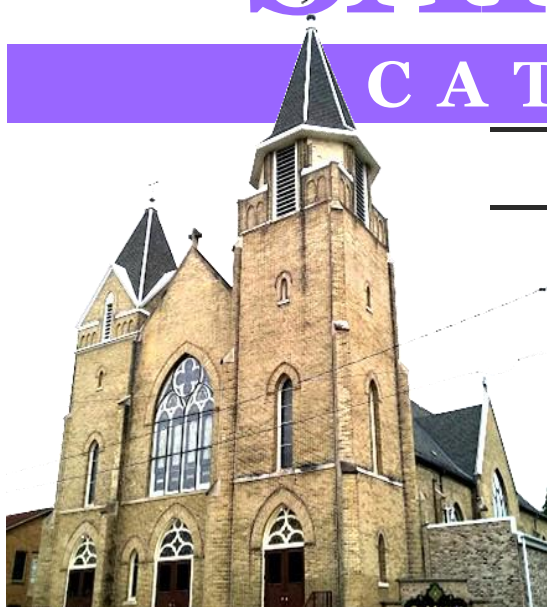
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Adoration

Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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*“O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel...”*

“John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.”

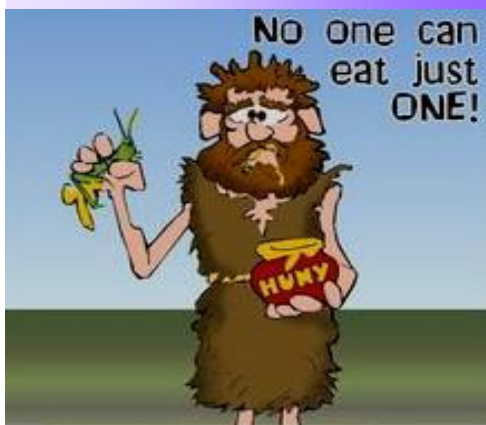
Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, December 8**
5:30 pm Frederick Dziewior
By: Andrea Bires
- Wednesday, December 9**
8:30 am †Nellie Messina
By: Marie Senzig
- Thursday, December 10**
8:30 am †John Donovan
By: Rita Hall
- Friday, December 11**
8:30 am Mike Rogge Jr &
Dan Chambers
By: Jay & Wendy
Rhyner
- Saturday, December 12**
7:00 pm †Jan Lewandowski
By: Maria
Podczerwinska
- Sunday, December 13**
9:00 am †Pat & Marilyn
Patnaude
By: Jay & Wendy
Rhyner
- 1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



Upcoming Events

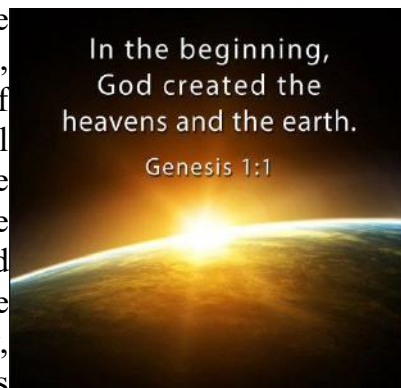
- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
Dec 8th at 5:30 pm
- Parish Finance Council**
Dec 10th at 6:30 pm
- Christmas Decorating**
Dec 17th at 6:00 pm
(we will not start until 6 pm)
- Advent Penance Service**
December 19th, 5:00-6:00
- Parish Pastoral Council**
Jan 12th at 6:30 pm



JOHN THE BAPTIST Mt 3:4
Before 'Chips & Salsa' there was..
'Locusts and Honey'.

Within the Word - Eternity is as long as a Day

Friends, for God who is outside of time and space, eternity is hard to understand. St. Paul writes, *"a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day..."* These are strange things to understand. How can this be? We know what a day feels like; history has record and science teaches us that a thousand years equals -365000 days! But for God it's just a moment. When I hear these words, I take comfort in that what we understand as time, is not the same in the realms of Heaven. For outside of space and time, God Is. His realms of heaven and hell and everything in between are outside of the sciences we understand. There are no physical sciences within these places; they are outside our own universe, & so we need a different approach to how we understand them -hence they are mysteries. All of this requires Faith & humility, grounded in Hope & Joy of what is to come...which is being with God & His Kingdom for eternity. I invite you to ponder these things on the 2nd week of Advent; where we dive into the virtue of Hope. Hope means everything to our faith! We need hope or else faith is meaningless. What would faith be if we didn't have anything to hope for? -complete despair & emptiness...Moreover, I invite you to reflect on time and eternity during Advent. What will the next day bring? Well, as St. Paul writes, "It's a thousand years for those in Heaven." Also, ask yourselves, where will your eternity be? For me, I'd rather live a lifetime of struggling in the faith, each day in hopes to get to Heaven, then fall into the depths of hopelessness & despair not caring I'd fall into Hell for all eternity. These are things I think about; I invite you this Advent to do the same.



