

SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

ORLAND HILLS, IL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Parish Ministry Fair . . .

Our Annual Parish Ministry Fair concludes this weekend, November 11/12. The fair is held in our church Narthex following Masses. This weekend, members of our Parish Education Ministries and Parish Life Groups will be present in our Narthex on November 11/12. They are on hand to explain what they do, and seek new volunteers. Education would include our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, St. Elizabeth Seton Religious Education Program, Children's Liturgy of the Word, etc. Parish Life includes all our wonderful parish organizations: Men's Club, Women's Club, and Seniors of Seton. Thanks to all the groups that participated last week. We have many good things going on in our parish community. The Fair highlights them all.

Automatic Giving . . .

For some time now the percentage of families using our online automatic giving (e-giving) has increased — with 25% doing so. Many of us are accustomed to online giving, whether it is paying our rent, utility bills, or making a donation to a good cause. Such giving and payment has become a part of our every day lives. Personally, I am very old fashioned and like to write a check. But even I pay some things electronically. And I am as they say "a slow adapter". But once I got slapped with a late fee — I became a much quicker adapter!

We are inviting parishioners to sign up for electronic giving through the Give Central portal. On November 18/19, we will share additional information (via our bulletin), and members of our Parish Finance Committee will answer questions, and walk you through this fairly easy process.

Santa's Helpers. . .

In the coming weeks we are offering an abundance of opportunities for parishioners to be involved in supporting others in need.

For years the parish has been a generous supporter of St. Coletta's of Illinois at the local homes where Special Needs adults reside. We are blessed to have some of the residents as parishioners who regularly join us at our 5:00 PM Mass. We offer a Christmas gift sharing opportunity for them. Please see the information later in this bulletin.

We also have the **Turkey and Ham Drive** for our sharing parish, St. Procopius. In the past we have provided the main entrée for hundreds of families at their Thanksgiving meals. We can only imagine the faces of these people as they give thanks to God for the generosity that they have received.

Just around the corner is our support for **Ten Thousand Villages**, a fair trade organization that offers beautiful and unique items for sale, made by people in other lands. Our buying of these wonderful goods enables their creators to receive fair prices for their work. It is a win/win situation. We find beautiful items for others for Christmas, and the creators of the items get a fair price for their gorgeous work.

We also will soon be handing out gift tags for our sharing parish parishioners at the **St. Procopius Christmas Gifting**. I rarely stand out in front of church prior to Mass. [I always feel that latecomers to Mass will feel I am catching them!]. But as these gifts are returned, I enjoy being in front before Mass, as I am catching people doing something good.

These activities enable our parishioners to be involved with doing something very good for others —and these opportunities are meant to move people's hearts. We replicate God's goodness to us, by similarly being good to others. It is time to think over what each of us will do this holiday season.

The Greatest Liturgy of the Year . . .

While Easter Sunday is the highlight of our church year, and Christmas — well it is Christmas. In my opinion the most wonderful liturgy celebrated each year is Thanksgiving. On that day everyone at the Thanksgiving Mass in our church knows why they are there. They are very mindful of all the blessings that they have enjoyed in the past year. They are thankful to God for his mercy and goodness to them. People enter deeply into the prayer of the day. It is wonderful experience. Please begin your feast of Thanksgiving Day with us at 9:00 AM Mass, on Thursday, Nov. 23. Remember and give thanks.

Director of Liturgy...

We have been actively recruiting for a new Director of Liturgy. I am happy to report that we have had some excellent interviews with several candidates, and will be reaching a decision around Thanksgiving, with the new person beginning on January 1, 2024.

This new person will allow our current Director of Liturgy, **Deacon John Sobol**, to return to his previous role as Parish Young Adult and Youth Minister. This position is a joint position with St. Stephen Parish in Tinley Park. We plan on good things in the months ahead.

Parish Grounds . . .

We have been battening down the hatches for the coming onslaught of a Chicago winter. As we do so we need to stop and give thanks to all who beautified our parish campus during the spring, summer, and early fall months. Ray Ulrich and our parish maintenance crew have done splendid work in making our parish grounds both beautiful and well cared for. Between planting, watering and weeding flower beds, cutting the bushed and mowing the grass, they have been good stewards keeping this corner of God's Kingdom in good repair. Thanks to all of them.

Now don't tell our wonderful "Creation Care Team" but we are planting an additional eight trees to beautify our grounds. I want to surprise the team when they see the new saplings. The good thing is that this is not at their urging, but because they have helped us all to be more "Creation Care" minded. They have planted seeds which are blossoming.

Not to spoil a good thing, but . . .

