



SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

ORLAND HILLS, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Setonpalooza . . .

Our Annual Parish Picnic is around the corner! It will be held Sunday, August 6, before our college students return to school, our teens return to high school, and our grammar school students hit the books. As February seems to last six weeks—summer goes by in a blink. Make each day count.

One way to end the summer with a high note is to attend our parish picnic. This is not a flashy parish carnival, it is an entirely different afternoon to enjoy. We will start with an outdoor Mass, at 3:00 PM [that is weather permitting]. We have been chased indoors in the past due to heat, humidity and rain. This is followed by our Men's Club who will grill tasty hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Our Women's Club will offer luscious watermelon, and our Seniors of Seton provide and host the desserts, that will be served in our O'Mara Hall "cooling center." All picnic food is free. Bring your cooler with liquid refreshments, a blanket or two, and some lawn chairs. We will provide a bouncy house for the little ones. [I am not sure that **Fr. Dan** will jump inside of it like **Fr. Zurek** (of happy memory) would do.] For your musical enjoyment we will have at least two bands: "*Vision in the Rhythm*" and "*My Dad's Garage Band*." We might have a third band, "*The Korenchan Brothers*." Or, at least **Fr. Dan** will play a mean trumpet alongside the two bands.

This should be a fun afternoon of giving thanks to God, enjoying a meal together, socializing, and enjoying some music. As always we will have the Water Balloon Toss. It should be a great time—plan on attending.

Deep Cleaning . . .

Lest you think everyone is sitting around eating bon bons, the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School is undergoing the deep cleaning and repair that goes on each summer. The cleaning crew hit the floors the last week in June, and are working like a hot knife going through butter. All this takes time. So far, so good.

A major task that the school has undertaken this year is putting new, brighter, and more efficient lighting the gym. The parish has just finished the same in our office area. A few years ago we committed to upgrading lighting, but instead of doing it in one swell expensive swoop, we have been gradually upgrading and replacing the lighting. I am sure you noticed when we did this with the lights in the parking lot. Some jobs, like repaving the parking lot, we need to tackle all at once. Others we do in stages. We hope to have brighter days ahead!

"Building the New Reality" . . .

We have just begun our third year of the "Renew My Church" process. We are in the second stage called "Building the New Reality." This stage will last many years as the seven parishes in our grouping learn how to work more closely together.

Our chief St. Elizabeth Seton Parish goal was to hire a Youth and Young Adult Minister. This has been a daunting process. When our parish first hired **Deacon John Sobol**, for this position, things went swimmingly, as John had the requisite skills for this ministry. He did a fantastic job for six months. Then, our Director of Liturgy, **Carlos Bautista** transitioned to teaching at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, and **Deacon John** asked to move to this open position, where he is thriving. We have been so blessed to have five excellent successive Directors of Liturgy: **Diedre Sweet;**

Gerry Welte; Claudia Nolan; Carlos Bautista; and our current director, **Deacon John Sobol**.

Trying to hire a new Youth and Young Adult Minister has been most challenging. The pastor at St. Stephen and I [our two parishes are working together on hiring for this position] just have not found the right individual yet. We are not willing to settle for someone whom we feel would be less than stellar in this job.

Our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School was in the same position in looking for a new principal, until the former Assistant Principal, **Ms. Jeanne Pagliaro**, agreed to take on the new position. The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School lucked out in getting a strong new principal. That search committee was also not going to settle. If necessary we would have hired an interim principal. Last time we were incredibly fortunate in being able to hire **Mr. Jim Antos** as the interim principal, after his many great years at Brother Rice High School. To be blunt though there is not a great pool at the moment for possible principals, interim principal, and even teachers in certain areas. It is tough to be in education at the moment, or to be in Youth and Young Adult Ministry. We have been blessed in that both the school and parish have continued to draw strong candidates. And we have a good attitude that we are not willing to settle until we find someone we feel confident can ably do the task at hand. Please keep the parish in your prayers as we continue to look for a Youth and Young Adult Minister.

Similarly, we will begin looking for someone to head up our "two parish" Evangelization efforts. But this is another task entirely. The Vicariate V has been searching for two years to find someone to assist all the parishes in their Evangelization efforts. Even if our two parishes had an Evangelization Director, we would be lacking wider direction. This is all teaching us a lesson in patience. We are all in a long season of Advent—a season of watchful waiting.

Finally, the Archdiocese of Chicago is restructuring the Vicariates [there are six of them, and we are in Vicariate V], as well as all of the deaneries. [We are in Deanery "E"] They have not yet come to any conclusion but the decision is around the corner. Our deanery, of which I am the dean, is the largest deanery in terms of parishes and institutions in the entire archdiocese [17 parishes and mission churches]. This is expected to be significantly changed. It is viewed by the archdiocese as far too large. Most deaneries consist of eight parishes and institutions. I did not advise any change, but the arguments from downtown are persuasive. We shall see what will be done. An announcement is due soon. We are blessed in this deanery to have large and strong parishes, with great staffs, and a good spirit. Our Church is alive out here. We are fortunate. And this is accomplished because so many people in our parishes are involved and dedicated to our faith. We have good days ahead.

