

FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Disciple Make Index Survey . . .

[DUE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INFORMATION I AM REPEATING IT THIS WEEK]

If you remember this past Lent, we continually asked people to fill out the Disciple Maker Index Survey. I want to thank those who did so. Holy Name Cathedral was roundly praised for having a 36% response rate. We had an over 39% response rate! This put us in the top of the top number of parishes that participated in the survey. Thank you. You allowed us to have good results. Results were received in July. I wanted to first share them with our Parish Council, before reporting the results to our congregation.

Who Took The Survey?

Respondents were overwhelmingly white [97%], Catholic [99%], and English-speaking [99%]. The largest cohort were 55-75 years of age [72% female]; 11% have school-aged children [41% attend Catholic School/53% attend our fine public schools]. 97% marked St. Elizabeth Seton as their primary place of worship. 71% have been parishioners for 20+ years. Parish financial support is very deliberate; people support the parish through our collection basket or electronically with a determined amount.

Strengths Of Our Community

We have a strong belief in Scripture as the Word of God, and that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ. Our community [96%] strongly values that information about the parish is easily available. Our parish bulletin, website, and Facebook page, as well as regular mailings clearly have made a mark. The respondents also attend Mass very frequently, pray constantly, and have even prayed with others sometime in the past year. 66% of our surveys reported that church music has deepened their participation, with 76% reporting their participation is deepened by preaching. Very few reported making a retreat in the past year—nor of encouraging someone to be a priest. About 70% attend confession quarterly.

Forty-four percent reported being involved in some type of Scripture Study [similar parishes report a 50% participation rate]. 33% of the respondents attended a class on the Faith [similar parishes report 44%]. 83% reported attending a parish social event [other parishes report the same]. 80% reported answering another person's questions about the Faith. [Similar parishes report about 90%]. 80% shared being involved in Catholic devotions [a similar percentage was reported by similar parishes].

Most respondents [83%] are involved in some parish organization or group. In terms of being connected with the parish, the top three factors were: Celebration of the Eucharist, positive relationships with parishioners, and a positive relationship with the pastor. Our parishioners really like one another — this sense of community is key. Respondents engage in service because Jesus call us to serve the poor. Such action builds community, and the experience provides an opportunity for encounter.

Responsibilities Of Parish Leadership

The respondents saw the top three responsibilities of the pastor as: providing counsel, celebrating the Sacraments, and teaching the Faith. The bottom two responsibilities listed were managing Catholic Schools, and raising money. Sadly, our Archdiocese might not agree! The two most important things respondents are looking for in a homily are: desire to grow spiritually and relevance. Two-thirds of the respondents see our parish deacons as the most visible staff members, besides our parish priests. They believe the

primary role of the Parish Council is to represent the parish community. They view a bishop as a spiritual shepherd and guardian of the Faith.

Future Parish Needs

The top three things people viewed as parish needs more of are: involving young people; attracting volunteers; and having forms of contemporary worship. On financial matters: people see us in the black, and holding our own - but not a lot of leeway for extras. They see the physical campus as well-maintained, or in need of slight cosmetic improvement. We appreciate our spacious facilities. People report bringing others to Christ by conversation and their personal example. 87% see our parish in a really good place right now, but in need of some minor tweaks. 77% of respondents report being extremely supportive of our school, with no split between parish families and school families [this is NOT the case in other parishes and this is a real strength that our parish has worked to create].

Recommending Our Parish To Others

Respondents viewed our top three parish values as: having good access to the sacraments and worship; being family-focused; and being prayerful. In reporting what would make them recommend the parish to someone: 67% reported the pastor; 90% said a welcoming community; 81% said growth in preaching; and 97% said availability of information [a salute again to our bulletin, website, Facebook presence, and regular mailing!]. People are led to sharing personal witness by their belief in Scripture, confidence in Church teachings, and in sharing a personal story. 67% of respondents have invited someone to a parish activity — or to Mass.

DMI Survey Results Recap

Of those who responded, 96% believe that Jesus died and rose again; Eucharist is the Body/Blood of Christ [89%]; Scripture is the Word of God [91%]; we demonstrate strong care for our community [88%]; 77% see follow-up on involvement; 96% appreciate information availability; 86% say the parish helps their spiritual growth; 80% say our parish helps their prayer life; 66% says that music helps their spiritual growth; while 77% says that preaching helps them grow spiritually. 86% support our Catholic school. And 92% support our Religious Education Program. [Again, to have such overwhelming support for both CJB School and Religious Education is notable.]