Since I spoke a few weeks ago at our Masses, our weekend collection has noticeably increased, and a number of people have inquired about increasing their automatic giving offering. Thanks! The parish is also pursuing the government Tax Credit Program. We will apply by this coming April for the first year, and by April 2025, for the second year. As one would expect, it will take some time for the funds to hit our parish bank account, but that money is earmarked for replacing parish savings in the 2022-23 deficit of last year, as well as the expected deficit for this year.

We are also replacing HVAC equipment [heating/cooling] for part of our church. We do not see such major repairs, but we enjoy their benefit both in winter and summer.

Finally, next week we hope to publish our 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report. It is an amazing report of support, generosity, and good stewardship of the resources that you give the parish. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Keep Smiling,
Very Rev. Willow T. Corem Cl. J.

St. Elizabeth Seton Church **2023 Parish Ministry Fair**

NOVEMBER 4/5 (Spiritual Life/Human Concerns) **NOVEMBER 11/12** (Education/Parish Life)

Come Follow Me

We are all blessed with gifts and talents.

Is God calling you to share your faith, time and talents with others?

After all Masses in the Church Narthex **Education Ministry Groups/Education Ministry Clubs** Parish Life Ministry Groups/Parish Life Ministry Clubs Spiritual Life Ministries/Human Concerns Ministry Groups

You will have an opportunity to talk with parish group/club leaders, learn more about the different ministries/groups/clubs, and explore where God might be calling you to share your faith, time, and talent.

Participate in the life of the parish! All are welcome!

Spiritual Life Ministry Groups [NOV 4/5]

Eucharistic Ministers — Deacon John Sobol, Liturgy Director Lectors — Deacon John Sobol, Liturgy Director Altar Servers — Fr. Dan Korenchan, Associate Pastor Greeters — Deacon John Sobol, Liturgy Director Sacristans and Assistants — Deacon John Sobol, Liturgy Director Adult Choir — Ilya Vanichkin, Music Director Parish Instrumentalists — Ilya Vanichkin, Music Director Ministers of Care — Deacon John Sobol, Liturgy Director Adult Altar Servers — Sue Avila Art and Environment — Deacon John Sobol, Liturgy Director Rosary Group — Helen Dalka Centering Prayer — Marge Quinn Sacred Space — Fr. Kevin McCray Book Club — Claudia Nolan

Parish Life Ministry Groups and Clubs [NOV 11-12]

Divine Chaplet of Mercy — Tom Scorzo

Men's Club — Michael Zulevic, President Women's Club — Sue Peltzer, President Seniors of Seton (SOS) — Doug Benker, President Youth Teen Ministry — Deacon John Sobol Young Adult Ministry — Deacon John Sobol Cub Scouts (at CJB) — Contact School Boy Scouts — Contact School Girl Scouts — Contact School Parish Pastoral Council — Michael Gacek, President Parish Finance Committee — Father Bill Corcoran

Education Ministry Groups and Clubs [NOV 11/12]

Religious Education Program — Mary Vlaming, Diana Barracca Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School — Jeanne Pagliaro Baptism Preparation — Deacon Bob Velcich Marriage Preparation (PreCana) — Frank and Maryola Ward, Mike Paula Ihnat RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) — Fr. Bill Corcoran, Fr. Kevin McCray Scripture Study — Mary Vlaming Children's Liturgy of the Word — Mary Vlaming, Diana Barracca

Human Concerns Ministry Groups [NOV 4/5]

Creation Care Team — Andy Panelli Seton Sowers, Newborns in Need — Carol Dimer Social Action Ministry — Fr. Dan Korenchan, Associate Pastor Soup Kitchen — Elizabeth Wisnasky Sharing Parish-St. Procopius Church — Bruce Hall SWIFT (Southwest Interfaith Team) — Kathy Wills Right for Life — Darlene Raila, Bernadette Kemp Fair Trade Events — Darlene Raila, Celeste Hayward Respond Now — Elizabeth Wisnasky St. Vincent DePaul Society — Doug Benker **Alcoholics Anonymous** HOPE Employment Ministry — Arnie Skibinski Prayer Shawl Ministry — Sharon Leone St. Monica Ministry of Compassion to the Family (Domestic Violence Awareness Support) — Kathy Galvin



When marginalized people have dignified opportunities to earn a fair wage ...















Food is on the table



Children stay healthy and go to school



Families build homes and save for the



Communities are strengthened

EVERYONE THRIVES.

St. Elizabeth Seton Church
FAIR TRADE ARTISAN WORLD MARKET
POP UP STORE

Saturday, Nov. 18 9am-6pm, O'Mara Hall Sunday, Nov. 19 8am-1pm, O'Mara Hall



Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, Nov. 23, 9:00 am

A special table will be set in the main aisle of the church and parishioners are invited to bring the bread and wine they plan to serve at their family dinner for a special blessing.





PRAYER SHAWL NEWS!

