

SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH
ORLAND HILLS, IL

Fifth
Sunday
of Lent

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy St. Joseph's Day! . . .

Happy St. Patrick's Day [March 17], and Happy St. Joseph's Day [March 19] to all! These two days are great Catholic days for celebration. The late Chicago Alderman **Vito Marzullo**, used to say: "On St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish." And, St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church, and is especially dear to the Poles and Italians. In an era where we slice and dice things in a fine line, and divide things and one another, it is a healing balm to recognize things that draw diverse peoples together. The hundreds of thousands who watch the various "Irish Parades" in downtown Chicago, Tinley Park, south-side of Chicago and northwest-side of Chicago, are not all of Irish descent. But a parade allows all to join in the fun. All those celebrating St. Joseph's Day are not only of Polish or Italian descent, but are drawn to the heroic step-father of Jesus, a worker, a model of patience, and of family love.

We do well to walk in the steps of these saints and to recall the virtues behind the green beer, shamrock shakes, and Italian tables of food. The more we know who these saints are, the better we are encouraged to become.

A Synodal Church in Mission . . .

Our Parish Pastoral Council [PPC] met on February 29 and besides having a wonderful conversation with our Music Director, **Ilya Vanichkin**, our PPC discussed: How can we be a Synodal Church in Mission? This is a question being addressed throughout all Archdioceses across the U.S. Catholic Church and our Church worldwide. The question has a bit of jargon to it — as to what is meant by being a Synodal Church in Mission in our world. The basic concept is that as a Church we are diverse. Many different types of people make up our parish congregations. We are of different ages, backgrounds, occupations, educational achievements and varying levels of growth on our faith journeys. The challenge to the question is, "How does such a diverse and varied congregation speak on a faith level with one another?" Such diversity and variety can leave us feeling that there is very little common ground. And yet there is much common ground that we share as believers.

As we engage in our diversity we realize that as believers we "do" much more than pray and obey the teachings of our Church. All of us, even those with whom we may disagree and not fully understand, are responsible for the mission and direction of our parish community. It is essential that we form a parish community so that people know one another and gather to worship God. But it is also essential to take responsibility for the community we are shaping.

Happily in our parish we are quietly moving ahead on this. Some of us lead and are the life's blood of our parish organizations. All of this happens because we do it. Some of us are involved in our parish school, on boards, coaching, and making the things that happen there, happen. Others are catechists passing on the faith to another generation. Still others might not be able to write a fat check to a good cause, but might regularly give to such drives as our Thanksgiving Turkey/Ham Drive, our Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive, and our Christmas presents for our sharing parish of St. Procopius. Still others knit prayer shawls, sing in our choir, serve at our Masses, are Adult Servers at funerals, or sing in our "Resurrection Choir". Our extroverts warmly greet our congregation at weekend

Mass. So many do so much good, without even thinking. It is natural for them — their second nature. This is just the tip of the iceberg. So many are nurturing, guiding and forming our parish families. Grandparents, parents, uncles and aunts, cousins, neighbors, and co-workers are engaged in the awesome and never-ending task of building families in the communities that live out our Catholic values. We are a Synodal Church in Mission when we intentionally realize and accept our mission to be building up the Kingdom of God. As you can see our PPC had a great discussion. We have great days ahead.

Our Lenten Parish Mission . . .

This Monday, March 18 through Wednesday, March 20, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish will host its Annual Lenten Mission. This year we are fortunate to have three "Women of Wisdom" who will share their insights with us. We have asked women from three different generations to be our Mission speakers:

Our first mission speaker [March 18] is a young middle-aged mom, **Kathy Arduino**, whose husband Mike serves on our Parish Pastoral Council and whose children are in high school. Kathy is a teacher, and volunteers as a catechist in our Religious Education Program. She will speak on the on the topic of "Kindness."

Our second mission speaker [March 19] is **Sr. Kate O'Leary**, of the Franciscans of the Eucharist in Chicago. She is a young woman who is excited by her vocational work currently at the Mission of Our Lady of Angels. She will speak on the Mission of the Eucharist as offering and sacrifice. As this is the year of the Eucharistic Revival, this should be a great time to reflect on this.

Our most senior speaker, **Sr. Therese Maltby, RSM**, will speak on the third night of the mission [March 20] on "The Blessings of Caregiving." So many of us within our community take on the role of caregivers — whether that is young parents in raising their children; more middle-aged adults taking care of their parents; or older adults taking care of elderly spouses or friends. We take on the role of caretaker and endure some real struggles, but we often are the ones who reap the real blessings. Our speaker will help us reflect and process our own experiences.

Each of our Mission nights begin at 7:00 PM and concludes by 8:30 PM. On Monday and Tuesday, we will have the talks as part of a prayer service. Our Wednesday speaker will conclude with her Mission talk given as a reflection during Mass. Hospitality will be offered on March 20. This will be a great Mission experience for all. Our speakers are very good, and their insights valuable.

Party, Party, Party . . .

Thanks to all who planned our Annual St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Party. Next weekend, I will give a full account of events including our "Pot of Gold" raffle winners.

Our Lenten Canned Food Drive . . .

Our Lenten Canned Food Drive continues next weekend, the last weekend of the drive, the sixth weekend, our Palm Sunday weekend. Thank you all for your generosity.

Keep Smiling,

Vary Rev. William J. Corcoran, Ph.D.

Will you share a small bite or sweet?

RCIA Reception

Holy Saturday,
March 30

*All are invited to celebrate in
O'Mara Hall after the Easter Vigil
and welcome our newest members!*

Kindly drop off your food items by 2pm on Holy Saturday in the Narthex (by the parish office doors) or to O'Mara Hall by 7:30pm (O'Mara Hall doors to open at 6pm).

RCIA LETTERS OF WELCOME

Cards/Letters of Welcome for our RCIA, can be dropped off at these times too, or in the parish office or collection basket.