Gone Fishing . . .

Watch out, I return from England and Ireland this coming Saturday. See you next Sunday! I hope all of you took good care of **Fr. Kevin** and **Fr. Dan**.

Keep Smiling,

Rev. William J. Corcoran MS

→ **SAVE THE DATE!** ←

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH
OUTDOOR MASS and
PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, August 6
3:00 pm Mass/Picnic to follow

Water Balloon Toss!
Bounce House for the kids!
LIVE MUSIC! Two Bands:



"Vision In The Rhythm"



"My Dad's Cover Band"

FOOD!

FREE
HOT DOGS!

FREE
HAMBURGERS!

FREE
WATERMELON!

FREE
DESSERTS!



Please feel free
to bring your own
picnic favorites.
Lawn chairs/blankets
recommended.

DESSERTS WANTED!

Please drop your
donation in the
O'Mara Hall!



SPECIAL BLESSING OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Saturday, Aug. 5
Sunday, Aug. 6
at all Masses

Whether you are
attending school
near or far,
we wish to share a
special blessing with
ALL students who will
be attending ANY
College, Technical School,
or are in Military
this Fall.

SAVE THE DATE *for these
UPCOMING EVENTS
at St. Elizabeth Seton Church!*

**RESPOND NOW
BREAKFAST FOOD DRIVE**

*Bags distributed: July 29/30
Bags returned to Mass: August 12/13*

BLESSING OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Saturday, August 5

5:00 pm

Sunday, August 6

7:30, 9:30, 11:30am and 3:00pm Masses

**OUTDOOR MASS
and PARISH PICNIC**

Sunday, August 6, 3:00 pm

(See flyer in this bulletin)

**Knights of Columbus
TOOTSIE ROLL BANK SALE
To Support RE Special Education**

August 5, 5:00 pm

August 6

7:30, 9:30, and 11:30am Masses

**PRAYER SHAWL
DISTRIBUTION WEEKEND**

Saturday, August 5

5:00 pm

Sunday, August 6

7:30, 9:30, and 11:30am Masses

**St. Elizabeth Seton Men's Club
SELL THE LOT RUMMAGE SALE**

Saturday, August 12

8:00am-3:00 pm

in church parking lot

(See flyer in this bulletin)

**St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club
FALL MUM SALE FUNDRAISER**

Orders due by August 13

Flowers delivered on September 9

—time to be determined—

(See flyer in this bulletin)

**St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club
CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR**

Saturday, September 9

Sunday, September 10

10:00 am-3:00 pm [BOTH DAYS]

in the McBrady Center

(Information later in this bulletin)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 7-16-23:

Brooks Richard, child of Brent and Megan McAvoy

Reese Jordyn, child of Edmundjon and Stephanie Calungcaguin

Charlotte Collene, child of Michael and Katherine Coty

Hailey Ann, Child of William and Laurie Bryan

Piper Laine, child of Joseph and Breanna Vanek

WEDDINGS

Please pray for these couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage:

Rachel Gotsch and **Derek Winkler**; 8-18-23

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Due to privacy issues we honor prayer requests (by you/family member only) for two weeks. Please call to add name or continue for two weeks.

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

Pnestie Navarro

Barbara Mohr

Timmy Matykiewicz

Debbie Arcos

Helen Agresti

Baby Benjamin Pirog

Raquel Isabel Ramirez

Linda McKeague

Kathleen Cook

Thomas Doyle

Patricia Rebaka Davis

Maureen McCormick

Baby Hamilton Gabriel Soto

Marie Schnepf

And for our deceased:

Nevenka Stasic

Brendan Athy

Carolyn Ratke

"Heavenly Father, accept the prayers which we offer for them."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 22 (5pm) **Anna Marion; Ann Vallort**

Sun., July 23 (7:30am) **Felix and Maxine Tomasiewicz**

(9:30am) **Stanley Wynimko**

(11:30am) **NO INTENTIONS**

Monday, July 24 (9am) **Kenneth Fonte; Dan Orseske**

Tuesday, July 25 (9am) **Annabelle Lawrence**

Wed., July 26 (9am) **NO INTENTIONS**

Thurs., July 27 (9am) **Matthew Kocher**

Friday, July 28 (9am) **Peter and Frances McKenna; Michael Kocher**

Sat., July 29 (5pm) **Minerva Velasquez; Paul McGrath**

Sun., July 30 (7:30am) **NO INTENTIONS**

(9:30am) **Stanley Wynimko; Mary Ann Clifford**

(11:30am) **NO INTENTIONS**

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 7-16-2023: \$19,823.00

Envelopes: \$12,310.95/E-giving: \$7,513.00

Thank you for your generosity.