Look for us in the Narthex Dec. 2/3 Our St. Elizabeth Seton Prayer Shawl Ministry

has been working hard to meet the needs of our prayer shawl recipients by providing shawls that give spiritual, emotional and physical inspiration and comfort. The concept of receiving a "hug from God" has made an impression on people.

We thank you for embracing our ministry and providing us with feedback. Your donations keep the ministry going. We are deeply appreciative of your generosity. We could not exist without your support!

We are adding new options to our offerings. We will include baby blankets and triangular wraps to our usual lap robes and regular rectangular shawls. These new items will be available at our Shawl weekend on December 2-3, 2023. Come by and see what we have to offer!

WELCOME

Sean and Salina Keenan

(Children: Cillian and Ashlynn Keenan)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents of the baptism of their child on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023:

Evan Charles, child of Michael and Sarah Schultz Matthew Robert, child of Sean and Carla Milligan

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:

John York Thomas Berta
Averie Skiba Richard Tropp
Donna Hynes Carole Holding
Diane Stroud

And for our deceased:

Katherine Panko Elizabeth Vari Erika Ford Mamie Colacino

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 11 (5pm) Kathleen Kelliher; Henry F. Marion

Sun., Nov. 12

(7:30am) James and Marion Nowakowski;

Felix and Maxine Tomasiewicz

(9:30am) The Purgatorial Society; James Cafferkey

(11:30am) Edmund Zilinskas; Tom Doyle

Monday, Nov. 13 (9am) Michael Sullivan; Mariusz Wrona (Living

Tuesday, Nov. 14 (9am) John Miliauskas; Harry Ulrich, Jr

Wed., Nov. 15 (9am) Michael Mores; Mary Sayre

Thurs., Nov. 16 (9am) Thomas P. Kelliher; Bob Camillone

Friday, Nov. 17 (9am) Dee Ulrich

Sat., Nov. 18 (5pm) Patricia Pasco; Rev. William Gubbins

Sun., Nov. 19

(7:30am) Gilberto Perez; Daniel Zurawski

(9:30am) Carolyn Roy; The Olsen Family

(11:30am) Rosemary Pacente; Frank Domzalski

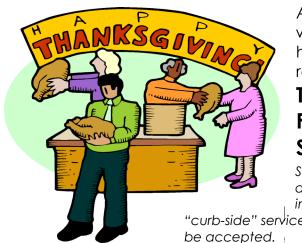
STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 11-5-2023: \$21,068.24 \$16,581.24 (envelopes)/ \$4,487.00 (e-giving) 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**





As Thanksgiving comes again this year and we thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us and our families, please remember our sharing parish, St. Procopius

TURKEY AND HAM DRIVE FOR ST. PROCOPIUS PARISH Saturday, Nov. 18 9 am-12 Noon

Saint Elizabeth Seton Church will be collecting turkeys and hams for St. Procopius Church between 9am-12 Noon in the Seton parking lot. Volunteers will be on hand offering "curb-side" service to receive your donation. Jewel Store certificates will also be accepted.

St. Coletta's of Illinois Foundation

A few gift names remain . . . Would you be willing to help?

Saint Coletta's of Illinois is a social service agency providing residential, educational and vocational services to children and adults with developmental disabilities without regard to race, religion or economic background. Currently St. Coletta's has 27 group homes in 15 southwestern suburban communities in the Chicago area.

In the St. Coletta's residential homes located in our parish boundaries, there are a total of 12 people living at these three sites, all of whom are **non-verbal and/or autistic with various mental capacities**. We received an appeal from St. Coletta's to provide Christmas gifts for these individuals.

If you are able to provide an "age-appropriate" Christmas gift for one of the residents, call Donna Stolinski at the parish office at 708-403-0101, x106 (please leave a message with your name and phone and I will return your phone call). A gift tag (with specific gift suggestions) will be provided to you. The unwrapped gifts need to be returned by **Wednesday**, **Dec. 6**, so as not to conflict with the St. Procopius Christmas Drive.

God bless you for your care and generosity, Donna Stolinski Business Manager St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Are you in an abusive relationship?
Call 708-429-SAFE (7233)
24/7, 365 days a year



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



Whether as a continued or new tradition, you are invited to participate at our...

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

STARTING ON DECEMBER 2/3, the *First Sunday of Advent*, we will have parish members process in with an Advent Candle at all weekend Masses. A prayer will be said prior to Mass, and then we will begin as our Altar Servers lead the procession and participants follow with the Advent Candle of the day.

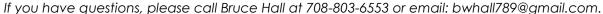
If you, your family or group/club are interested in participating in our Advent Candle Lighting, please contact Deacon John Sobol, email: jsobol@steseton.com or call 708-403-0101 x102, as he will have the sign up sheet for the Advent Candle lighting.

