

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

CORCORAN'S CORNER

St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day Party!

Thanks to Maryola Ward and her crew of leprechauns who created our McBrady Center into an inviting room to party... and party we did. We danced to the sounds of a D.J. until 11:45 PM, when I made my yearly announcement: "You do not have to go home, but you can not stay here!" Libations flowed freely and reasonably, and this year I did not have to make my nearly yearly journey mid-party to get more. The food of Italian beef with trimmings and Irish Corned beef and trimmings, were plentiful. All leftovers were taken the next day to the Joliet soup kitchen. Our monthly turn when we serve a meal there always coincides with our party date and provides a real treat to their guests. Our dessert sweets of our St. Joseph Table were bountiful. Thanks to Mary Vlaming for preparing the setting. As you first enter our McBrady Center you think, "What lovely décor for a St. Patrick's Day Party." When you turn in and see our St. Joseph Sweet Table, one could only conclude, "Oh, St. Joseph definitely wins!" This is as it should be for the saint dear to the Italians and Poles, and the Patron of the Universal Church.

The Shannon Rover Pipe Band is always a highlight of the night and adds color and festivity to the evening. Thanks to our Men's Club for tending bar. People were well served. Thanks to Marjorie Broderick, for staffing the drink ticket sales. And thanks to Pamela Dubish, for staffing the "Pot of Gold" raffle table. Thanks also to all the good leprechauns who assisted with clean up at the end of the party. Finally thank to the Maintenance Staff, Director Ray Yanowsky and Maria Makuch, for keeping all running efficiently and well. No party just happens, and many put hands in for this to be a success.

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 . . .

On March 18-20, St. Elizabeth Seton Church hosted its Annual Lenten Parish Mission. We thank the three Women of Wisdom: Kathy Arduino, Sr. Kate O'Leary, and Sr. Terry Maltby, for sharing their insights with us. It was a prayerful, reflective, and insightful mission. We thank our wonderful speakers and all who attended. Thank you to Fr. Dan Korenchan for providing the on-site tech for our livestream recording. Finally, thanks to Bernadette Kemp and our Social Action Ministry for the organization and goodies at the reception for our last night of the Mission.

Our "Pot of Gold Raffle" . . .

Thanks to all who bought tickets for our Annual "Pot of Gold" Raffle. The biggest raffle winner is our parish. Next week, I will let you know our final totals. Our winners are:

\$10,000 — Mary Muraida \$1,000 — Carole Kinsella

\$200 — Sandra Grove

\$200 — Douglas Cunningham

\$200 — John Connelly

\$200 — Luke Wasik

\$200 — Jean Keeney

\$200 — Dan Haydock

\$200 — Kathryn Meyer

\$200 — L. and C. Baron

\$200 — Shirley Bremer

\$200 — Scwert/Labedz \$100 — **J. Oboikovitz**

\$100 — Marie Augustynowic

\$100 — E. McGrath

\$100 — Patty Jarsombeck

\$100 — Rylee Hanlon

\$100 — Mary McKernan

\$100 — Kathy Kocher

\$100 — Mr. and Mrs. Wieczorek

\$100 — Jacqueline McDermott

\$100 — Costello

Thanks to all for their support of our parish.

Our Lenten Canned Food Drive . . .

Our Lenten Canned Food Drive continues and ends on this Sixth Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday weekend. Thank you to all for your generosity.

Keep Smiling,
Very Rev. William J. Corean Bl. J.

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.



LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

March 25-29 [M-F], 8:30 am in the church

TENEBRAE PRAYER SERVICE

Holy Wednesday, March 27, 7pm, in the church

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

March 28, 7pm, in the church

WALK WITH THE CROSS

March 29, 1:30-2:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION SERVICE

March 29, 3pm, in the church

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented by teens and children March 29, 7pm, in the church

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Saturday, March 30, 12 Noon, in the church

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 30, 7:30pm

EASTER MASSES

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



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.