Respondents gave us a 62% rating for involvement in decision making, and a 91% rating for financial transparency. 75% recommend the pastor; 85% recommend our parish staff, and 88% recommend our parish priests [this would include the so many happy memories of Fr. Gubbins]. [I was amazed that 75% would recommend me as pastor. I so often have to be the bad guy and say no, and I am clearly not everyone's cup of tea. I am delighted that the staff and other priests can make up for what I lack. 90% feel we are a welcoming parish; 84% report growing spiritually through Mass; 77% feel that they are growing spiritually; and 74% report knowing Jesus and that they are growing as a disciple. 44% of our survey takers reported being part of Scripture Study or prayer group; 88% attend Mass weekly, with 100% at attending quarterly; 70% report going to Confession; 83% attend social events; 56% attend Eucharistic Adoration; and 79% participate in Catholic devotions.

This DMI Survey results gave us a snapshot of our parish community as of Lent 2023, and has provided us very valuable feedback. The glue of our parishioners is that we are a Eucharistic, Sacramental, worshipping community.

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Our people believe in the Eucharist, value hearing the Word of God and are shaped and formed via good preaching. Parishioners greatly like our parish and each other, and as a whole, feel our parish life shapes our religious experience.

Our parishioners enjoy being part of parish social activities. This is a value for them. While our parish has a proud history of Bible Study, we need to look to do more. We get high points for financial transparency. Less so for people being involved in decision making. We repeatedly receive extremely high marks for how information is made available to the congregation. The parish staff and other priests are held in high regard. The parish school and Religious Education programs are both given huge support. There is very little split between school families and parish families. Our facilities are spacious, and in very good shape. Overall, this is a very healthy report card on our community. The best thing is that there is not a sense of complacency. People are looking ahead to a future we can build together. Thanks to all who filled out the survey!

Around the Corner Meetings and Events . . .

■ **Monday, Sept. 18** — Religious Education Classes begin with sessions at 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM.

■ **Tuesday, Sept. 19** — Parish Finance Council, 7:00 PM.

■ **Tuesday, Sept. 19** — Women's Club meet at 7:00 PM, in the McBrady Center.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 21** — Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00 PM.

Reading List . . .

If you are looking for an interesting read: "Ed Marciniak's City and Church: A Voice of Conscience" by Chuck Shanabroch [S24, "National Center for the Laity", PO Box 291102, Chicago, IL 60629].

Changing Of The Guard . . .

On August 31st, I wrote to our Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Board my intent to step down as pastor of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish on June 30, 2024. Our parish staff, Parish Council, Finance Council, and any parishioner who has asked me, has been aware of this for many months — if not a year. You may remember that in January 2020, I suffered a stroke. I made a nearly full recovery. I do have some double vision in my upper left eye, and a real lack of strength, especially as the day wears on. I miss my old energy.

This parish needs a pastor who has that energy. A pastor is a real anchor for any community, but I do not want to be that anchor that holds things back, or keeps things in one place. I will turn 68, next June 23, 2024, and it is time. Better to leave a minute early, than a minute too long. I am asking to take a sabbatical for six months. This will allow the new pastor to get his feet under the table. I then hope to return to St. Elizabeth Seton as a "Senior Associate" from January 2025 to January 2026, when I will fully retire. My hope then is to help out two to three days per week, and for an extended period of days when the pastor or associate is gone on vacation. The local bishop, **Bishop Wypych**, has asked me to stay on as Dean during all this time, and I have agreed to do so — even beyond January 2026. So my smiling face will still be around in the near future. Of course the old saying is: "We plan, and God laughs!"

The Priest Placement Board will begin the process of seeking a new pastor for our parish, later this Fall. If you know someone who you think would be a good pastor for the parish, please encourage them to apply. I have already done so, and I hope others will follow my example. We need to keep the parish in our prayers.