SIGN UP SHEET AVAILABLE AT THE NARTHEX COUNTER

CHRISTMAS GIFT NAME DISTRIBUTION FOR ST. PROCOPIUS Saturday, Nov. 18/Sunday, Nov. 19

The St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry are in the Narthex to distribute the names for Christmas gift giving for St. Procopius families. Please follow these guidelines:

- 1) Buy a <u>GIFT CARD ONLY.</u>
 (WALMART, TARGET, JEWEL-OSCO ONLY)
- 2) Include the GIFT TAG with the "P-number."
- 3) Please return your <u>GIFT CARD(S)</u> to St. Elizabeth Seton Church <u>BY WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>DEC. 6</u>.





FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, AT ALL MASSES ON NOVEMBER 18/19, CJB SCHOOL SCRIP REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO IMMEDIATELY PURCHASE GIFT CARDS AT THE SCRIP TABLE TO FULFILL YOUR GIFT CARD GIVING TO ST. PROCOPIUS FAMILIES.

Cash/checks (payable to CJB) accepted.

Saint Procopius Church has made a request for us to provide gift cards only for your Sharing Parish Christmas Gift Giving. SCRIP gift cards are a convenient way to share a gift card for <u>ALL</u> of your personal gift giving or everyday purchases — AND THERE ARE NO ACTIVATION FEES! Each gift card offers a percentage of your purchase to go to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, yourself, or directed to another charity. See below for all the details and options that SCRIP HAS TO OFFER.



Cardinal Bernardin SCRIP Program Back at St. Elizabeth Seton!

The CJB SCRIP team will be back to sell gift cards at St. Elizabeth Seton at all Masses on November 18 & 19. Gift cards are a great way to continue to support your sharing parish St. Procopius or send to family members near and far. You will be able to take your tag names and come directly to our table to purchase your gift cards. Then return the gift cards to the St. Procopius table and you've completed

your charitable giving. What a wonderful and convenient way to shop!

We will have OVER 200 RETAILERS on hand including Jewel, Target, WalMart, and Visa. Our Visa cards DO NOT have any activation fees. We carry many assorted stocking stuffer \$5 & \$10 cards. You can also speak to a Scrip team member about our NEW E-CARD PURCHASING OPTIONS.

Save time and gas this holiday season. Earn valuable rebates for your parish or yourself. *Our gift cards are the very same cards you would purchase at the store. Gift cards are safe and easy to use without the threat of identity theft.* You can also drop off your order in the parish office and it will be filled for you to pick up within a few days. Payments may be made by cash or check (payable to CJB) only.

If you have questions about the program, would like to order a large quantity of one vendor, or order from our Special Order list, please contact Corinna Pytel at 708-478-0710.



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Holiday Scrip Gift Card Sale!

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Ace Hardware	25, 100	
Aeropostle	25	
Afterthoughts (Claire's)	10	
Alsip Home & Nursery	25, 50, 100	
Amazon.com	10, 20, 25, 50, 100	
AMC Theatres	25, 50	
American Eagle/Aerie	25	
Angelo Caputo's	25, 50, 100	
Apple Store/Apple.com	15, 25, 100	
Applebee's	25, 50	
Arby's	10, 25	
Ashford House	10	
Athleta (Options Card)	25, 100	
Aurelio's Pizza	25	
Auto Zone	25	



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Game Stop	25	
Gap/Gap Kids/Baby Gap	25, 100	
Gatto's Restaurant	25, 50, 100	
Golden Shoes	25, 50	
Golf Galaxy	10, 25, 50, 100	
Gordon Food Service	25, 100	
Grand Geneva Resort	25, 50, 100	
Great Clips	25	





Bahama Breeze	25, 50, 100	
Banana Republic	25, 100	
Barnes & Noble	5, 10, 25, 100	
Barracos	25	
Bass Pro Shops	25, 100	
Bath & Body Works	5, 10, 25	
Beggar's Pizza	10	
Berkot's	25, 50	
Best Buy	25, 100	
Blaze Pizza	25	
Bonefish Grill	25, 50	
Boston Market	10	
BP Amoco	50, 100	
Bubba Gump Shrimp	25, 100	
Buca Di Beppo	25	
Buckle	25	
Buffalo Wild Wings	10, 25, 50	
Burger King	10, 25	
Burlington	25	



Dairy Queen	10	
Darden	25, 50, 100	
Dave & Buster's	25	
Denny's	10, 25	
Dick's Sporting Goods	10, 25, 50, 100	
Disney	25, 50, 100	
Domino's Pizza	10	
DSW	25	
Dunkin Donuts	5, 10, 20, 25	

Happy Moments	25	
Hearts & Flowers	20	
Home Depot	10, 25, 100, 500, 1,000	
HomeGoods	25, 1'00	
Honey Bkd Ham OP	25	