WELCOME

Debra Schmidt

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 3-17-24: **Jaxon Thomas** child of Daniel and Nicole Leone **Oliver Lawrence**, child of Steven and Taylor O'Neill **Sophie Ari**, Child of Robert and Catherine Lavigne

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:

Kimmee Powell Kathy Garrity
Brandon Babinsky Bob Parzatka
Judy Knudson Erin Boden
William Stroud Parish Merino

And for our deceased:

Rev. Dan Fallon

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23 (5pm) For All Parishioners

Sunday, March 24

(7:30am) Edmund Zilinskas; Elena Zilinskas

(9:30am) Carey Family; Togher Family

(11:30am) John Garvin; Pat Garvin

Monday, March 25 (9am) Katie and Patrick O'Malley;

Veronica Piekarezyk

Tuesday, March 26 (9am) Patricia Keenan; Tony O'Malley Wednesday, March 27 (9am) Robert Beeson, Sr.; Sharon Dykema

Holy Thursday, March 28 (9am) NO INTENTIONS

Good Friday, March 29 (9am) NO INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday, March 30 (5pm) NO INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday, March 31

(7:30am) Aurora DeLeon; William and Nora Corcoran

(9:30am) Olsen Family; Margaret O'Neill

(11:30am) Harry Ulrich; June Tunelius

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 3-17-24: \$21,873.40

Envelopes: \$14,407.40/E-giving: \$7,466.00

Thank you for your generosity.



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Visit our PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STESETON.COM



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JENNIFER DAVALLE



SIERRA CURRY

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.

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 though this journey to grow with Him and the Church.

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.



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

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

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EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

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 <u>loved one(s)</u> 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.



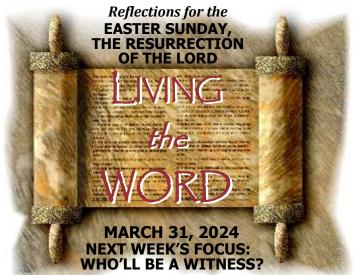
My Lenten Sacrifice

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

SVDP boxes are located at all the entrances of our church. We depend solely on the contributions that are placed in the donation boxes which go directly to those in need. We service clients within our parish boundaries with emergency

assistance (utilities, rent, security deposits, food, clothing, medical, dental, eye care, and occasionally gasoline to get to a job site.) 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.

God bless you, SES St. Vincent de Paul Society



According to scripture, nobody witnessed the actual Resurrection event; it was the testimony of witnesses that spread its news. Next Sunday, there will be witnesses so that others can "see" the Resurrection.

FIRST READING

Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43). This is from a speech that St. Peter gave when he was called to the house of Cornelius. While proclaiming this "kergyma" (first preaching concerning the life and mission of Jesus), Peter is fulfilling his mission. Jesus commissioned him to be a witness and to preach to the nations. He and the disciples were to proclaim the Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Paul uses Passover symbolism to talk about our choices as Christians. At the beginning of the Passover ceremony, one is to throw out all traces of leavened products (Festival of the Unleavened Bread). We have experienced a new Passover: the death and resurrection of Jesus. We have passed over from death to life. We must reject all the traces of death that can still be found in our conduct. We must live for and in Jesus, our Lord and our all.

GOSPEL

Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

Mary of Magdala is the only woman to go to the tomb on the morning of the resurrection. She represents the Church, who is seeking Her Savior. She is the first to give witness to the resurrection and is called the protoapostle. She runs to Peter and the beloved disciple and announces that Jesus is no longer in the tomb. They run to the tomb, the beloved disciple arriving first (because he ran with his heart because he deeply loved the Savior), but waits until Peter can arrive and enter (because love bows to authority, represented by Peter). Peter enters and sees, while the beloved disciple enters, sees, and believes (his heart leads him to faith). The beloved disciple is not named for, at one level, he represents all of us. On Easter Sunday, we all run to the tomb to see and believe and to give witness to the resurrection with our words and our life.