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VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STESETON.COM

In celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Mary Magdalen on July 22...

Will The Real Mary Magdalen Please Stand Up!

By Rev. William Gubbins

A Case of Mistaken Identity

For nineteen centuries, Mary Magdalen, a woman who was from a tiny town next to the city of Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee, has been mistakenly identified with the woman mentioned in Luke 7:36-50.

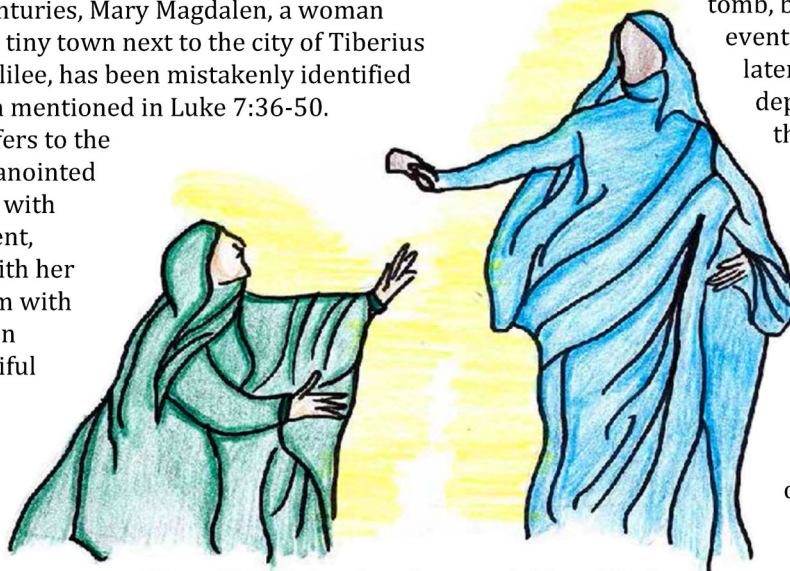
This passage refers to the prostitute who anointed the feet of Jesus with precious ointment, washed them with her tears, dried them with her hair and then heard the beautiful words of Jesus, "I tell you, her many sins are forgiven because of her great love."

The reason for the mistake was that when she was first mentioned in the Gospel as one of the woman who followed Jesus, it mentioned the fact that Jesus "cast out seven demons from her." Now we know that phrase refers to "benign spirits" which were thought to cause physical illness and mental impairment, somewhat like germs, viruses or chemicals that enter the body and cause various reactions. This did not indicate sinfulness or moral failure. But because of this erroneous identification of Mary of Magdala with the sinful woman of Luke's Gospel, poor Mary had enjoyed a very bad reputation for a very long time! She had become the patron saint of sinners!

Mary of Magdala: The First Witness of the Resurrection

On Easter Sunday, the Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord, our Gospel reading for the day was from the 20th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. The reading begins with the words:

"Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalen came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away, so she ran off to Simon Peter and that other disciple, the one Jesus loved and told them: 'The Lord has been taken from the tomb and we don't know where they have put him.'"



Mary Magdalen has been misidentified for over 19 centuries...

Mary was the first person to witness the empty tomb, but an even more important event that occurs a few verses later. It tells us that the others departed, but Mary stayed at the tomb — weeping. Then Jesus appears to her and asks her why she is weeping. However the distraught Mary thinks that he is the gardener. It is only when Jesus calls her by name that she is able to recognize the Lord that she loves. So Mary is not only the first person to witness the empty tomb — *but she is the first human to see the Risen Christ!*

A Disciple of Christ

This recent "rehabilitation" of Mary has opened our eyes to another dimension of her life that has been overlooked in Biblical studies. Mary of Magdala was one of the many woman disciples of Jesus. According to St. Luke, there were "many woman who followed Jesus." With their male counterparts, they supported Jesus in his work and engaged in the mission of evangelization.

Four women are mentioned as being present at the scene of the Crucifixion and only one man is named — only ONE of the famed twelve apostles! Where were the others? Women had a much larger role than was previously thought in both the ministry of Jesus and the ministry of the Church.

In both Jewish Law and Roman Law, a woman's testimony was inadmissible in court. Women really didn't count. Yet, this woman who loved Jesus in his lifetime, was present at his death agony, got up at dawn to go and anoint his dead body, sat at his tomb weeping, and was the one who gave the greatest testimony of anyone in human history:

"He is truly risen from the dead."

Because of her tremendous love for Jesus, Mary of Magdala was given the great privilege of being:

THE FIRST WITNESS OF THE RESURRECTION!

South West Interfaith Team

SWIFT



INTERFAITH PICNIC

Sunday July 30, 2023

When: Sunday July 30 – 1:00 to 4:00pm
Where: Peace Memorial Church Grounds
What: Barbeque, games for kids of all ages, fun!
Who: SWIFT Congregation members & their invited Guests

Food
Fun
Games

Please Bring With You:

- A side-dish (salad, pasta, anything) ... enough for your family & a little bit to share
- Dessert ... enough for your family & a little bit to share

(NO ALCOHOL)

Provisions are made for Dietary Requirements of all Faith Groups (Halal/Kosher/Vegetarian etc)
 Hamburgers /Hot Dogs served from 1pm-3pm only:
 (Food Provided by SWIFT)

Sign up with the
 SWIFT
 Representative at
 your Place of
 Worship.