Icing (Claire's)	10	



Ed & Joe's	20	
Eggcetera Cafe'	25	
Exxon	50	



Jamba Juice	25	
JC Penney	25, 100	
Jewel	10, 25, 50, 100, 200	
Jiffy Lube	30	
Jimmy John's	25	
Joe's Seafood (LEYR)	25, 50, 100	



Cabela's	25, 100	
Carrabba's Italian Grill	25, 50	
Carter's/OshKosh	25	
Casey's General Store	25, 50	
Cheddar's (Darden)	25, 50, 100	
Cheesecake Factory	25, 50	



Famous Footwear	25	
Fannie May	10, 25	
Five Below	25	
Foodlife (LEYR)	25, 50, 100	
Four Points by Sheraton (Chicago Only)	25, 50, 100	
Frankie's Est. 1988	25, 50	
Freddy's Frozen Custard	25	



Kohl's \$10, 25, 50, 100



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Holiday Scrip Gift Card Sale!



Representatives from your parish school will be present at all the Masses on 11/18 & 11/19 to meet all your gift card buying needs for this holiday season. Shop for parish outreach events or for your personal gift giving, travel or everyday purchases. CJB Scrip is available to St. Elizabeth Seton parishioners year round. Use the St. Elizabeth Seton parish weekly courier or visit our Cash & Carry Sales at the school.

Please fill out your purchases on this order sheet. Cash and checks (payable to CJB) accepted.







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T J Maxx	25, 100	
Taco Bell	5, 10, 25	
Target	10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 100	
Texas Roadhouse	25, 100	
TGI Friday's	25	
Timber Ridge Lodge	25, 50, 100	
T-Rex	25, 100	
Two Hearts Catholic Gifts & Books	20	



Macaroni Grill	25, 50	
Macy's	25, 100	
Maggiano's Little Italy	25, 50, 100	
Marcus Theatres	5, 10, 25, 50, 100	
Marcus VIP Passes	6.50 & 8.50	
Mariano's Fresh Market	25, 50, 100	
Mario Tricoci	100	
Marriott	100	
Marshall's	25, 100	
McAlister's Deli	25	
McCormick & Schmick's	25, 100	
McDonald's	10, 25	
Meijer	10, 25, 50, 100	
Menards	25, 100, 500	
Michaels	25	
Mobil	50	
Morton's Steakhouse	25, 100	



Rainforest Café	25, 100	
Red Lobster	25, 50, 100	
Red Robin	25	
Rich's Pizza Joint	20	



Ulta Beauty	10, 25, 50	
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Vera Bradley	50	
Visa Gift Card	25, 50, 100	





Office Depot

Nancy's	10, 25	
Noodles & Company	10	
Nordstrom & Nordstrom Rack	25, 100	
Nothing Bundt Cakes	10, 25, 50	



Salina's	10, 100	
Sally Beauty	25	
Sam's Club	5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250	
Schoolbelles	10, 25, 50, 100	
Sephora	25, 50	
Shell	25, 50, 100	
Shutterfly	25	
Smashburger	10	
Speedway	25, 50, 100, 200, 500	
Staples	25, 100	
Starbucks	5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100	
Steak & Shake	10	
Strack & VanTil	25	
Subway	5, 10, 50	



Walgreens	25, 100	
Walmart	5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250	
Walt's	25, 50, 100	
Wendy's	25	
West Elm	25, 100	
White Barn Candle	5, 10, 25	
Wildfire (LEYR)	25, 50, 100	
Williams-Sonoma	25,100	
Winston's Market	10	
World Star Nails	25, 50	



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	No current vendors						

 Old Navy
 25, 100

 Olive Garden
 25, 50, 100

 Omaha Steaks
 25

 On The Border
 25, 50

 Orland Park Bakery
 25, 50

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 Orland Park Bakery
 25, 50

 OshKosh/Carter's
 25

 Outback
 25, 50

Total Scrip Amount:

Our Seton Finance Committee will be in the Narthex after Masses, Nov. 18/19, to answer your questions or assist you in completing your GiveCentral registration

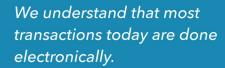
Online giving with



We would like to remind you that our parish accepts online donations through GiveCentral.

You can use GiveCentral to make paperless donations to our church. You can give using a credit or debit card, or electronic checks, for either one-time or recurring donations.

GiveCentral is a secure, online system that allows you to give whenever and however you like—from home or on the go with your phone.



We want to provide you with that same convenient option at our church.

