

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Parish Ministry Fair . . .

Thanks to all who participated in our Annual Parish Ministry Fair. The Fair showcased the many different parish groups and organizations that do such vital work within our parish community. We are fortunate to all those who step forward each year to run these groups and organizations, and who are committed to our parish vitality. Thanks.

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 adapted quickly!

We are inviting parishioners to sign up for electronic giving this weekend, Nov. 18/19. Information can be found (later in our bulletin), and members of our Parish Finance Committee are in the Narthex to 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. We are in need of a few more "Santa's" for names that have not been selected (information on page 7).

This Saturday we held our **Turkey and Ham Drive** for our sharing parish, St. Procopius. 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.

This weekend, Nov. 18/19, we support **Ten Thousand Villages**, a fair trade organization offering beautiful and unique items for sale, made by artisans in other lands. Buying these wonderful goods enable 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.

Also this weekend, we are handing out gift tags for our sharing parish parishioners at our **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 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 on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 9:00 AM Mass. Remember and give thanks.

I personally want to add that you — our parishioners — are people I am thanking God for at that Mass. As our recent Parish Ministry Fair showed, you do so much good continually throughout our community.

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.

2022-2023 Annual Parish Financial Report . . .

Our Annual Financial Report is included in this bulletin. All families receive a copy in their January contribution report. The report tells of an outstanding outpouring of financial generosity in support of the many missions of our parish. A total of \$1,377,493, was donated to the parish. This does not include the donations made to various second collections, nor the Archdiocese Annual Catholic Appeal.

The report details how we prudently spent those funds: 10% is given to our Archdiocese [\$127,860]; another 3½% to the Priest Retirement/Mutual Aid Program [\$44,772]; utilities [\$72,230]; and repairs [\$77,990], take a slice of the income; Staff salaries and benefits for our priests, Maintenance personnel, Office and Religious Education staff, Directors of Liturgy and Music [\$557,365], are paid from your contributions. We subsidize our National Blue Ribbon for Academic Excellence Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School [\$51,400]; and our Religious Education Program [\$97,017]. These good works could not happen without your generous financial backing. We always seek to be judicious stewards of the money that you contribute to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Finally, on the report you will notice a deficit of \$111,202, that was covered by parish savings. As I have mentioned before over the next two years, we hope to claim money from the Federal Government for the Employee Tax Credit. These funds will cover the deficit we had last year, as well as the deficit we expect this year. I have previously asked for parishioners to increase their contributions to our parish. Like yourselves, we too have felt the affects of inflation. Salaries increased 8% over the past two years and health insurance premiums skyrocketed. [But I do not have to tell you that!] Our parish income, due to the COVID-19 drop in attendance, has hurt our bottom line. All that you do to assist us is greatly appreciated — and spent prudently. Thanks.

Turkey Cooking Tips...

A few years ago a Kindergarten school teacher asked her students how to cook a Thanksgiving meal. Their tips included: Buy the turkey at Jewel; cook at 500 degrees for 15 minutes; serve with potatoes, corn, stuffing, pumpkin and apple pie; drink apple juice, wine, and beer.

This sounds about right!

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







FAIR TRADE ARTISAN WORLD MARKET POP UP STORE

Saturday, Nov. 18 Sunday, Nov. 19

9:00am-6:00pm 8:00am-1:00pm

Please join our world market in our downstairs O'Mara Hall!

Hospitality offering light refreshments, and featuring Fair Trade coffee, candies, chili, soup, cookies, and dip samples. Sponsored by the Seton Social Action Ministry.

As we enter this season of giving, remember that a gift can create new possibilities for those living in need. This Christmas, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, we can fulfill the hope of Christmas for our disadvantaged brothers and sisters by exchanging fair trade gifts. Your purchases will bring a renewed spirit of hope to the artisans who create them by helping the light of Advent shine in their daily lives. When you purchase one of the beautiful fair trade gifts, you are standing in solidarity with the artisans who created them, and helping them to live and work in dignity.

Young women have a brighter and better future. Children are able to attend school and create their own future due to the added income fair trade brings to their families. The farmers of Kuapa coown Divine Chocolate, and the premium they receive from their fair trade cocoa has allowed them to invest in things like schools and teachers for their children.