REFLECTION

You've heard the words, "The devil is in the details, but so is the success." Precise details fill our readings, Mary Magdalene arrives at the tomb first (that's why she is the Apostle to the Apostles and patron of the Order of Preachers), in darkness. Finding the stone removed, she runs to Peter and the other disciple who Jesus loved, tells them what she saw and they run to the tomb. Peter, being slower arrives last, the other disciple waits out of respect, there is detail about the burial cloths. They see and believe, although they do not yet understand the Resurrection. Peter summarizes Jesus' life and proclaims that he could witness because God chose him. Paul offers detail about how bread and yeast work together, identifying old yeast as malice and wickedness, and new unleavened bread as sincerity and truth. Details! We see and believe because of their witness and the details they share. The witness of Peter, John, Paul, and Mary Magdalene enables us to remove malice and wickedness from our lives so that we can live in sincerity and truth. By dying with Christ in baptism, we are raised up to preach the joy of a resurrection that is the result of our dyings and risings. Forgiven by God's merciful love, we eat and drink with the Risen One in every Eucharist to become what we eat and drink. Sent forth, our witness feeds the world with the power of God's merciful love. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! The devil is in and overpowered through these details. Celebrate this Good News!

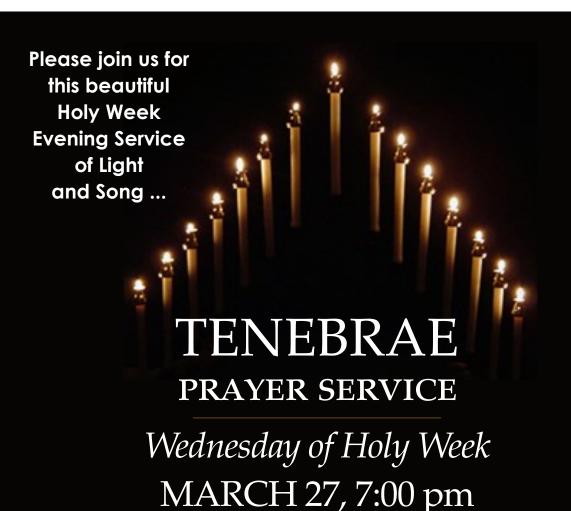
• When has God raised you up out of the messy details of your life? How do you witness the Resurrection and feed the world with Jesus Christ?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK [March 25-March 31, 2024]

Monday Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25 Holy Thursday Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15 Good Friday Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42 Holy Saturday
Gn 1:1—2:2/Gen 22:1-18;
Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:
1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18/Is 54:
5-14/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3,
4, 5-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32—
4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Easter Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9



"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.

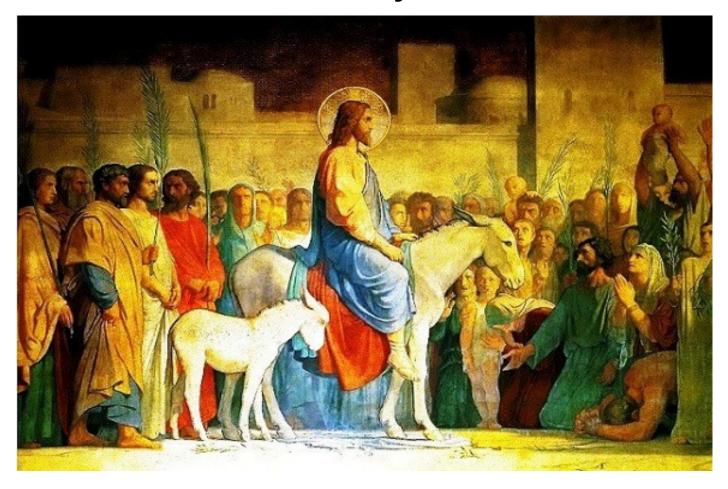
Veneration of the Cross will begin at 3pm in the Church.

Join us for one or both.