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

(K of C) LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

March 23-24, in the Narthex

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

"Women of Wisdom"

March 18/19/20, 7pm, in the church

MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

March 22, 4:30-7pm, in the McBrady Center
Presale tickets only

TENEBRAE PRAYER SERVICE

Holy Wednesday, March 27, 7pm in the church

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

March 28, 7:00 pm, in the church

WALK WITH THE CROSS

Good Friday, March 29, 1:30-2:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION SERVICE

March 29, 3pm, in the church

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented by teens and children

Good Friday, March 29, 7pm, in the church

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Holy Saturday, March 30, 12 Noon

EASTER VIGIL

Holy Saturday, March 30, 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

March 31, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

WELCOME

Rose Campbasso

(Children: **Nicholas** and **Michael Ackley**)

WEDDINGS

Pray for these couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage:

Lisa Janes and **Matt Haynes**; 3-23-24

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:

Kathleen Kelly

Rizal Banting

Andrei Agustin

Michelle Junkus

And for our deceased:

Barbara Stefanski

Robert Stefanski

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16

(5pm) **Zofia Slawinski**; **Sister Esther O'Mara**

Sunday, March 17

(7:30am) **Hugh McLaughlin**; **Alex**, **Yvonne**, and **Jackie**

(9:30am) **John and Mary LaBarra**; **Bernard Dowling**

(11:30am) **Patrick J. O'Sullivan**; **June Tunelius**

Monday, March 18 (9am) **Marge Schultz**; **Jonas Levusis**

Tuesday, March 19 (9am) **Jean Mierzwa**; **Patricia Simkowski**

Wednesday, March 20 (9am) **John Browne** and **Mariusz Wrona**;

Jane McLaughlin

Thursday, March 21 (9am) **Walter Myslek**; **Shirley Vallort**

Friday, March 22 (9am) **Mary Buckley**; **Mary Catherine Barrett**

Saturday, March 23 (5pm) **For All Parishioners**

Sunday, March 24

(7:30am) **Edmund Zilinskis**; **Elena Zilinskis**

(9:30am) **Carey Family**; **Togher Family**

(11:30am) **John Garvin**; **Pat Garvin**

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 3-10-24: \$17,020.76

Envelopes: \$12, 381.76/E-giving: \$4,639.00

Thank you for your generosity.

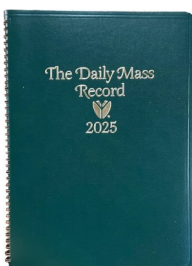


For up-to-date parish information follow us on Facebook:

Saint Elizabeth Seton Church-Orland Hills

Visit our **PARISH WEBSITE:**

WWW.STESETON.COM



2025 BOOK OPEN!

For those wanting to offer an intention of a Mass for the 2025 year, please stop in the parish office, M-F, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, or Sunday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. (Suggested donation: \$10). Questions? Call 708-403-0101.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

MARCH 18, 19, 20

7:00-8:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Church
9300 West 167th Street
Orland Hills

Women of Wisdom



MONDAY, MARCH 18 - FINDING AND SHARING KINDNESS - KATHY ARDUINO

Do you get so caught up in the day that by the time you sit down in the evening you wonder where all your time has gone? As a wife, mother of 2, and teacher (to name a couple of the hats I wear) you can imagine that this happens to me often! Many years ago, I made it my passion to find and spread kindness in my busy everyday life. The Bible has many references of spreading kindness. My hope is to share ideas and stories from my life that will ignite a feeling in others to spread kindness.



TUESDAY, MARCH 19 - CONFORMING OUR HEARTS TO CHRIST'S HEART - SR. KATE O'LEARY

Every Lent is an opportunity to conform our hearts to Christ's Heart especially in The Paschal Mystery - His Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Sr. Kate O'Leary invites you to journey into the Heart of Christ in The Eucharist - an incredible treasure of our Faith. Come to hear how we can unite our sacrifices and ourselves more closely to Him at Mass.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 - CAREGIVER'S GIFTS - SR. THERESE MALTBY, RSM

The person who provides care shares many gifts with her family member, friend, patient: clinical competence, emotional support, help with ordinary tasks, etc. On any day that giving care is also a giving up: loss of sleep, of energy, of confidence, etc. This same day may also bring many gifts to be received. Wisdom invites us to embrace the gifts received without losing sight of the loss.

Join us for refreshments in the Narthex following our Wednesday Night Mission



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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

SHARING CARDS AND LETTERS OF WELCOME

Please consider writing a card or letter of welcome for our RCIA Elect, Sierra Curry and Jennifer Davalle. Your welcome card/letter may be placed in the collection basket, brought in to the parish office (no later than Holy Thursday, March 28 by 1pm), or brought to O'Mara Hall before the Easter Vigil Mass (on March 30).

We, the heartfelt community of St. Elizabeth Seton Church, are preparing to welcome our RCIA candidates at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Since early Fall, they have been meeting with members of our parish to ask more about our Catholic faith. These candidates are like all of us, who have come together by the power of the Spirit to become members of our Catholic Church.

*Completing Sacraments of Initiation****Hello! My Name Is Jennifer Davalle . . .***

I am a native of Tinley Park. I am currently employed by Christ Medical Center where I work for acute document processing. I am also a certified nursing assistant. I have four beautiful children to which blessed me with 15 grandchildren. I am also a proud dog mom to two mischievous girls. When I am not working or babysitting I enjoy sewing with my mom.

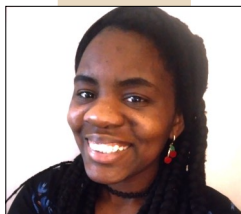
The reason I wanted to start the process of becoming a true Catholic was my sister passed away suddenly and I found comfort in the Church, so with the help of my mother and our amazing clergy, I began the process to complete my sacraments to strengthen my faith.

JENNIFER
DAVALLE*To be Baptized, Confirmed and Receive Eucharist****Hello! My Name Is Sierra Curry . . .***

I am currently on the path to becoming Catholic. I'm 26 years old, I have three rabbits that I love, I work in customer service and I like to knit and watch movies in my free time!