Please prepare for your holidays prayerfully, give generously and shop responsibly to have a miraculous impact on those most in need.

Fair Trade items are provided by Ten Thousand Villages, one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade organizations. All purchases will help to alleviate poverty through trade rather than aid.

- JEWELRY
- COFFEE
- CHOCOLATES
- HOME DÉCOR

- SOUPS/DIPSCLOTHINGTOYS/GAMES
- MUSIC INSTRUMENTS

- GLOBAL TREASURES
- STATIONERY
- AND MORE!



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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our St. Elizabeth Seton parish offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Our entire staff wishes you all as safe and blessed Thanksgiving holiday.



SATURDAY, DEC. 2/SUNDAY, DEC. 3 Distribution in the Narthex after all Masses

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 are adding new options to our offerings. We will include baby blankets and triangular wraps to our usual lap robes and regular rectangular shawls.

Each shawl maker begins to knit/crochet with a prayer for the recipient. Each time the work is taken up, the intention is renewed. Upon completion the group says a final prayer, and a priest/deacon gives a formal blessing. Shawl recipients continue to be prayed for at each of our meetings, and at Prayer Shawl Ministries throughout the world.

If you would like to pick up a shawl, please share the first name of the recipient so we can inscribe it in our Prayer Intentions Book.

We thank you for embracing our ministry and providing us with feedback. There is no charge for the shawl, however, your donations keep the ministry going. We are deeply appreciative of your generosity. We could not exist without your support!

WELCOME

Steven Bonomo

Josephus and Catherine Laran

(Children: Johann, Jozef, and Josaphat Laran)

Charitie Maala

(Children: Erin and Riehl Maala)

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 Nancy Marcus Catherine Neubeck Joanne Laux Donna Hynes Richard Tropp

And for our deceased:

Betty Lou DiGiovanni Dot Daley

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Nov. 20 (9am) Rev. William Gubbins; Karen Kwiatkowski

Tuesday, Nov. 21 (9am) Catherine Wrona (Living);

Frances C. McKenna

Wed., Nov. 22 (9am) Alfonso and Martha Perez (Living);

June Tunelius

Thanksgiving, Nov. 23 (9am) **NO INTENTIONS** Friday, Nov. 24 (9am) **Dee Ulrich; George Kenealy** Sat., Nov. 25 (5pm) **Dee Ulrich; George Clancy**

Sun., Nov. 26

(7:30am) Aurora T. DeLeon; Umberto Gagliardi (9:30am) Charles Lofrano; Dee and Norm Gasior

(11:30am) Patrick R. McMahon; Tom Doyle

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 11-12-2023: \$19,644.63 \$12,766.63 (envelopes)/\$6,878.00 (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: <u>WWW.STESETON.COM</u>

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 PARISH REVENUE AND EXPENSE ANNUAL REPORT

		Religious		
Parish Revenue	Church	Education	Total	Budget
Sunday & Holy Day Collections/Envelopes & Loose	\$754,045		\$754,045	\$775,000
Sunday & Holy Day Collections/On-Line E-Giving	\$170,505		\$170,505	\$175,000
Christmas Collection	\$143,335		\$143,335	\$160,000
Easter Collection	\$79,732		\$79,732	\$75,000
Other Collections	(\$10,496)		(\$10,496) (a)	(\$3,500
Tuition/Fees		\$49,962	\$49,962	\$47,660
Fundraising Net Income	\$23,735		\$23,735	\$25,000
Interest & Investment income	\$1,740		\$1,740	\$500
Sharing Collection/St. Procopius	\$13,643		\$13,643	\$12,000
Archdiocesan Second Collections	\$38,562		\$38,562	\$30,000
Estates, Bequests, Memorials			\$0	\$5,000
Continuing Maintenance Collection	\$18,055		\$18,055	\$18,000
To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign/TTWCI	\$3,493		\$3,493	\$6,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$85,006	\$6,176	\$91,182 (b)	\$52,340
Total Revenue	\$1,321,355	\$56,138	\$1,377,493	\$1,378,000
Parish Expenses				
Salaries	\$557,365	\$68,534	\$625,899	\$530,117
Employee Benefits	\$121,809	\$32,634	\$154,443	\$131,816
Books & Supplies	(\$3,526)	\$14,639	\$11,113	\$12,000
Administrative Expenses	\$39,651	\$16,349	\$56,000	\$38,000
Transportation	\$8,885	\$1,206	\$10,091	\$3,500
Food & Meals	\$15,186		\$15,186	\$15,000
Utilities	\$72,230	\$252	\$72,482	\$82,180
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$77,990		\$77,990	\$60,000
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$35,728	\$400	\$36,128	\$25,000
Furnishings and Equipment	\$704		\$704	\$5,000
Parish Support/Subsidy to School	\$51,400		\$51,400	\$51,400
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$127,860		\$127,860	\$127,916
PRMAA Assessment	\$44,772		\$44,772	\$44,772
Property/Casualty/Auto Insurance	\$76,632		\$76,632	\$75,139
Sharing Collection/St. Procopius	\$13,643		\$13,643	\$12,000
Archdiocesan Second Collections	\$38,562		\$38,562	\$30,000
Capital Improvement/Parking Lot	\$17,050		\$17,050	\$0
Shared Capital Expense			\$0	\$77,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$39,599	\$19,141	\$58,740 (c)	\$41,599
Total Parish Expenses	\$1,335,540	\$153,155	\$1,488,695	\$1,362,939
Total Parish Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$14,185)	(\$97,017)	(\$111,202)	\$15,061