Fr. Clayton

Fr. Clayton's Health Update -Friends, it's not good. I'm sad to share that I've been diagnosed with another symptom from my accident; what the doctors have called a severe case of, post-concussion syndrome. I'm already in week 2 of physical therapy and rehabilitation. My doctors & nurses have told me, it's as serious as it gets for someone who has severe brain trauma. To some this might be a surprise, as I've been masking these things for 3 weeks; they manifested themselves about the 2nd week of November, about a month after my accident, and about the time these things manifest. Because my injuries have developed into post-concussion syndrome, things are very difficult for me. My brain is in a stage of neuroplasticity, & could be healing in the wrong direction. If not taken care of the right way, these symptoms & syndrome could be permanent. It will take many months of rehabilitation to fully recover if at all. I am having a very difficult time accepting this as it has most likely ended my military career. Many have shared they want me to stay, but it was a lifelong dream of mine to become an officer in the United States Air Force. Now, I'm struggling to protect & preserve my priestly vocation.

Also, I must share, as I feel it's time, that I experienced a head on collision with a 40ft RV, of which pulled out in front of me. I T-boned the back end of the RV, flipped it over, where it then slide 50+ feet. It then started on fire. I was driving about 55-60 mph. The driver didn't see me, & he attempted to make an illegal U-turn. He pulled out in front, & I simply had no time to brake. All I could do was choose where to hit. I swerved to the back of the RV, closed my eyes, tried to relax & said "I Trust in You;" the impact was so great, the front end of the vehicle was crushed inward over 12 in...

Folks, there is so much more that happened that day, I am unable to relive this experience, and ask not to feel bad or inquire about it. Even now I am struggling to keep myself together as I write this. Rev's spleen almost ruptured, Lily was traumatized and I was in another place. I am thankful for life, for my vocation & a second chance. The 80-year-couple are fine, but most certainty would've been gravely injured. For myself, It should've been anything but what I incurred. I am eternally grateful that I am alive and walking. I could easily be in the hospital in a coma. I am asked to take medical leave, as any exposure to stress can have a reverse affect to the progress I've

Where's Father Clayton? Can you find him? He's hiding around here somewhere...and no it's not at the 1 pm mass or the wedding... Good luck : P

Within the Word - Continued

made. I feel absolutely stupid for not taking this accident more serious, as the trauma, (although it seemed minor & I felt fine) has had major consequences. In truth I was in denial & I blanked everything out, in fear of losing a future commission, as well as being unable to adjust my work environment -up & leaving seamed out of the question. Please pray for me as I discern what is best moving forward. It's very difficult to think about what's best for my health as well as the parish. Pray that the bishop and vicar can help discuss the same, and please pray for my vocation. If my recovery and rehabilitation is not successful, or is delayed, (for even celebrating mass is very difficult) I will have to take a leave of absence. Please pray the rosary, pray to St. Philomena, Mary and Joseph, and the Holy Family, please offer mass wherever you can for my wellbeing. -God bless



Give in Thanksgiving

"I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious; which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously this upcoming weekend. TY!!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one for Christmas poinsettias for church, please be sure to have them to the parish office before December 21st. Please include the name of the loved one. Flowers will be delivered right before Christmas.

Advent

Penance Opportunities

St. Cecilia/Wisconsin Dells

Dec 16th 6pm-8pm

St. Patrick/Mauston

Dec 17th 7pm-8pm

St Mary's Lyndon Station

Dec 19th 5pm - 6pm

Sacred Heart - Reedsburg

Dec 15th/22nd 6:30 - 8:30pm

Financial Stewardship

November 29th, 2020

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2324.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$7.80
Offertory.....	\$478.25
Holy Days.....	\$20.00
Votive Candles.....	\$94.00
Total	\$2,924.05
Weekly Budget	\$2,548.07
(164 registered families)	
<u>Year-to-date*</u>	
Budgeted	\$56,058.17
Contributed	\$59,897.40

Time to go to St. Joseph

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when fatherhood is so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish during this time of hardship.

-St. Joseph, Pray for us!



St. Mary's Floor Project

Parishioners' Goal: \$75,000
 Total Received: \$71,450
 Percent of Goal received: 95.27%

2020-21 Annual Appeal

Goal: \$15,810
 Total Pledged & Received: \$6,365.00
 Percent of Goal pledged: 40.26%

Where's Fr. Clayton?

1st Sunday Advent - Page 4 Middle left
 Christ the King - Page 2 Lower left
 33rd Sunday - Page 2 Lower Left
 32nd Sunday - Page 1 Upper Right

Reminder: Please make reservations!

Due to the CDC, County Health dept. & Diocesan guidelines, we are asking everyone, and those planning to attend one of our 3 Masses (4 p.m., 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve & 9 a.m. Christmas Day), to please make advance reservations. This can be done via email @ stmaryparishlyndon@gmail.com, phone call to the parish office @ 666-2421, or by signing up at the back of church. We also ask families arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. This will help our ushers prepare for any overflow if the need arises, via walk-ins etc; to be safe and keep social distancing in place.

This bulletin, was created, designed, printed and folded by Fr. Clayton; with love, in his empty office for you. Please share & spread the Word. So God's Word can be Set on Fire!

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