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, 7:00 pm

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, 3:00 pm

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

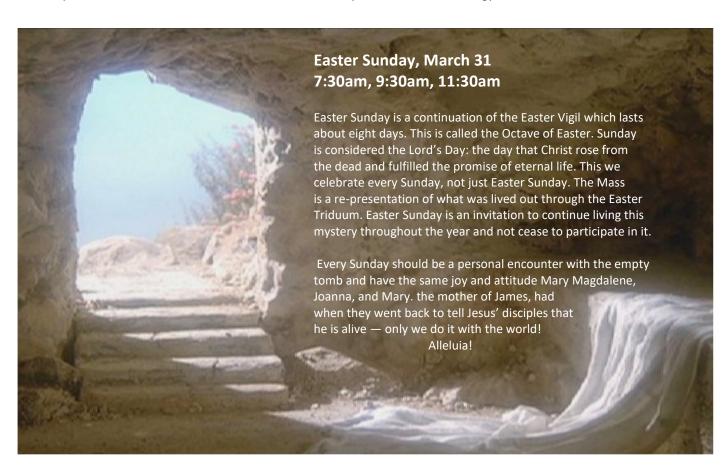
"This is the night, when Christ broke the prison bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld."

— 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.





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If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, The Joyful Again! Program is for men and women (all ages) trying to find hope and new joy in life. (A two-day program-overnight is encouraged. Two dates: April 13 & 14, 2024 or Sept. 20 & 21, 2024, at St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont. Commute or stay overnight.. For further information, call 708-354-7211 or email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit: www.joyfulagain.org.

Creation Care Corner



"We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's Creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored."

-US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Genesis 1:1-31

God made the heavens and the earth and it was good.

Genesis 2:15

Humans are commanded to care for God's Creation.

Leviticus 25:1-7

The land itself must be given a rest and not abused.

Deuteronomy 10:14

All of heaven and earth belong to the Lord.

Psalm 24:1-2

All the earth is the Lord's.

Daniel 3:56-82

Creation proclaims the glory of God.

Matthew 6:25-34

God loves and cares for all of Creation.

Romans 1:20

Creation reveals the nature of God.

1 Corinthians 10:26

Creation and all created things are inherently good because they are of the Lord.

The St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry invites you to **SAVE** your donated bicycles until our April 20 collection...

RECYCLE YOUR BICYCLE!



SATURDAY, APRIL 20

St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry

WORKING BIKES COLLECTION

Drop Off: Seton Church Parking Lot 9:00 AM-12 NOON

Countless bicycles are discarded or sit unused in basements or garages in the United States every year. But in a developing country, a bicycle can truly change the life of an individual, their family and their community. Bicycling is, of course, a form of transportation. But bicycles are also used for towing cargo, and even as a source of electricity through the creation of pedal-powered machines! In areas plagued by poverty, high levels of unemployment and lack of reliable, accessible transportation, a bicycle can help provide access to jobs, education, and medical attention.

Global Impact: Working Bikes ships thousands of bicycles each year to partners in countries throughout Latin America and Africa including El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Uganda and many others. **Local Impact**: Working Bikes partners with homeless transition, refugee resettlements and youth empowerment programs here in Chicago to donate bicycles and put them to good use on the streets of our own community.

Working Bikes donates over 6,000 bicycles each year to their international and local partners. So... as you are doing your spring cleaning, please set aside the bikes, bike parts, walkers and non-electric wheelchairs that you would like to get rid of, save them for our bike collection on Saturday, April 20.

For information about Working Bikes visit:

WORKINGBIKES.ORG

For questions, call Fr. Dan Korenchan at 708-403-0101.



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 isobol@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!

BERNARDIN

WE ARE YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!

CARDINAL 3 year-old Pre-K through 8th Grade CJB is a cutting-edge, regional Catholic school sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, St. Stephen

Deacon & Martyr, and St. Elizabeth Seton. In addition to these four parishes, we welcome children from other parishes or households whose parents are seeking a Christ-centered, excellent educational environment. We are adjacent to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. CONTACT US FOR A PERSONAL TOUR! "OPEN REGISTRATION" for new students is happening NOW! Our online application is available at www.cjbschool.org. Submit the online application, then mail or drop off an *original* birth and baptismal certificate (originals will be returned), and a one-time family registration fee of \$250. For Grades 1-8, include a copy of the 2023-24 first semester report card and standardized test results.