AT-A-GLANCE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 HISTORICAL BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISONS

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
Sunday/Holy Day Collections	\$950,000	\$924,550	\$953,868	\$962,240
Christmas Collection	\$160,000	\$143,335	\$161,694	\$158,701
Easter Collection	\$75,000	\$79,732	\$78,684	\$75,606
Continuing Maintenance Collection	\$18,000	\$18,055	\$18,148	\$26,611
Utilities Expense	\$82,180	\$72,482	\$70,066	\$69,998
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$60,000	\$77,990	\$63,089	\$55,519
Ordinary Church Expenses	\$1,215,470	\$1,266,235	\$1,054,878	\$1,015,907
Religious Education Expenses	\$127,496	\$153,155	\$141,252	\$118,650
Religious Education Subsidy	\$79,836	\$97,017	\$91,300	\$71,606
School Subsidy	\$51,400	\$51,400	\$51,600	\$53,550

CASH BALANCE SHEET	6/30/2023	6/30/2022
ASSETS		
Local Parish Operating Accounts (Including Stipend & Payroll)	\$823,197	\$946,275
Parish Organizations' Account Balances	\$29,118 (d)	\$18,601
Savings Accounts with Archdiocese	\$277,779	\$281,351
To Teach Who Christ Is/TTWCI Account	\$5,846	\$2,328
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,135,940	\$1,248,555
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	\$52,047	\$53,460
Church Mortgage/Loan Balance from the Archdiocese	\$1,000	\$1,000
School Mortgage/Loan Balance from the Archdiocese	\$4,960,400	\$4,960,400
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$5,013,447	\$5,014,860
Equity & Retained Earnings	(\$3,877,507)	(\$3,766,305)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$1,135,940	\$1,248,555

FINANCIAL NOTATIONS:

- (a). Net Flowers Collection \$2,118, Offertory Envelopes Expense (\$12,614).
- (b). Stole and Stipend Fees \$54,957 less (\$9,600) for priests' salaries, SES Source Specified Donations \$18,183, Parish Organization's Net Transactions \$10,517, RE Misc. Income & Donations \$6,176, Votive Candles \$2,072, Facility Usage Donations \$1,775, Prior Year RE Tuition & Fees \$1,230, Other Misc. Income \$5,872.
- (c). RE Misc.Expenses \$19,141, Hospitality \$12,473, Gifts & Donations \$11,615, Stipend's Expense \$5,215,
- Ministry & Education \$4,933, Public Relations \$3,026, Dues & Subscriptions \$1,898, Other Misc. Expense \$439.
- (d). Seniors of Seton \$10,452, Women's Club \$7,371, Social Action Ministry \$4,068, Youth Group \$3,719, Men's Club 3,508.