I really didn't grow up in any religion but I knew I believed in God. I just didn't know in what capacity. Recently, my husband, who is Catholic, decided to start going to church again and started taking me with him to experience it. After going to a few Masses, I instantly knew that I wanted to be a part of the faith and started the steps to learn more which led me to Seton's RCIA. My spiritual journey has had its ups and downs but I'm always hopeful God will lead me where I need to go. I have a great support system from my awesome husband and family to my amazing teachers at RCIA and I'm so thankful for them and their continued support.

I'm excited to be baptized at the Easter Vigil! I hope to continue to receive God's everlasting love and mercy as I go through this journey to grow with Him and the Church.

SIERRA
CURRY**Ministry for Mental Health Awareness**

On March 27, at 7:00 pm, the St. Michael Ministry for Mental Health Awareness invites all to a March prayer gathering at St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave., OP. The group begins by praying the Rosary and offering petitions for those in need. Following prayer, those present can choose to participate in respectful and confidential sharing with one another. For information, visit: <https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/> or send an email to StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you have a problem with alcohol and feel a sincere desire to stop drinking, you are welcome to attend a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall on Thursdays from 7:30-8:45pm. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover. The only requirement is a sincere desire to stop drinking.



For confidential help call
888-456-HOPE
or visit hopeafterabortion.com

Are you in an abusive relationship?
Call 708-429-SAFE (7233) 24/7, all year

Reflections for the PASSION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

LIVING the WORD

**MARCH 24, 2024
NEXT WEEK'S FOCUS:
CONFESSING CHRIST**

When our lives imitate the pattern of Christ's life — when we offer ourselves in humility, and in sacrifice for the sake of others — we are truly proclaiming that Christ is Lord!

■ FIRST READING

In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

The Suffering Servant will bring consolation to the weary, even while he suffers terribly to bring us forgiveness for our sins. It is not clear who this figure is in Old Testament times. Jesus, through many of the things he said, showed that he considered himself to be the fulfillment of this prophecy. In spite of his agony, he remained obedient to the will of God. he professed his faith in the LORD for he knew that God would deliver him from all of his distress. This deliverance was fulfilled when his Father raised him from the dead.

■ SECOND READING

Christ emptied Himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

The ultimate degree of humility was to be obedient to the Father, even to the point of dying on the cross. We might think that this expression of humility was humiliating for Jesus, but he did not see it that way. He saw it as the fullest expression of his love and trust in the Father. God the Father responded to this trust by proclaiming Jesus as Lord, a title which affirms his divinity.

■ GOSPEL

The account of Christ's Passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1—15:47).

The Jewish leaders brought Jesus before Pilate (as they had no authority to put anyone to death), likely on the charge

that he was planning a rebellion. Pilate asks Jesus if he is King of the Jews. Jesus is silent. Pilate offers the crowd the chance to free Jesus (a custom to release a prisoner during Passover), but they chose Barabbas. Pilate relented and has Jesus scourged. He was tortured and humiliated by the guards (placed a crown of thorns on his head and cloaked him in a robe). Simon, a passer-by, was forced to assist Jesus to Golgotha (an old quarry) to be crucified. He is offered wine mixed with myrrh (possibly a narcotic to dull the pain), but refuses (at the Last Supper Jesus stated he would not drink wine again until he came into the kingdom of God). He is crucified around nine (this was before accurate measurable time). Jesus was mocked by passersby and by the two thieves who were crucified with him. A darkness covered the whole land (meaning the area around Jerusalem or the whole earth) from noon until three. Jesus cries out and breathes his last breath. The Roman centurion, a pagan, proclaims Jesus as the Son of God. Mark shows that Jesus is not simply a hero (the Old Testament meaning) but truly the only-begotten Son of God.

■ REFLECTION

Mark's Passion account reflects the breadth of human emotions: envy, fear, trust, sorrow, and courage, along with the variety of human responses: mockery, false accusation, compassion, denial, weeping and courage. Isaiah and Philippians offer examples about how to respond in faith like Jesus and the Servant of God, in humble submission. Humility entails standing in truth. We are good and bad, with strengths and weaknesses. Submission admits our need for a power greater than ourselves to save us. At all times and in all situations we need God. We can obey God as Jesus did when we follow his instructions to the disciples in Gethsemane: "Watch and pray [because]... The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:38). The spirit is willing—Peter could not fathom denying Jesus—but the flesh is weak—he did. The spirit is willing — the disciples join Jesus in Gethsemane—but the flesh is weak—they fall asleep. The spirit is willing—Pilate recognizes the envy of the chief priests—but the flesh is weak—he still hands Jesus over. In Joseph of Arimathea, the centurion, the unnamed woman, and the women who accompany Jesus to his crucifixion, we see a willing spirit united with strong and courageous flesh. To aim high when others aim low, and have our flesh match our spirit, we need to watch and pray. Following these instructions helps us find the courage to march our deeds with our words, expressing our passion for the God whose passion for us took on human likeness, and in humility offered the sacrifice of death on a cross. Watch and pray during Holy Week and every week, and humbly surrender to God in ways that confess Jesus Christ is Lord, at all times and in all places.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK [March 18-March 24, 2024]

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:1-11	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42	Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56	Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1—15:47

**YOUR GIFT TO
THE CRS
RICE BOWL
CHANGES
LIVES**



**REMINDER!
RICE BOWLS DUE BACK
NEXT WEEKEND,
MARCH 23/24 PALM SUNDAY**

During Lent, we are called to give special attention to our relationship with God. Through alms, we meet our Lord and encounter our sisters and brothers around the world to help overcome hunger and malnutrition, poverty and the impacts of climate change. Your almsgiving will make a difference for families trying to escape poverty and thrive in the countries where CRS serve.

LEARN MORE AT www.crs

Last call! TICKET SALES EXTENDED!

Purchase tickets this weekend,
March 16/17 (in the Narthex)
OR in the parish office by
March 18, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**FISH
FRY**

**PRESALE TICKETS
ONLY!**

No ticket sales
at-the-door.

Takeout available
(with a presale ticket)!