*Head-count needed
 by July 23rd*

Peace Memorial Church
 10300 W. 131st St, Palos Park
 For Information / Rain cancellation,
 please contact Mohammed Nofal
mnofal@op-pc.org
 (708)253-2834

Free Will Offering*

*There are no tickets to purchase for this event. However, you may drop off any amount you wish at the Picnic in the Free Will Offering box to help with SWIFT expenses and programs.

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

Seton Parishioners! Please
contact Kathy Wills, by July 23,
of your attending at 708-987-6785
or email: bkje4@aol.com



"SWIFT South West Interfaith Team"

Our ladies have been working very hard to provide shawls, so we have an abundance of them! Help us to distribute shawls to someone who may have a need for them, whether yourself, or someone you know...

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



Stop by the Narthex after Masses

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

ONCE AGAIN... A PRAYER SHAWL DISPLAY/DISTRIBUTION!

The purpose of the Shawl Ministry is to prayerfully create shawls for those in our Parish Family and community, as a gift for healing, protection, strength, courage, and celebration. Shawls are crafted, for example, for those undergoing medical treatment, grieving the loss of a loved one, in times of crisis or loneliness, celebrating joyous times, or at any time that a person is experiencing a physical, spiritual, or emotional need for the comfort, hope, peace, love, and prayerful remembrance that a shawl can bring.

Each shawl maker begins to knit or crochet with a prayer for the recipient. Each time the work is taken up, the prayerful intention is renewed. Upon completion of the shawl, the group says a final prayer, then a priest or deacon

gives his formal blessing. The shawls are meant to symbolize God's loving embrace. Shawl recipients continue to be prayed for at each of our meetings, and at the meetings of Prayer Shawl Ministries throughout the world.

If you would like to pick up a shawl for yourself or someone you know, please visit our display in the Narthex after all the Masses on Saturday, August 5, and Sunday, August 6. Please give us the first name of the eventual shawl recipient so we can inscribe it in our Prayer Intentions Book. There is no charge for the shawls, however, donations are gratefully accepted.

Please continue to pray for our ministry, and thank you to all who are already praying for us!



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

DATE: SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2023
TIME: After the 3:00 P.M. Outdoor Mass

Our Seniors will once again host their luscious desserts in O'Mara Hall for all to enjoy. All desserts can be brought to O'Mara Hall after all of the Masses on Sunday, August 6. There will be fun and food for all ages as well as musical entertainment.

SOS Membership Table: If you would like to become a member of SOS, please stop by our table at the picnic. Membership Dues/\$25. Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 5.

NEW - Nashville's Opryland Country Christmas. Deposits of \$25 will be accepted at the picnic. Flyers w/details and insurance info will be available.



NEW-NASHVILLE'S OPRYLAND COUNTRY CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 11-14, 2023

Cost \$975/pp double occupancy. 4 Days/3 Nights at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. General Jackson Riverboat Luncheon Cruise, Delta River Flatbed Ride, Tour of Nashville, lots of details to follow. Balance of payment due on October 5.

SCENIC ROUTE 66 DAY TRIP — SEPT. 13

Cost: \$120 pp. Bus departs at 8 am/returns approx. 6pm. Author/Historian, John Weiss, will join us for an 8 hr. informative day on "America's Mother Road". Trip includes transportation, snacks, family style lunch and ice cream at Polk-A-Dot Diner. Questions: Please contact Judy Gula 708-261-6767 or email rhjp01@aol.com.

SAVANNAH, JEKYLL ISLAND, BEAUFORT, SC — OCT 22-28

Balances are due by August 5, to remain on the list (Birth dates and drivers license numbers are also needed). Once the balance is paid we can secure the bus and the hotel. Questions: Please contact Judy Gula 708-261-6767 or email rhjp01@aol.com.

Trip Flyers/Signup Forms with Details . . .

are available at our monthly meetings or in the parish office (parish office hours: 9:00 am-1:00 pm daily/Sunday, 8:00 am-1 pm). Please make checks payable to **Seniors of Seton**, unless otherwise noted. Forms can be dropped off in the office.

Questions? Please email Judy Gula at rhjp01@aol.com/phone: 708-261-6767 or Carol Pjosek, caramiary@sbcglobal.net.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT TITUS BRANDSMA

1881-1942

A mild-mannered Dutch Carmelite professor, Saint Titus Brandsma became a fierce critic of the Nazi movement and was put to death by lethal injection at the Dachau concentration camp in 1942.