STATUS ANIMARIUM	2023	2022	2021
Baptisms	80	79	73
First Communions	46	43	50
Confirmations	49	42	55
Marriages	19	17	11
Deaths	57	56	96
Average Number Attending Mass Each Weekend	1070	925	NA/Covid
Registered Families	1935	1933	2273
Religious Education Students	218	218	242



CHRISTMAS GIFTS
FOR LOCAL
RESIDENTS
OF OUR
ST. COLETTA'S
RESIDENTIAL
HOMES

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

St. 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, 2023. God bless you for your care and generosity,

Donna Stolinski Business Manager, St. Elizabeth Seton Church

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CCHD THIS WEEKEND, NOV. 18/19



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

or more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies.

An effective response to natural disasters begins with effective planning before disasters occur. In New Orleans and surrounding areas in southern Louisiana, CCHD is helping Together New Orleans develop a project called Community Lighthouse, which will equip 85 congregations and community organizations with commercial-scale solar power and backup battery storage. This effort will form a network of response centers ready to serve

communities in a hurricane or other natural disaster once the solar power equipment is completely installed. By using solar power and backup batteries, the response centers can continue operating in the event of power loss—but they will also be using clean, renewable energy rather than fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and pollution.

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to support the organizations addressing your community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

2021-2022 GRANTS



2021 EXPENSES



*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development's education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



Office of National Collections

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Support the Collection for the CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month marks the third anniversary of the Holy Father's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. As we reflect on all that has occurred over the past few years, let us call to mind the Holy Father's words that ground us in the Lord's love for his people: "Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts." Our faith is one of action and of active love towards the other, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an example of just that. It is within each of us to act with love toward those on the margins of our city and our society right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For more than 50 years, CCHD has funded organizations that lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and who continue to act against injustice. For example, Chicago Coalition to Save our Mental Health Centers works to create community-controlled and sustainably-funded mental health centers in high need areas. For nearly 30 years, it has worked to unite mental health consumers, professionals, faith leaders and community residents to keep Chicago's system of centers open and fully funded in the face of constant budget cuts.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud that CCHD has its roots in the efforts of a Chicago priest and bishop, the late Most Rev. Michael Dempsey, during the years he served as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, on the west side. By emphasizing empowerment, participation and solidarity, CCHD continues the initiatives of Bishop Dempsey as it works to support resilient communities during continued adversity and struggle. To learn more about CCHD's impact or to donate online, please visit CCHDChicago.org.

Please consider contributing generously to CCHD through your parish's second collection on Nov. 18/19, and thereby continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins of Chicagoland.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Card. Slove J. Lyin Archbishop of Chicago

Are you in an abusive relationship?

Call 708-429-SAFE (7233)

24/7, 365 days a year



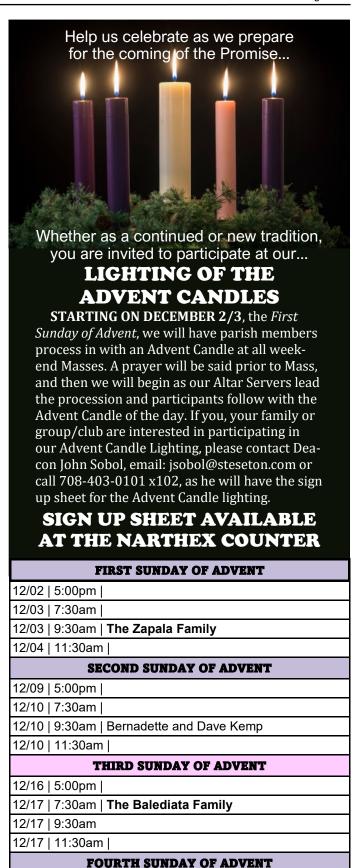
For confidential help call **888-456-HOPE** or visit hopeafterabortion.com

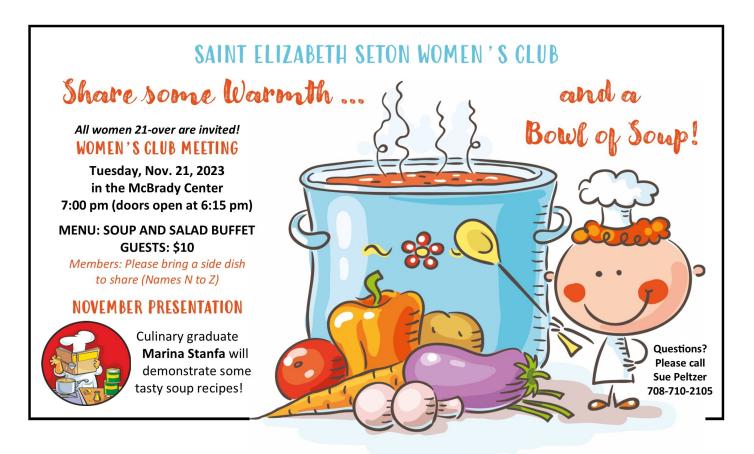
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12/24 | 9:30am | Seniors of Seton Club