Adult Ticket:
\$15.00

Kid Ticket: \$5.00
(Ages 3-12)



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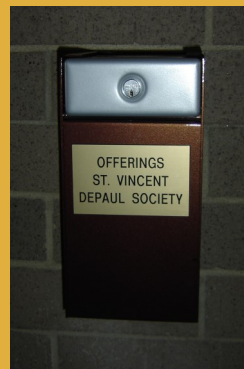
**Friday, March 22
4:30-7:00 pm**

**St. Elizabeth Seton
McBrady Center
9250 W. 167th St.
Orland Hills**

Please choose **ONE SELECTION** from the following menu:
Fried Cod/Fried Shrimp/Fried Cod & Shrimp Combo/Shrimp & Pasta. Meal also includes Cheese Pizza, Tater Tots, Coleslaw, and a Drink.

My Lenten Sacrifice

*You are invited to give a monetary gift as a
Lenten sacrifice for families in our community ...*



For your convenience, SVDP boxes are located at all the entrances of our church. We depend solely on the contributions that are placed in the donation boxes. All monies donated go directly to those in need. We service clients within our parish boundaries with emergency assistance for utilities, rent, security deposits, food, clothing, medical, dental,

eye care, and occasionally gasoline to get to a job site. These needs continue to grow during these stressful economic times and as government and program funds are reduced. As calls come throughout the year we look to your generosity and sense of sharing and justice to offer assistance. It is your goodness that makes our work possible.

**May God bless you,
SES St. Vincent de Paul Society**

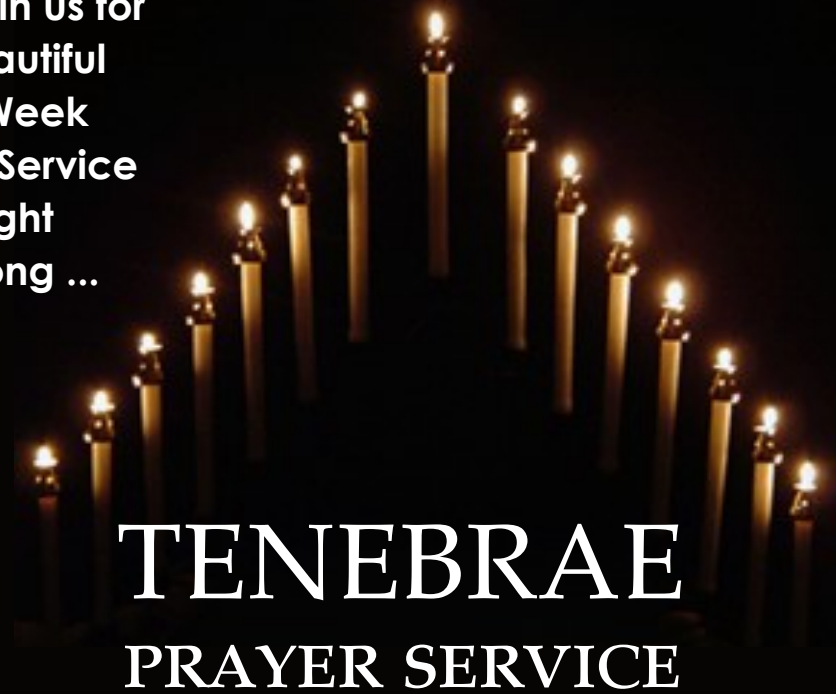


EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Each year our Art and Environment Team asks for donations for the flowers that will decorate our church for Holy Week. Please use the Easter Flower envelope found in your weekly envelope packet or donate online through GIVE CENTRAL. If you would like to donate in the memory of a loved one(s), be sure to include the name of your loved one(s) along with your donation or complete this form below and drop in the collection basket or in the Parish Office. **PLEASE NOTE: Only the names shared as a Memorial will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Please join us for
this beautiful
Holy Week
Evening Service
of Light
and Song ...



TENEBRAE

PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday of Holy Week
MARCH 27, 7:00 pm

“Tenebrae” is Latin word meaning “shadows.” During this beautiful candlelight service, the focus is to recreate Christ’s spiritual light being diminished through the events of six short gospel readings, accompanied by music and prayer.

During the service, readers will proclaim six short Gospel readings: Christ’s rejection of teaching in the temple; the plotting against Jesus when he cured a man on the Sabbath; rejection of the person who couldn’t give up his fortune; the rejection Christ faced after feeding the 5,000; Judas’ betrayal; and Peter’s denial.

We experience the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn’t over until Easter Day. Included in the service are scripture readings, solemn hymns, music and prayer.

The evening will begin with a candlelight Procession: a candle for each reading, plus a

white Christ candle. Each reader concludes their reading by putting out one candle until all are extinguished. Then the Christ candle is carried out of the church, leaving the congregation in near total darkness — and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends and people leave in silence. (The lights are turned up but remain dim so that people can see their way out.)

Hosted by our Seton Liturgy Committee

Celebrant: Rev. Kevin McCray

Music: Ilya Vanichkin, Director of Music

*Accompanied by Instrumentalists, Choir
Cantors*

Good Friday is known to all Christians as the day Jesus died on the Cross

The Cross has been the symbol of our faith since that day over 2000 years ago.

Join Father Corcoran, Father McCray, Father Korenchan and a large group of Seton parishioners on Good Friday as we carry the Cross in procession in Orland Hills ...

Walk With The Cross

Good Friday
March 29
1:30pm



A GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION

We will gather in the Seton church parking lot at 1:30pm and walk east on 167th Street.

We will return to the church going west on 167th Street and arrive by 2:45pm for the traditional service of Veneration of the Cross.

Veneration of the Cross will begin at 3pm in the Church.

Join us for one or both.

SSDM & SES YOUTH PRESENTS....

HE IS RISING !