Here's how to sign up for GiveCentral:

- 1. Go to WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/LOCATION/208 to be taken directly to St. Elizabeth Seton Church donation page OR go to WWW.STESETON.COM, and scroll down homepage to THE GIVE CENTRAL IMAGE, click it and be directed to the St. Elizabeth Seton donation page on the GIVECENTRAL site.
- 2. Choose an "EVENT" to which you would like to donate (example "Sundays and Holy Days").
- 3. Enter the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click, "ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET."
- 4. When you are ready, click "MY GIFT BASKET" at the top and verify your gifts.
- 5. Click "CONTINUE," then "COMPLETE PROFILE" to register.
- 6. Complete the simple registration form, then click "REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT."
- 7. YOU ARE REGISTERED! Check for an email from admin@givecentral.org.

You can return to GIVECENTRAL at any time to make changes to your donations or personal information. Click on the "LOGIN" button on the GIVECENTRAL homepage, then enter your USERNAME and PASSWORD to access your profile.



Please visit www.givecentral.org and take a few minutes to set up your donations. Thank you for your generosity and support. Your contributions are appreciated!

Need assistance? We would be happy to help! Please contact Donna Stolinski, St. Elizabeth Seton Business Manager, at 708-403-0101, x106, or email dstolinski@steseton.com.

Twenty-Four Day —Chocolate — BIRTH OF CHRIST Advent Calendar



New design available! Limited quantities!



Prepare for Christmas this Advent by opening a window a day from the scene of the Birth of Christ. Upon opening each window, find a wonderful piece of gourmet milk chocolate. Savor each chocolate as a Christmas gift! This is a fun way to highlight the excitement of the true meaning of Christmas!

Advent Calendar sales have begun!

SATURDAY, NOV. 11/ SUNDAY, NOV. 12

SATURDAY, NOV. 18/ SUNDAY, NOV. 19

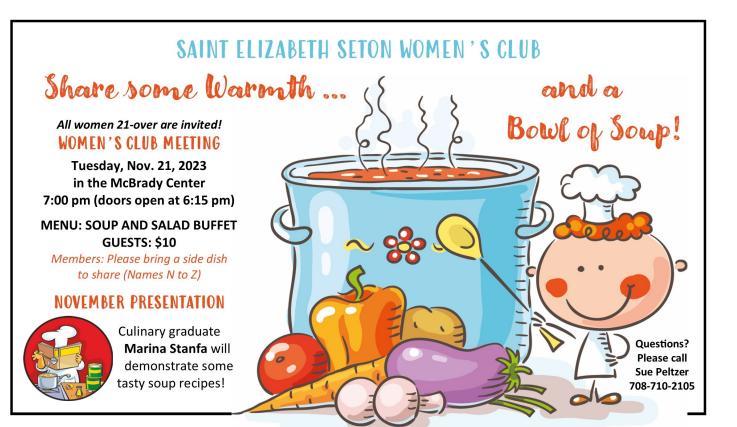
after all Masses in the Narthex (by the parish office door)



Calendars can be purchased in the parish office, MON-FRI, 9:00am-1:00pm.

We will continue to sell calendars at weekend Masses (until sold out). Cash or check. Please make checks payable to SES Social Action Ministry.

(Proceeds directly benefit the charitable activities of the St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry)



Creation Care Corner





"...we need to care for the environment: it has been entrusted to men and women to be protected and cultivated...." — Pope Benedict XVI

Wintertime Tips to Save Energy, Money and Reduce Harmful Carbon Pollution

- 1) Use a programmable thermostat to reduce heat when you are away from home or asleep.
- 2) Seal and weatherstrip: you could improve the heating system efficiency by as much as 20%.
- 3) Keep your furnace air filters clean. At minimum, change the filter every three months.
- 4) Have HVAC equipment tuned-up annually.
- 5) Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after use.
- 6) Close your fireplace damper when not in use.
- 7) Draperies and shades: Keep south-facing window shades open during the day and closed at night.
- 8) Select energy-efficient products when you buy new heating equipment. Look for Energy Star certification.
- 9) Make sure vents/registers aren't blocked or covered. More energy saving tips at:

www.energy.gov/energysaver/weatherize

MASS OF HEALING FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7:00pm Our Lady of the Ridge-St. Linus Church 10300 Lawler Ave., Oak Lawn, IL

The Mass of Healing for Those Suffering from Addiction started as a response to the pandemic of addiction that has plagued our families and neighborhoods. The night before Thanksgiving has become known as Blackout Wednesday. What initially began as a wild night for students returned from college to party with their neighborhood friends has since become an unfortunate tradition of overindulging for all ages. The night before Thanksgiving has transformed into an unfortunate night of dangerous self-indulgence. As you well know, there isn't a family out there who hasn't been affected in one way or another by addiction. We should pray, as one, for an end to this scourge. Whether you are actively addicted, in recovery and sober, or the friend/relative of the addicted – you are welcome to pray to bring peace and healing into the hearts of our those who carry the Cross of addiction.

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 St. Elizabeth Seton O'Mara 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.

SENIORS OF SETON

invite our parish and all to attend!