Creation Care Corner





"The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change ... can only precipitate catastrophes ...". "Truly much can be done!"— Pope Francis

Support Renewable Energy

Electricity generation contributes significantly to earth warming greenhouse gas emissions. Consider and shop for green electricity sources for your home.

One simple way is to use a 2nd party provider that guarantees to repurchase certified wind or solar power equivalent to your household demand. You 'll be reducing your environmental footprint and supporting renewable energy growth. The process should be seamless: no equipment or service interruption required. Compare rates and select a supplier where the clean energy charge is the same or at a negligible increase. Compare to:

www.aepenergy.com/residential/renewable-energy/

You can also explore community solar (CS) as another alternative. There are no panels on your roof. With CS you "subscribe" to get the equivalent amount of power that your home uses generated from a remote solar farm.

With both alternatives, select a provider with no sign-up or exit fees, where you can quit any time if you find a better deal, and where you can still be billed and serviced by your current utility. The switch should be seamless.

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.

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

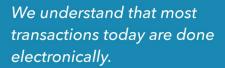
Online giving with



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.

SENIORS OF SETON

invite our parish and all to attend!

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

with
Bishop Ron Hicks

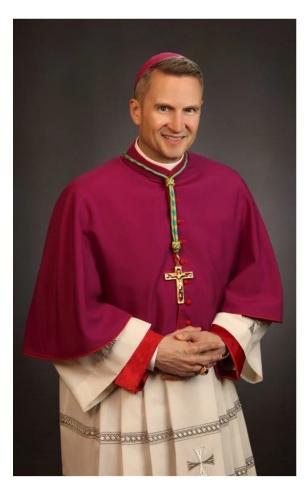
- TOPIC -

"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.

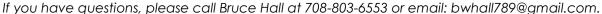
FREE-WILL OFFERING

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.

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.</u> 6.





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.



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO

RAISE MONEY!

Date: WEDNESDAY, DEC 6, 2023 Time: 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

15081 South LaGrange Road, Orland Park

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

SENIORS OF SETON from Saint Elizabeth Seton Church

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.

Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.





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



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 including our yearly SWEETS TABLE

Look forward to hearing songs from yesterday ranging from Standards, Broadway, Jazz, Swing, Country and Contemporary Music. Diane will bring a smile to your face and touch your heart.

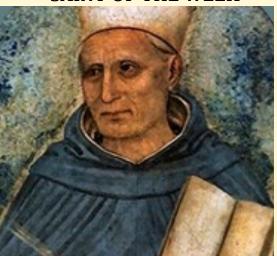
BJ's RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER - DECEMBER 6, 2023. 11:00am - 11:00pm...check our separate flyer in the bulletin for the designated code for our group.

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,

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 ALBERT THE GREAT

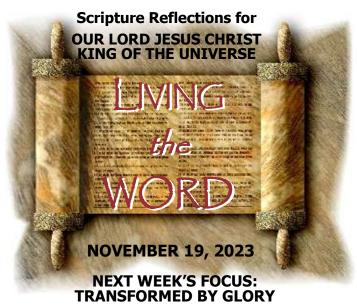
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ALBERT THE GREAT WAS A 13TH-CENTURY GERMAN DOMINICAN who decisively influenced the Church's stance toward Aristotelian philosophy brought to Europe by the spread of Islam. Philosophy students of philosophy know him as the master of Thomas Aquinas. Albert's attempt to understand Aristotle's writings established the climate in which Thomas Aquinas developed his synthesis of Greek wisdom and Christian theology. But Albert deserves recognition on his own merits as a curious, honest, and diligent scholar.