**Good Friday
March 29**

**St. Stephen Church
at 12 Noon**

**St. Elizabeth Seton Church
at 7:00 pm**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

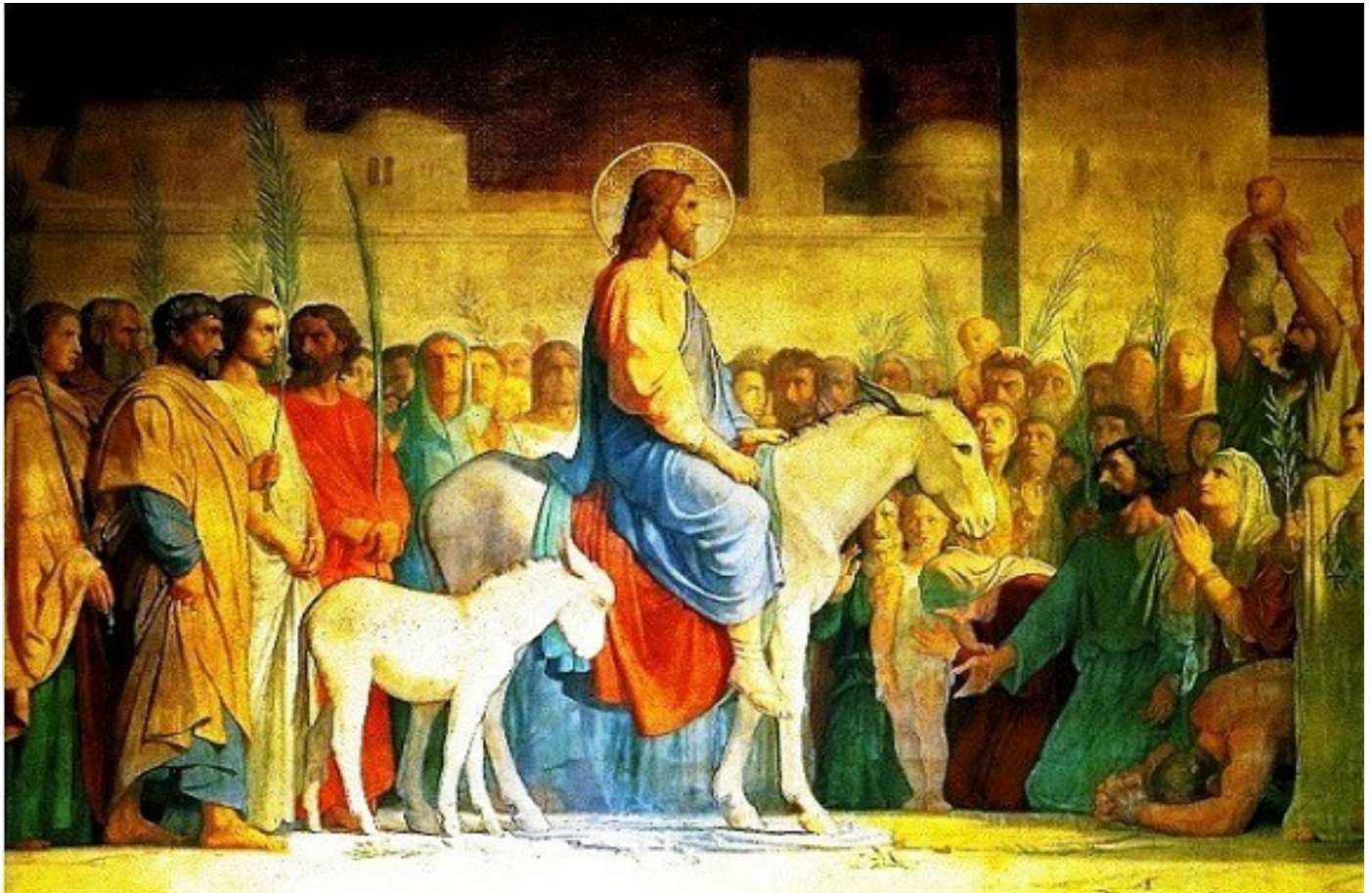
GOOD FRIDAY

Passion Play

March 29

As part of our Good Friday tradition, the youth from St. Elizabeth Seton Church and St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Church, have been diligently practicing their scenes from the Passion of our Lord for "Living Stations of the Cross." You are invited to join the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Community on this special day of prayer and reflection, as our young members enact walking the path with our Lord on his journey to the Cross. Veneration of the Cross will follow.

What Is Holy Week?



We will begin Holy Week with the commemoration of our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem ...

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 24

With a crowd of people waving palm branches, throwing their cloaks down before his donkey and shouting loud hurrahs of "Hosanna to the Lord!," Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem. Jesus not only is depicted as a king while riding on a donkey, but he fulfills an Old Testament Prophecy, that God will reign over all the earth (Zec 14:4-9). In the liturgy celebration of Palm Sunday, we participate in this entrance by waving our palms and singing "Hosana to the Lord!" The ancient liturgy also calls this special day, Passion Sunday, because at the point of the Gospel, we listen to the Passion account of how Christ died, was betrayed, was crucified, was denied, and forsaken. It is on this day, that the Church enters into a week-long period of prayer and final preparation as we approach the Easter festivities.

Wednesday of Holy Week [Tenebrae Service], March 27, 7:00pm

The focus for this Holy Wednesday night "Tenebrae" (Latin for shadows) service, is to re-create Christ's spiritual light being diminished through listening of events through six short Gospel readings: rejection of Jesus' teaching in the temple; the plotting against Jesus when he cured a man on the Sabbath; rejection of the person who couldn't give up his fortune; the rejection Jesus faced after feeding the 5,000; Judas' betrayal; and Peter's denial. We experience the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day. Included in the service are scripture readings, solemn hymns, music and prayer. The Tenebrae Service will begin with a candle procession, a candle for each reading, plus a white Christ candle. Each reader concludes their reading by putting out one candle until all are extinguished. Finally, the Christ candle is carried out of the church, leaving the congregation in near total darkness—and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends and people leave in silence. (The lights are turned up, but dim so that people can see their way out.)

Triduum [Three Day Celebration]

The Triduum, is the three central holy days in the tradition of our faith. Even though they are three separate days, they are one liturgical celebration: beginning Holy Thursday evening through the end of the Easter Masses. In sign and symbol, we remember and keep the Vigil of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection — we celebrate and participate in the Paschal Mystery which is the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ.