GIVEN THE BIRTH NAME ANNO, BRANDSMA and his siblings grew up on their parents' dairy farm in rural Frisia. As devout Catholics, the family was the minority among their Calvinist neighbors. From age 11 he was educated at a preparatory school for boys studying for the priesthood. He joined the Carmelite novitiate in 1898, taking the name Titus in honor of his father.

In the years following his 1905 ordination, Brandsma received a doctorate in philosophy and initiated a project to translate the works of Saint Teresa of Avila into Dutch. One of the founders of the Catholic University of Nijmegen, he served as a professor of philosophy and the history of mysticism at the school. While there Brandsma was known more for his availability to faculty and students than for his academic achievements.

Working as a journalist Brandsma served as ecclesiastical advisor to Catholic journalists. His long-standing opposition to Nazi ideology came to the attention of the Nazis when they invaded the Netherlands in 1940. In direct opposition to the Third Reich, the Conference of Dutch Bishops sent a letter ordering Catholic newspaper editors not to print Nazi propaganda. Fr. Brandsma was arrested while hand delivering the letter in January 1942. After being imprisoned in several facilities, in June he was taken to the Dachau camp in Germany.

During his brief time at Dachau Fr. Brandsma was well-known for his kindness and spiritual support of other prisoners. His death on July 26, 1942 was a result of the Reich's program of medical experimentation on prisoners. He gave a wooden rosary to the nurse who administered the fatal injection; she later became Catholic and testified to his holiness. In recent years Brandsma has been honored by both the cities of Nijmegen and Dachau. Titus Brandsma was beatified in 1985, and canonized in 2022.



**St. Elizabeth Seton
Women's Club
FALL MUM
FUNDRAISER**



The St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club is excited to offer beautiful mum plants from Jim Melka's Landscaping and Garden Center.

**ONE PRICE: \$15.00 EACH
BEAUTIFUL 1.5 GALLON, 8 INCH MUM**

A percentage of sales will go to SESWC

Choose your color:

YELLOW, PURPLE, RED, OR ORANGE

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS: AUGUST 13

You can email Maureen Flamm: mmflamm@aol.com, leave a message at 708-641-6168, or drop off form below in the parish office to the attention: **WOMEN'S CLUB/MAUREEN FLAMM**

All orders will be delivered to St. Elizabeth Seton Church on Saturday, September 9 (time will be advised)

Jim Melka Landscaping and Garden Center Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total Quantity: _____ Total Amount: _____ Check*/Cash: _____

Quantity of Colors: Yellow _____ Purple _____ Red _____ Orange _____

*Please make your check payable to: SESWC by deadline date, August 13, and drop off in the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish office to the attention of: Maureen Flamm/Women's Club mailbox.

*All mums will be delivered to the McBrady Center on Saturday, September 9.
Time to be listed in the bulletin. Thank you for your support for the Women's Club.*





Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School — Job Opening — SCHOOL NURSE

Your parish school, CJB School, is seeking a knowledgeable, caring SCHOOL NURSE to join our staff. This person would be responsible for helping students (Pre-K through 8th Grade) attain an optimum level of physical, social and emotional health through working closely with other staff, administration and families. This could be a full-time, benefits eligible position, or if several applicants are interested, the school will consider hiring part-time positions with no benefits. Interested applicants should contact CJB School Principal, Mrs. Jeannie Pagliaro, jpagliari@cjbsschool.org.

Job Responsibilities

Maintain immunization and health records of individual students, reaching out to parents regarding missing information; assist with health screenings, such as hearing/vision; assess students who visit the nurse's office, determining whether they should be sent home, and contacting parents in these instances; provide faculty and staff with first aid supplies and training; assure faculty/staff compliance with state and federal requirements such as bloodborne pathogen and Epi-Pen training; assist in the prevention and control of communicable diseases; counsel with teachers, students, and parents concerning children's individual health problems; assist with emergency care of students in the event of accidents or sudden illness; work closely with the student support team (resource teacher, counselor, administration) in order to promote the total health of students; attend planning and professional development meetings, Open House, Back to School Events.

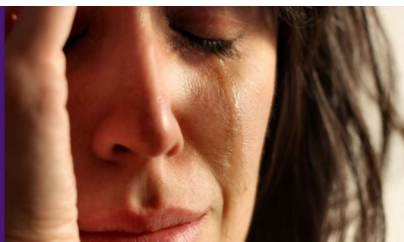
Job Requirements

- Completed Bachelor's Degree or LPN training from an accredited institution
- Current state board nursing license (RN or LPN)
- Minimum of one year of experience in nursing
- Compliance with all required VIRTUS, mandated reporter training, Faith's Law, etc. upon hire
- Compassion and respect for all students
- Ability to communicate effectively with students, staff and parents
- Full-time salary: \$35,000-\$45,000

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SECOND ANNUAL FALL CRAFT/ VENDOR FAIR AND BAKE SALE

**Saturday, September 9
Sunday, September 10
(9am-3pm both days)
in the McBrady Center**

Registration fee is \$50 for the weekend, plus a raffle prize donation.