The eldest son of a powerful and wealthy German lord of military rank, he was educated in liberal arts. Despite fierce family opposition, he entered the Dominican novitiate. His boundless interests prompted him to write a compendium of all knowledge: natural science, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, ethics, economics, politics, and metaphysics. His explanation of learning took 20 years to complete. "Our intention," he said, "is to make all the aforesaid parts of knowledge intelligible to the Latins." He achieved his goal while serving as an educator at Paris and Cologne, as Dominican provincial, and even as bishop of Regensburg for a short time. He defended the mendicant orders and preached the Crusade in Germany and Bohemia. Albert, a Doctor of the Church, is patron of scientists and philosophers.

COMMENT

Christians today are faced with overabundant information in all branches of learning. One needs only to read current Catholic periodicals to experience the varied reactions to the findings of the social sciences, for example, in regard to Christian institutions, life-styles, and theology. In canonizing Albert, the Church seems to point to his openness to truth, wherever it may be found, as his claim to holiness. His characteristic curiosity prompted Albert to mine deeply for wisdom within a philosophy his Church warmed to with great difficulty.



The Glory of Jesus our king isn't something we merely sit back and admire. It envelops us, and its majesty transforms us, until we become Christ-like through its presence and power.

■ FIRST READING

I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17). Just before the exile in Babylon, the prophets of Israel began to speak of the Lord as the shepherd of his people. The Lord had given kings to Israel and Judah and had commanded them to shepherd his people, but the kings had turned into evil shepherds and exploited their flock for their own profit. The Lord was going to remove those evil shepherds and he himself would shepherd his people. He would not allow them to be exploited by those who would harm them. During the exile (587-539 BC) this image became all the more important. The people of Judah felt that they had been abandoned or condemned for their sinfulness. They wondered if God loved them or cared about them. The shepherd image spoke of how God loved his people.

SECOND READING

As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Jesus, through his death and resurrection, defeated death and gave us life. He is the first-fruits of those who will rise. The first-fruits are usually the best and the promise of a greater harvest to come. Jesus is that for us, the best and the promise that we, too, will rise. This destroys the effect of the first sin. Now that sin is defeated, death can

no longer control us. We await that day when we will rise with Christ. On that day every enemy will be destroyed. All sin, fear, and alienation will be defeated, and we will be one with Christ who will reign forever. We will share in his reign and his glory, for we are beloved children of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

This parable is about the final judgment. Jesus will sit upon his glorious throne and divide those who were good from those who were sinners. Jesus uses the image of a shepherd to make his point. This reading is the source of many of the corporal works of mercy. These words are a reminder that we must serve those who need our help. The most important thing to remember when we do works of charity is that they are not actions that make us superior to others. Charity is simply an expression of who and what we are. Therefore we should always feel gratitude toward those for whom we do things (for they gave us the opportunity to express our love).

REFLECTION

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, many tongues will sing, "Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler, Christ Jesus Lord and Redeemer." For the Son of Man is coming in his glory and all his angels will be with him. He will sit on his glorious throne, and all peoples will come before him. Let the trumpets sound! This feast lifts us to the maiestic, toward the awesomeness of God. All those who await us in heaven have vibrated with the glory. They have seen Christ the King. Have you gotten a taste of that glory—in a dream? On the edge of song? In the radiance of a sunset? In the joy of a meal? We don't believe based on nothing. God has spoken to us. The One we celebrate was so tiny at the beginning of this adventure. It is as though the coo of a newborn baby has swelled into the Hallelujah Chorus; the silence of a grain of sand has become the roar of the Pacific Ocean; the whisper of a gentle breeze has become the rumble of an earthquake. Rejoice! In gathering the nations, the King was our wholehearted "yes!" Have we been so completely changed into the person of Christ that we act as he acts, forgive as he forgives, and reach out as he reaches out? Have we given a cup of water to a little one? Have we fed the hungry? The trumpet blasts to transform our whole being. Teresa of Avila called her beloved in prayer "Your Majesty."

Try using that invocation as you enter into a moment of silence and contemplate the grandeur of God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK [November 20-26, 2023]						
Monday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43	Tuesday 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10	Wednesday 2 Mc 7:1, 20- 31 Lk 19:11-28	Thursday 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44	Friday 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48	Saturday 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40	Sunday Ez 14:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46



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