Holy Thursday, March 28

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is the first celebration that occurs in the Triduum. The main focus or symbol of this celebration is the Institution of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, and the commandment to love and serve one another (the summary of the latter). Christ has a final meal with his disciples, and on this night, he institutes the Eucharist by telling his disciples, "Do this in memory of me." As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, the Eucharist is the center of our faith. Jesus also takes the initiative to wash the feet of his disciples, not only instituting the Priesthood, but showing what it means to be a priest — to serve others. At this liturgy these symbols play out during the *Washing of the Feet*. The priest washes the feet of some of our parishioners. This symbolizes servitude and reminds us that we are all a nation of priests by our Baptism. By our Baptism we are obliged to exercise our "Baptismal Priesthood" by serving others and symbolically — washing their feet.

The second half of the Mass (particularly the last part), we accompany our Lord by spending time with him in prayer. The Eucharist is exposed to all which symbolizes Christ's full presence: the gift of the Eucharist nourishes us and strengthens our faith to be Christ-like to the world. These symbols commend one another: the Eucharist enables us to be Christ-like, allowing us to exercise our "Baptismal Priesthood" to others by serving them. We see this encounter at every Mass. Ministers of Care are called out from the congregation to be commissioned and then entrusted with the Eucharist to take to the homebound. Our Ministers of Care are:

Bozena Wrona
Debbie Pott
Frank Mankowski
Jeanette Bonzani

Jim Walsh
Marge Broderick
Patty Bergamini
Sally Roethle

Mary Therese Galka
Kathy Kocher
Alyce Weishaar
Sally Weishaar

Claudia Nolan
Deacon Bob Velcich
Gloria Yakes
Deacon John Sobol

Good Friday, March 29

The liturgy on Good Friday is divided into three parts: Liturgy of the Word; Veneration of the Cross; and Reception of Holy Communion. On this day there is no Mass. This is considered a service, and it is the second part to a three-day celebration. The service begins in silence as our priests walk in and prostrate themselves which is a symbol of total surrender to God. This surrender expresses the symbol of total obedience that Christ gave to His Father. Since the priest acts in the person of Christ, this symbol of obedience comes alive in the prostration. The Liturgy of the Word contains the readings and John's account of the Passion. The next part of the service is the Veneration of the Cross. On this day, the "Cross" is held at a higher esteem than the Eucharist. The cross symbolizes the promise that Christ gave us, that through his Body and Blood, we have inherited eternal life. The raising of the "Cross" and our veneration, reminds us of Christ giving us his Body and Blood, and it was only through this "Cross" that our redemption could happen. The "Cross" reminds us of what we participate in every Sunday — Christ's sacrifice. The Good Friday service ends with Communion, hosts that were consecrated the day before and with a blessing. The priests process out in silence.



Easter Vigil

March 30, 7:30pm

*"This is the night,
when Christ broke
the prison bars
of death and rose
victorious from
the underworld."*
— Exultet

The Easter Vigil is the mother of all vigils, and it is the last part of a three day celebration. The Mass begins in darkness and with one candle lit: our Paschal Candle. This candle is the Light of Christ that destroyed death and rose to new life, giving us the promise that we will one day too, rise after

death. During the Vigil, we listen to additional readings because of the heavy symbolism of this special night. The readings recount from God Creating Heaven and Earth, to the promise of our sins being washed away by the waters of Baptism. After the readings, our entire congregation joins in song, singing the "Gloria," as we presently see that Christ has Risen from the dead. What follows is the fulfillment of the promise of rising to new life in the RCIA candidates who are to be Baptized. Baptism is the actual participation of dying and rising with Christ, which is why our RCIA candidates are clothed in white after their Baptism. We then in celebration, conclude our three-day Triduum with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