Questions may be directed to the Enrollment Director, Cynthia Devlin, at 708-403-6525 ext. 127, or via email at cdevlin@cjbschool.org

We are your Christ-centered, twice-recognized as an Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence





Starting Thursday, April 4 and all Thursdays through May 7:30 pm, Our Lady of the Woods Church 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park Interested?

Contact Dcn. John Sobol: jsobol@steseton.com



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

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

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- Sunday, March 24 Middle and High School Youth Living Stations Practice (All meet at SES), 3:30-4:30pm.
- Tuesday, March 26 Weekly Youth Ministry Gathering (All meet at SES Youth Room), 6:30-8:30pm.

NEW!!! SSYMA Co-Ed Youth Pickleball starts Thursday, Apr. 4, continues every Thursday to the end of May

It is an open roster, so attend if you can make it. Equipment will be provided. Games start at 7:30 pm and will be played at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 West 131st Street, Orland Park.

A youth's parent/guardian consent form is required to participate in games. Contact Dcn. John Sobol if interested.

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 Dcn. John Sobol). Contact Dcn. 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 Dcn. 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 25—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.



Upcoming Events

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 2, 2024

Debra Ann Miller will be our guest. She is a professional actress, vocalist and voice-over talent with over 30 years of experience as a performer for live audiences, television and film. Come join us!

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. Payment in full is due at time of booking. 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 SAINT CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER

(1751-1820)

IOHN, THE NAME GIVEN HIM AT BAPTISM, was born in Moravia into a poor family, the 9th of 12 children. He longed to be a priest, but there was no money for studies, and he was apprenticed to a baker. But God guided the young man's fortunes. He found work in the bakery of a monastery and attended classes in its Latin school. After the abbot there died, John tried the life of a hermit, but when Emperor Joseph II abolished hermitages, John again returned to Vienna and to baking. One day after serving Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stephen, he called a carriage for two ladies waiting in the rain. The women learned that he could not pursue priestly studies because of funds and generously offered to support John and his friend Thaddeus, in their studies. The two went to Rome, where they were drawn to St. Alphonsus' vision of religious life and to the Redemptorists. Together, the two young men were ordained in 1785.

Newly professed at age 34, Clement Mary, as he was now called, and Thaddeus were sent back to Vienna. But the religious difficulties there caused them to leave and continue north to Warsaw, Poland. There they encountered numerous German-speaking Catholics who had been left priestless by the suppression of the Jesuits. At first they had to live in great poverty and preach outdoor sermons. Eventually they were given the church of St. Benno, and for the next nine years they preached five sermons a day, two in German and three in Polish, converting many to the faith. They were active in social work among the poor, founding an orphanage and then a school for boys.

Drawing candidates to the congregation, they were able to send missionaries to Poland, Germany, and Switzerland. All of these foundations eventually had to be abandoned because of the political and religious tensions of the times. After 20 years of difficult work, Clement Mary himself was imprisoned and expelled from the country. Only after another arrest was he able to reach Vienna, where he was to live and work the final 12 years of his life. He quickly became "the apostle of Vienna," hearing the confessions of the rich and the poor, visiting the sick, acting as a counselor to the powerful, sharing his holiness with all in the city. His crowning work was the establishment of a Catholic college in his beloved city.

Persecution followed Clement Mary, and there were those in authority who were able for a while to stop him from preaching. An attempt was made at the highest levels to have him banished. But his holiness and fame protected him and prompted the growth of the Redemptorists. Due to his efforts, the congregation was firmly established north of the Alps by the time of his death in 1820.

Clement Mary Hofbauer was canonized in 1909.



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 Saturdays, 4:15-4:45pm (Not on Holy Saturday)
- **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