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

with
Bishop Ron Hicks

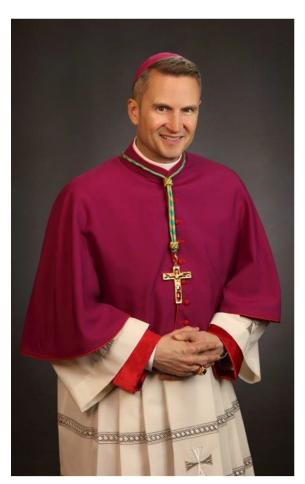
- TOPIC -

"Life is Changed, Not Ended: What we Believe about Death and Resurrection"

THURSDAY, NOV. 30 in the McBrady Center

- AGENDA -

9:00 AM - Mass (in the church) 10:00 AM - Reflection Talk



With solid theology and engaging stories Bishop Hicks will explore the differences between how the Church and secular society view death and resurrection. With faith and hope, look forward to listening to his inspirational presentation about eternal life.

ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Bishop Hicks arrived to St. Elizabeth Seton in 1996. Since then, he has lived and worked at NPH in El Salvador, been on faculty at Mundelein Seminary and served as the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In 2018 he was ordained a bishop, and three years ago installed as the 6th Bishop in the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. We welcome his return to our parish on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023. He will preside and preach at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Then, immediately after Mass he will give a reflection talk in the McBrady Center.

FREE-WILL OFFERING

There will be a free-will offering to help Bishop Hicks with his continued ministry to the children of NPH-Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers and Sisters) in El Salvador.



SAVE DATE Don't miss our Morning Reflection with Bishop Hicks on November 30th!

Our Next General Meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2023 McBrady Center 10:00am (Doors open at 9:30am)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MORNING OF REFLECTION WITH BISHOP HICKS - NOVEMBER 30, 2023 After presiding at the 9:00am Mass, Bishop Hicks will give a presentation entitled "Life Is Changed, Not Ended: What We Believe About Death and Resurrection" followed by refreshments in the McBrady Center.

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS w/ DIANE NOE - DECEMBER 5, 2023

WHITE FENCE FARM/DENNY DIAMOND
CHRISTMAS SHOW - DECEMBER 13, 2023 \$75/
per person payable to SOS. Bus departs 10:00am/
returns 4:00pm. Ticket includes transportation,
lunch, gratuity and performance. Limit: 40.

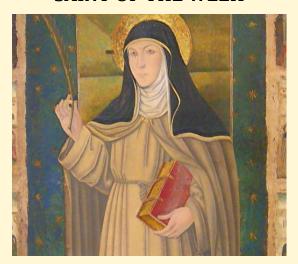
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM - JANUARY 10, 2024

\$95/per person. Lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant. Tickets will be available at the December meeting.

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 AGNES OF ASSISI

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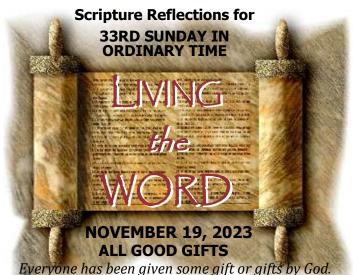
Saint Agnes was St. Clare's biological younger sister and the first follower of the way of povertv.

BORN CATERINA OFFREDUCIA, AGNES WAS THE YOUNGER SISTER OF SAINT CLARE, AND HER FIRST FOLLOWER. When Caterina left home two weeks after Clare's departure, their family attempted to bring her back by force. They tried to drag her out of the monastery, but her body suddenly became so heavy that several knights could not budge it. Her uncle Monaldo tried to strike her but was temporarily paralyzed. The knights then left Caterina and Clare in peace. Saint Francis himself gave Clare's sister the name Agnes, because she was gentle like a young lamb.

Agnes matched her sister in devotion to prayer and in willingness to endure the strict penances that characterized the Poor Ladies' lives at San Damiano. In 1221, a group of Benedictine nuns in Monticelli near Florence asked to become Poor Ladies. SaintClare sent Agnes to become abbess of that monastery. Agnes soon wrote a rather sad letter about how much she missed Clare and the other nuns at San Damiano. After establishing other monasteries of Poor Ladies in northern Italy, Agnes was recalled to San Damiano in 1253, as Clare lay dying. Three months later Agnes followed Clare in death. She was canonized in 1753.

COMMENT

God must love irony; the world is so full of it. In 1212, many in Assisi surely felt that Clare and Agnes were wasting their lives and were turning their backs on the world. In reality, their lives were tremendously life-giving, and the world has been enriched by the example of these poor contemplatives.



What differentiates us is the degree to which we use those gifts so they flourish and become of even greater use to those around us.