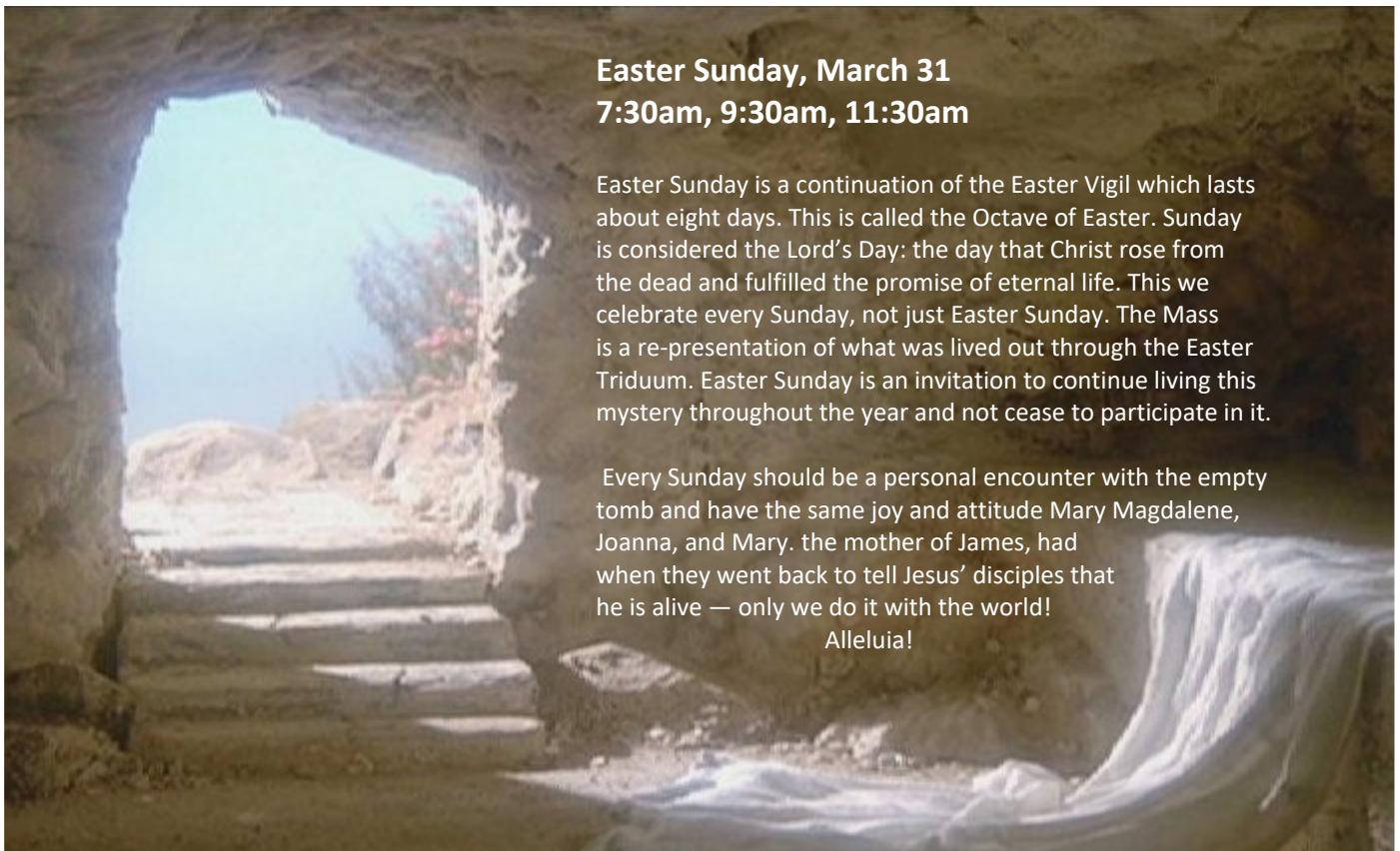
Easter Sunday, March 31

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

Easter Sunday is a continuation of the Easter Vigil which lasts about eight days. This is called the Octave of Easter. Sunday is considered the Lord's Day: the day that Christ rose from the dead and fulfilled the promise of eternal life. This we celebrate every Sunday, not just Easter Sunday. The Mass is a re-presentation of what was lived out through the Easter Triduum. Easter Sunday is an invitation to continue living this mystery throughout the year and not cease to participate in it.

Every Sunday should be a personal encounter with the empty tomb and have the same joy and attitude Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James, had when they went back to tell Jesus' disciples that he is alive — only we do it with the world!

Alleluia!





As Eucharistic People, Are You Ready for a Local Real Presence Road Trip?

Following the **National Eucharistic Revival Commissioning** at the parish level, as **One Body in Christ**, and led by the **Holy Spirit** to center on **the Eucharist**, our **Vicariate V Deanery Parishes** of Our Lady of the Woods, St. Damian, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiart, St. Michael and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, have collaborated to bring our faith communities together to worship and adore the **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ** that will culminate with a Eucharistic Celebration.

On **Sunday, April 14, 2024**, as the loaves and the fish multiplied, do the same in your vehicle with family, friends, and neighbors, of **all generations** as we embark on our inaugural **Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage**. Our pilgrimage

will take us to our local holy sites and parishes. In addition, we will enjoy an afternoon of spiritual enrichment focusing on the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Pilgrimage Route w/Approx. Timings (*Feel free to join us or drop off at any point in the Car Caravan Pilgrimage*):

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH (14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park) – **DOORS OPEN at 3:15 PM for 4:00 PM Start Time** of Eucharistic Worship and Adoration;

DEPART in a car caravan procession from **ST. MICHAEL CHURCH** at 4:30 PM to **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH** (15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park);

ARRIVE at **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH** at 4:45 PM;

DEPART in a car caravan procession from **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH** at 5:25 PM to **OUR LADY OF THE WOODS CHURCH** (10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park);

ARRIVE at **OUR LADY OF THE WOODS CHURCH** at 5:40 PM for 6:00 PM MASS.

***Upon arrival at each parish, we will exit our vehicles and go into the Church to adore the Real Presence of Christ.**

- **Clergy: priests, and deacons**, from our grouping parishes and the **Knights of Columbus Honor Guard** will participate in the Mass.
- A **fellowship gathering** with light refreshments **will take place following the Our Lady of the Woods Mass**. Water and soda will be provided.
- **Donations of snacks and desserts are greatly appreciated (please consider gluten free). Please drop off at Our Lady of the Woods Parish Office on Friday, April 12 or Sunday, April 14, between 8:00am -12 Noon.**
- Please label it *Car Caravan Pilgrimage*. Or bring it with you on the Car Caravan Pilgrimage and drop off before Mass at the Our Lady of the Woods Narthex.

To register for the Sunday, April 14, 2024, Car Caravan Pilgrimage, scan the QR code and complete the form or obtain a paper copy from your parish office to complete and return. All registrations are due by Wednesday, April 10, 2024. QUESTIONS? Email Deacon John Sobol from St. Elizabeth Seton Church at jsobol@steseton.com.



In addition to our local parish support, we have authorization from the Archdiocese of Chicago Legal Department and Insurance Company, as well as the Orland Park and Cook County local law enforcement agencies. Orland Park and Cook County Law Enforcement Agencies will provide police escorts and assistance with safety as we process through Orland Park. **All vehicle drivers participating are expected to have a valid driver's license and current auto insurance.**

We are very excited to offer this one-of-a-kind opportunity to share our faith and celebrate the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

"Let's show up for Jesus!"

See you at our Grouping Parish Car Caravan Pilgrimage on April 14!



Save the Date! JUNE 21-22

St. Elizabeth Seton Church will participate in the **2024 HOME BUILD PROJECT** at parish host site, St. Terrence Church. Watch bulletin for more details.

YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) offers an opportunity for female High School Seniors for a 4-yr. \$1,000 Scholarship. Applicants should submit a 300-word essay titled, "How Would You, as a Young Catholic Woman, Navigate the Challenges We Face in the World Today?" (Typed & double-spaced on a standard 8.5" x 11" page). Deadline: April 30, 2024. Application guidelines: accw.archchicago.org. For information call 312-534-8325.