Registration deadline is July 31, 2023.

— 6-ft. table and plastic tablecloth provided.

— 8-ft. tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis if they are available.

OPEN TO ALL! REGISTER NOW!

Contact Lori Stanfa for details/to register at 708-257-5466 or stanfaSESWC@gmail.com.



Lemonade Stand To Benefit The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

Proceeds from this Sixth Annual Event will directly benefit children and teens fighting cancer.

WHO: Attendees will have a chance to quench their thirst and purchase some tasty lemonade.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 25/Wednesday, July 26
(12pm to 3pm)

WHERE: 12056 West Lake View Drive, Orland Park

WHY: Since its inception just six years ago, the "Cups 4 Cancer" Lemonade Stand has become a much-anticipated community event. In addition to providing thirst-quenching lemonade, event has raised more than \$17,900 for children and teens fighting cancer.

Please Help



BREAKFAST/ HEALTHY SNACKS RESPOND NOW FOOD DRIVE

Bag Distributed:
July 29/30
Drop Off:
August 12/13
in the Narthex

Let's help start a child's day with a good breakfast! There will be a cart inside the church Narthex by both the entrances to receive your donation.



SUGGESTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

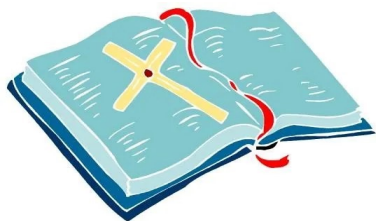
Cold Cereal
Hot Cereal Mix
Cans of Fruit
Small Juices
Bread Mixes

Fruit Snacks
Cereal Bars
Drink Mixes
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Granola/Granola Bars
Pop Tarts
Muffin Mixes

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To learn about the Social Services provided by **RESPOND NOW** please visit:
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PREVIEW THE BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

The acclaimed Biblical Institute is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at Visitation Catholic Church, in Elmhurst, for Year 1 on Mondays, from 7-9pm. OR live, online classes for Year 1 on Wednesdays from 7-9pm. Year 2 in person classes will be held at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, in Plainfield, on Tuesdays, from 7-9pm. Both sites are open to new students. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

In-Person Preview Events (all events held 7-8:30pm):

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday, July 24 | Holy Ghost Parish, Wood Dale |
| Monday, July 31 | St. Pius X Parish, Lombard |
| Monday, Aug. 7 | Ascension Parish, Oak Brook |
| Tuesday, Aug. 8 | St Mary Immaculate, Plainfield |
| Monday, Aug. 14 | Visitation Parish, Elmhurst |
| Monday, Aug. 21 | Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst |
| Tuesday, Aug. 22 | Holy Family Parish, Shorewood |
| Tuesday, Sept. 5 | St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield |
| Monday, Sept. 11 | Visitation Parish, Elmhurst |

All instructors have Graduate level Catholic Education in the Bible, as well as a solid understanding of Church guidance on how Catholics read and interpret the Bible. Each instructor also has extensive experience teaching Scripture and other faith-related subjects to Catholic adults and share a passion for helping adults experience the power of God's Word.

- The Biblical Institute serves everyone who wants in-depth study of the Bible and prayerful reflection on Scripture within a Catholic faith community.
- Parish Bible study facilitators lead groups more confidently as they learn a holistic approach to Scripture and how to use Bible study resources. Parish catechetical leaders and pastoral ministers integrate Scripture more effectively into their ministries as they build on the Bible study from their ministry formation programs.
- Deacons find it helpful in the preparation of homilies as they expand their knowledge of the Old Testament and their understanding of its relationship with the New Testament.
- Catechists of children, youth, and adults gain skill in using Scripture in their teaching and answering questions about how Catholics approach the Bible. Lectors and Ministers of Care deepen their proclamation of scripture and prayer with God's Word.
- Any adult seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ or bring Scripture into family or personal life can find learning and transformation.

To register/for information please visit 630-698-8961 or email: jgorski@mayslakeministries.org. Register online at <https://www.mayslakeministries.org/biblical-institute>.

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Presents:

LITURGY TRAINING



Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Monday & Tuesday) & Initial Training for Lectors (Monday & Wednesday)

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday -
July 31, Aug 1, Aug 2, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location:

St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr
17500 84th Ave, Tinley Park, IL

Description of presentation: These sessions provide training for Liturgical Ministers. ALL trainees attend Monday evening's Scriptural foundation, overview of the liturgy, and discern their call to liturgical ministry. Tuesday evening, through prayer, reflection and practice, participants will explore what it means to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. On Wednesday evening, participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass.