FIRST READING

The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

The Book of Proverbs offers instruction on how young men can learn the ways of the LORD and live the good life. These verses are the few that apply to women. Some of the instruction is based upon the role of woman as wife (the ideal state of life for women in the Bible). Other verses deal with woman in her own stead (reaching her hand to the poor, fearing the LORD, etc.). In what we would consider a very modern sentiment, the poem speaks of outer beauty being fleeting, while beauty of the soul is eternal.

SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

The early Church believed that Jesus would return in glory soon, but when the end of the world failed to appear, they began to believe that maybe the return of Jesus would not happen immediately. Nevertheless, it was important that people be ready for it whenever it might occur. The reading concludes with an admonition to be children of the light. They were to reject everything of the dark one, and choose to live in the ways of the Lord.

■ GOSPEL

To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Mt 25:14-30).

The Gospel continues the wisdom theme that we have seen in the readings. It speaks of the fact that we have all received

gifts from God. These gifts are to be developed and used in the service of others. They are not to be buried in the ground. The word "talent" in the parable is actually a large amount of money, not the ability to do something. Yet it is symbolic of exactly that, whatever ability or skill a person might possess. We have to remember that all talents come from God. We could not possibly succeed at anything if it were not for God's goodness. The First Letter to the Corinthians speaks of how the Holy Spirit showers charisms upon us. Charism means the same thing as the word "talent" in this reading. Gifts are given for the service of others. We cannot use them for our own advantage. We must use our charisms to help build up the community.

REFLECTION

An attorney commented to an executor of a grandfather's estate on how faithfully his grandfather saved money. He also noted that, having lost everything in the 1929 crash, his grandfather would only make the safest investments. His grandfather had feared losing everything again. Fear kept the third servant in next week's parable from taking the risks needed to grow what he'd been given. The master chided him for being lazy. How often have life experiences kept us from taking the steps and risks needed to develop the gifts that we've been given, whether of time, talent, or treasure? Fear can be a powerful force. On the other hand, the worthy wife took those risks. She was industrious and generous to the Lord and to all the people. When the Thessalonians did not experience Jesus' immediate return, Paul encouraged them to keep using and developing the gifts that God gave them. Live as children of the light, alert, sober, and ready whenever Christ returns. Like the Thessalonians, we await the return of the Lord. Like the servants in the parable, God has given us many gifts and the means to develop them. St. Augustine's rule for community life advises that we give according to our ability and take according to our need. Ability and need change depending upon age and circumstance. However, when we find the courage to admit our need, name our ability, and develop the gifts that God has given us, we will live in the light that readies us to meet Christ in all conditions. It is the Spirit who frees us from fear. Remain in the Spirit and multiply the gifts God has given. Then we can hear God say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Generous God,
you bless us in many ways.
Help me to multiply your gifts to me
in your service as a sign of my gratitude.
Where fear holds me back,
give me courage and freedom to move ahead.
Amen.

	READINGS FOR THE WEEK [November 13-19, 2023]							
Monday Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6	Tuesday Wis 2:23-3:9 Lk 17:7-10	Wednesday Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19	Thursday Wis 7:22b-8:1 Lk 17:20-25	Friday Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37	Saturday Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8	Sunday Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30		



ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

- **New Parishioners** We welcome all to participate in the life and mission of the parish. A complete listing of parish services/organizations is available in the parish office and on our parish website. Please visit the parish office to register or obtain the registration form on the parish website: www.steseton.com.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday, between 4:15-4:45pm
- **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated twice monthly at 1pm. Reserve your time by calling the parish office early. Limit of two children per Sunday.
- **Baptismal Preparation** Couples preparing for the birth of their child should contact the parish office to register for a one-night seminar, focusing on a parent's role in faith development. Session is mandatory prior to the Baptism.
- **Anointing of the Sick** available in the Church every Monday after the 9am Mass. For those who are ill or facing hospitalization, it is appropriate to receive the sacrament once every six months. Call 708-403-0101 for information.

■ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

- **Ministry of Care** is available to give Communion to the housebound, to visit and pray for hospitalized and/or to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office at 708-403-0101 for assistance.
- In the Hospital? Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations hospitals can no longer contact the parish regarding your hospitalization. It is the responsibility of you or a family member to notify our parish. We desire to offer whatever spiritual support we can. Please call the Parish Office at 708-403-0101 for assistance.
- Sacrament of Marriage Couples planning to marry are asked to make arrangements six months in advance.
- **Wedding Workshops** offered throughout the year, provide engaged couples with guidelines/suggestions for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. The workshop covers topics on readings, music, flowers and video taping.
- **Adult Choir** sings at Sunday Mass/special liturgies. Please contact Music Director at music@steseton.com.
- **Teen Choir** sings at the 11:30am Sunday Masses. Please contact our Music Director at music@steseton.com.
- **Moving?** Please call the office at 708-403-0101.

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

ROSARY: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesdays, 9:30am