St. Michael Concert Series
Presents:
MARGARITA ROVENSKAYA
"MUSIC OF CZECHIA"
FEATURING WORKS BY
SMETANA,
DVORAK, JANACEK,
AND LOUDOVA
MARCH 17, 2024 AT 4:30PM



Creation Care Corner

Avoiding the "Ostrich Effect"

Pope Francis challenges us to be on guard against the psychological tendency to minimize the climate crisis.

"As often occurs in periods of deep crisis which require bold decisions, we are tempted to think that what is happening is not entirely clear. Superficially, apart from a few obvious signs of pollution and deterioration, things do not look that serious, and the planet could continue as it is for some time. Such evasiveness serves as a license to carrying on with our present lifestyles and models of production and consumption. This is the way human beings contrive to feed their self-destructive vices: trying not to see them, trying not to acknowledge them, delaying the important decisions and pretending that nothing will happen." (LS 59)

Against the alarming situation with our common planetary home, Pope Francis asks, "What kind of world do we want to leave for those who come after us...?"



SES AND SSDM **information** Youth and Young Adult **ZONE**

All are welcome so invite a friend or two, or a few!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- **Sunday, March 17** — Middle and High School Youth Living Stations Practice (All meet at SES), 3:30-4:30pm.
- **Tuesday, March 19** — Weekly Youth Ministry Gathering (All meet at SES Youth Room), 6:30-8:30pm.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES TO LEAD STATIONS OF THE CROSS DEVOTION AND EARN SERVICE HOURS:

- ➡ **Monday, March 18** — Bickford House Assisted Living, 6:00 pm
- ➡ **Friday, March 22** — St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church (SSDM), 6:30 pm

The script will be provided for practice. Contact Deacon John Sobol if interested (contact information below).

NEW!!! "Hope's on the Way," Buckets of Hope, Catholic Relief Service

April 20/April 21 — SES & SSDM Youth volunteers needed to hand out large buckets to parishioners at exit doors.
May 4/May 5 — SES & SSDM Youth volunteers needed to collect filled buckets from parishioners at entrance doors.
One hour of service (signed off on by Deacon John Sobol). Contact Deacon John Sobol to volunteer to participate.
Learn more about Buckets of Hope at: <https://www.hopesontheway.org>.

NEW FOR YOUTH!!!! Thursday, Apr. 25 – Scene 75, Entertainment Center, Romeoville, 6:00-9:00 pm

\$25 fee to participate includes use of all activities for three hours, half a pizza, and soft drinks. Transportation is on your own. (See website, Scene 75 Entertainment Center for activities.) Advanced registration is required. The last day to register is Thursday, Apr. 18. A youth's parent or guardian should contact John Sobol to register and receive a required parent/guardian consent form, that is due back before the event.

Request to follow the SES_SSDM_Youth_Ministry on Instagram for young adult events & Catholic faith tidbits.

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENTS [AGES 18-30]

- **NEW!!! Monday, March 18**—Weekly Young Adult Zoom Check-In and Reflection, 6:00-6:30 pm.

If you want to participate, please contact Deacon John Sobol for the Zoom link invite.

Request to follow the SES_SSDM_Young_Adult_Ministry on Instagram for young adult events & Catholic faith tidbits.

For more information regarding the SES/SSDM Youth and Young Adult Ministry ...

Please contact Deacon John Sobol at: jsobol@archchicago.com, or phone/text, 708-986-2446.

Seniors of Seton

Happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day



ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH'S PARTY - MARCH 16TH

Doors Open in the McBrady from
6pm-12 Midnight
Dinner, Dancing, Entertainment
Tickets \$35/per person

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 2, 2024

Debra Ann Miller is a professional actress, vocalist and voice-over talent with over 30 years of experience as a performer for live audiences, television and film.

2024-2025 Nomination of Officers

THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION - APRIL 10, 2024

Cost \$85/per person, including lunch/transportation/tours, additional \$7 for a cart. Bus departs 8:00am and returns at 5:30pm. Visits to Albanese Candy Factory/Chicagoland Popcorn/Our Lady of Guadalupe and The Family Plaza. Choice of 3 entrees. Drop your completed form and check into the church SOS mailbox.

MAY GENERAL MEETING - MAY 7, 2024

Larry Bergnach Oak Lawn resident Larry Bergnach grew up on the south side of Chicago during the Golden Age of Radio. He has given over 200 talks through FreeSpeakers.org since 2005. Come join us as he reminisces about early TV Western shows and songs.

We will also have our Election of 2024-2025 SOS Officers.

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL - MAY 7-9, 2024 - Some Seats Still Available. Check with contacts below.

Three days/two nights, hotel accommodations and transportation included for our Holland Tulip Festival Trip. Price is \$499 per person for a double, \$665 for single. Visits to DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory, Dutch-Costumed Guided Tour of Holland, Evening Revue Show, Windmill Gardens and DeZwaan Windmill Souvenir Gift Shop. Flyers are available. Full payment due at our 3/5/24 meeting. Luggage handling, taxes & meal gratuities and motor coach transportation included.

JUNE 4, 2024 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Trip Flyers/Signup Forms Payments can be made in the church office Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm. Full details are available at our monthly meetings or church office. Please make checks payable to **Seniors of Seton**, unless otherwise noted. Questions: email Judy Gula at rhip01@aol.com/phone: 708-261-6767 or Carol Pjosek, caramiary@sbcglobal.net.

Please feel free to call Doug Benker, President of SOS if you have any questions: 708-738-8423.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Martyrdom of Paul Miki S.J., Jacob Kisai S.J., John Goto S.J. and P. Petrus Battista in Japan in 1596. Engraving after A. van Diepenbeec.

SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

NAGASAKI, JAPAN, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and one half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution:

"The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy.

I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

COMMENT

There is a new era for the Church in Japan. The number of Catholics isn't large, but the Church is respected and has total religious freedom. The spread of Christianity in the Far East is slow and difficult. Faith such as the 26 martyrs is needed today as it was in 1597.

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Join us on FACEBOOK



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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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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