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Register <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/>

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023 • 2:30 pm

Congratulations on celebrating 50 years of marriage! The Archdiocese of Chicago invites you to participate in the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sept. 17, 2023, at 2:30pm, in Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State, Chicago. Register by Sept. 15, 2023. For more information:

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding> or email gwa@archchicago.org, or register at: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=o-0BRmkpKqQCzBfwvVBLmVl8OKsWwpPkwLk9G9ofs1UN-DY2Uk9LVUU3Wko2OUFYRjY3Slc1Vjc2NCQIQCN0PWcu>

QUEEN OF PEACE CLASS OF 1973 HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Sept. 15, 2023 • 6:30 pm

• **St. Laurence High School**

The QUEEN OF PEACE High School Class of 1973 will hold their 50th Class Reunion on September 15, 2023, at St. Laurence High School, at 6:30 pm. Please see the Queen of Peace (QOP) Class of 1973 Facebook page for information more information or send an email to: patricethomas6314@gmail.com.



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888-456-HOPE
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SETON MEN'S CLUB

SELL THE LOT

Garage/Vendor/Craft Sale

— *Come to sell or shop!* —

Saturday, August 12, 2023

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

(Set up time between 7:00-8:00 am)

St. Elizabeth Seton Church Parking Lot

9300 West 167th Street, Orland Hills

(Depart parking lot by 4:00 pm to provide for 5:00 pm Mass attendance)

*Sign up in the Seton
Parish Office ...
M-F, 9am-1pm/SUN, 8am-1pm
or call 708-403-0101*

*...Pay for your space
on the day of event.*

*(The event will be rescheduled due
to incidence of inclement weather.)*

RENTAL INFORMATION

\$25: two parking spaces

\$30: three parking spaces
(keep your sale profits)

Limited Tables to rent for \$10
(one per vendor)

**No chairs/food/drink provided.
Please bring your own chair/tent/
food/beverages.**

**St. Elizabeth Seton Church is not
responsible for condition of items sold.**

Questions? Please email Tom Wojcik at wojciptom@sbcglobal.net

Proceeds of rental spaces/equipment to benefit St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Creation Care Corner



*"... to defend the earth and
to safeguard water is to
protect life."*

— Pope Francis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Plastic waste is a huge and growing problem. Only 9% of the 9 billion tons of plastic produced has been recycled. There is very little demand for the plastic you do recycle. 40% of all plastic is designed to be used once and tossed. Plastic doesn't decompose easily and can last 100s of years. The waste clogs landfills and waterways, and poses hazards to animals and fish life. It breaks up into ever smaller microplastics getting into our air and food chain with unknown health effects.

What you can do:

- Say NO to single-use plastic. Carry your own cups, bags, to-go containers, utensils and forget the straws.
- Say NO to bottled water and pop. Carry refillables.
- Choose more biodegradable/recyclable materials like glass, paper, cardboard and metal instead of plastic... and then recycle those items.
- Avoid products with excessive packaging, excessive plastic packaging and parts. If it leaves behind plastic trash, try not to buy it.

Recycle what you can't refuse, reduce or reuse.

ALL YOUNG ADULTS, AGES 21-39 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEOLOGY ON TAP!



7 PM - DOORS OPEN
7:15 PM - TALK BEGINS

MONDAY
EVENINGS

EMBER'S TAP HOUSE
LOCKPORT, IL

July 31 How to Live a Baptismal Life: Knowing
the Difference Between the Jordan and
the Chicago River
FR. ANDREW SUMMERSON



August 7 Death Is Not the End: Our Purpose in Life
FR. PETE JANKOWSKI



August 21 How and Why Is Catholic the Way?
Can and Should the Church Change Her
Teachings?
FR. THOMAS LOYA



Eagle Scout Project

OF JACK NOLAN
ORLAND PARK TROOP 318

COLLECTION TO BENEFIT PEDIATRIC PATIENTS AT

 **Advocate Children's Hospital**
Tomorrow starts today.

KICKOFF COLLECTION HELD

Saturday, August 5, 8am-3:30pm
St. Elizabeth Seton Church Parking Lot

or

Drop off boxes will be available in the
Nartherx from September 9-October 1

My name is Jack Nolan and I am a
Life Scout with Troop 318 ...

For my Eagle Service Project, I am collecting donation items to benefit pediatric patients at Advocate Children's Hospital. These donations help brighten a child's day when they are receiving inpatient, outpatient or emergency healthcare at Advocate Children's Hospital.

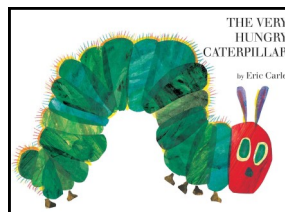
The hospital needs the following items:



- Art Supplies
 - coloring books
 - markers
 - crayons
 - skin-toned crayons
 - colored pencils
 - sketchpads



- Board Books (English/Spanish)
- Games



* All items must be new *



Amazon Wishlist

(Scan this QR CODE to visit the Amazon Wishlist to have the items shipped directly to Jack Nolan.)

**Scripture Reflections for
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**LIVING
the
WORD**

**JULY 30, 2023
THE PROMISE OF LOVE**

*Our covenant of love with God is our security
and strength. May it also be the song that
fills our hearts and lives each day.*

FIRST READING

*Solomon prays for an understanding heart
(1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).*

Solomon went to the shrine in Gibeon and performed a great sacrifice, and then went to sleep. While asleep he had a dream in which the Lord asked him to request whatever he wanted. Solomon responded that he wanted wisdom so that he could rule God's people justly. Because he asked for wisdom and not for riches or victories, the Lord granted his request. Solomon came to be known as the wisest king on the earth. Wisdom then was understood as knowing how to live the good life. Much of the accumulated wisdom of Israel was collected and today from the latter part of the Book of Proverbs. These sayings were the way that community wisdom would be passed on from generation to generation.

SECOND READING

*All things work for good for those who love God
(Romans 8:28-30).*

God has a plan to bring us to salvation. God foreknew us even before we existed. He called us into existence with love and predestined us to share in his life. (Predestination does not mean that we have to do something, only that we are invited to do it.) In other words, God's mystery (plan) of salvation is too wonderful to understand. How could anyone love us this much?

How could God invite us into his own glory? This fills us with a sense of awe and tremendous gratitude.

GOSPEL

The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]). There are different allegories presented that speak about our response to an encounter with the kingdom of God. There is a sense of being willing to abandon what had previously been considered to be of prime importance in order to acquire that which is far more precious. This is more than only rejecting sin and all of its allure. It often means giving up things that are good, but not of the same value as the kingdom. When we love someone, we often have to say no to things that otherwise might have been part of our experience. Finally, there is an important reminder that we should not reject something simply because it does not measure up to our point of view. We should be willing to go beyond our preferences to find which is true and good wherever it might lie. Otherwise, we might be ignoring one of the ways God is speaking to us.

REFLECTION

There is a woman who went to visit her husband every day, even though Alzheimer's disease kept him from recognizing her as his wife of 62-plus years. She says she does this because she loves him and he would do the same for her. And she adds that as much as she loves him she knows that after he's gone only her faith will support her and keep them connected until they are in heaven together, where she is certain he will recognize her again. Their marital love is a great treasure to her. Her faith is her pearl of great price and the net in which they will be collected together again. What wisdom! The things of this world pass away, even those we love. Only our faith in God is with us at all times, through thick and thin, sickness and health, from death to eternal life. Solomon asks God for the wisdom of faith: "Give [me] an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong" (1 Kings 3:9). Faith in God is the only treasure that remains with us when all else is gone and all other paths fail. St. Frances de Sales offered a prayer for wisdom that went something like this: "Lord Jesus, I surrender to you. Make me a lute that you play. Touch any string and allow me to make music in harmony with you." Faith gives us the wisdom to love as Christ loved, live as he lived, and surrender all for that greatest treasure. Therein lies wisdom at all times!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK [July 24-30, 2023]

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42 | 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28 | Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9 | Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17 | Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23 | Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19-27 | 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 |



ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

■ **New Parishioners** We welcome all to participate in the life and mission of the parish. A complete listing of parish services/organizations is available in the parish office and on our parish website. Please visit the parish office to register or obtain the registration form on the parish website: www.steseton.com.

■ **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is on Saturday, between 4:15-4:45pm

■ **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated twice monthly at 1pm. Reserve your time by calling the parish office early. Limit of two children per Sunday.

■ **Baptismal Preparation** Couples preparing for the birth of their child should contact

the parish office to register for a one-night seminar, focusing on a parent's role in faith development. Session is mandatory prior to the Baptism.

■ **Anointing of the Sick** available in the Church every Monday after the 9am Mass. For those who are ill or facing hospitalization, it is appropriate to receive the sacrament once every six months. Call 708-403-0101 for information.

■ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults 18/older, who wish to become Catholic are enrolled in a formation process (RCIA) that includes prayer, dialogue, instruction, and introduction to the Church's life and values, rituals and traditions. Call 708-403-0101.

■ **Ministry of Care** is available to give Communion to the housebound, to visit and pray for hospitalized and/or to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office at 708-403-0101 for assistance.

■ **In the Hospital?** Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations hospitals can no longer contact the parish regarding your hospitalization. It is the responsibility of you or a family member to notify our parish. We desire to offer whatever spiritual support we can. Please call the Parish Office at 708-403-0101 for assistance.

■ **Sacrament of Marriage** Couples planning to marry are asked to make arrangements six months in advance.

■ **Wedding Workshops** offered throughout the year, provide engaged couples with guidelines/suggestions for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. The workshop covers topics on readings, music, flowers and video taping.

■ **Adult Choir** sings at Sunday Mass/special liturgies. Please contact Music Director at music@steseton.com.

■ **Teen Choir** sings at the 11:30am Sunday Masses. Please contact our Music Director at music@steseton.com.

■ **Moving?** Please call the office at 708-403-0101.

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

ROSARY: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesdays, 9:30am