When I step down in June 2024, I will have completed 11 years as pastor here. From my perspective, it has been a great run and I have greatly enjoyed being pastor at Seton. We are a great parish with a wonderful and hugely supportive community. We have met many challenges together. We have lived through some wonderful ordinary times together. Our parish has great days ahead. I will keep you informed as the process continues.

Catechetical Weekend . . .

On this weekend, Sept. 16/17, at Catholic churches across the country, parishes will call forward and commission catechists who teach the faith. As we begin our new year of faith sharing and formation here, catechists/staff from our St. Elizabeth Seton Religious Education Program and CJB teachers will be offered a special blessing at Mass. I am grateful to all those who have once again stepped up to pass on the faith to the next generation. Our Religious Education Program begins its 2023-2024 year this week. This is the first year in many years where I did not have to appeal for additional catechists. Our RE program meets on Mondays, from 4:30-6:00 PM, and 6:30-8:00 PM. I am looking forward to a great year.

Blessing of Catechists and Teachers . . .

This weekend we will bless our parish catechists and teachers, as they begin their new academic year. These fine men and women are engaged in the great endeavor of forming the next generation. Despite the many challenging ways that our children experience life, these catechists and teachers offer a life-long enduring foundation. May God bless them in their work.

Eucharistic Stories . . .

This year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is promoting a Eucharistic Revival. As part of this we will have a car rally in October [see flyer in this bulletin]. I would like to invite parishioners to share with all of us, reflections that you have on the Eucharist.

■ How has the Eucharist formed you?

■ How has it strengthened you?

Your reflection needn't be long. A few meaningful paragraphs would be more than enough. Please sign your reflection and include your phone number. I will read the selections, and share them in coming weeks. I would like to share one reflection per month. E-mail your reflection to wccorcoran@steseton.com; or place it in an envelope marked to my attention and drop off in the parish office; or place it in a drop off box at the table by the office doors.

Interfaith Sharing . . .

For months now, on the third Wednesday of the month, the *Interfaith Ecumenical Church Ministry*, a group of Catholic [St. George, St. Julie, St. Elizabeth Seton] and local Protestant churches in Tinley Park/Orland Hills, have gathered at each church involved, for a meal and view the series, "The Chosen," followed by discussion. It is our turn to host as a parish this Wednesday, Sept 20, in the McBrady Center. We gather at 5:30 PM, to share a light supper of pizza and cake; at 6:00 PM view "The Chosen" [Season 2/Episode 1]; 7:00 PM, discussion. We conclude by 7:30 PM. All are welcome! Please call the parish office [708-403-0101] to let me know if you will attend. Otherwise I will have to cut the pizza slices very thin! Thanks.

Keep Smiling,

Rev. William J. Corcoran, M.S.



**"Come to Me,
all you who labor
and are burdened."**

MATTHEW 11:28

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH CATECHISTS

*Loving Father,
pour forth your Holy Spirit upon all catechists
that they might become living instruments of your Word to others.
Help them to be faithful witnesses to Gospel life
so that your Church may become ever more alive.
Let the fire of your life enkindle their hearts
that they may be instruments of drawing others to love of you.
Amen.*

Jennifer Balediata
Diana Barracca
Joanna Basick
Ray Bonzani
Laurie Coe
Pam Dubish
Perry Dubish
Cristina Garcia
Kim Gill
Bruce Hall
Mary Beth Hilbert

Michael Ihnat
Paula Ihnat
Ashley Keel
Linda Jeffrey
Deb Justice
Karen Knickmeyer
Monica Lloyd
Julie Martin
Janice McLaughlin
Barb Michalek
Patricia Panelli

Georgene Panfil
Elaine Pawlak
Kathy Petrey
Kristin Roy
Frank Scellato
Janet Scellato
Briana Schereck
Frank Ward
Maryola Ward
Mary Vlaming
Bozena Wrona

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Begins this Sunday, Sept. 17!
Each Sunday, at 9:30am Mass, children ages
5-10, will process to the Narthex area with
an adult facilitator to hear a children's version
of the Sunday readings and Gospel.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 19, McBrady Center
Doors open at 6:15pm; Meeting at 7:00pm
Comedy Night! Pizza Buffet!

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY MEETING

Friday, Sept. 22, 10am, in the Gubbins Center

PARISH FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sunday, Sept. 24, 8:00am-1:00pm
in the McBrady Center
Registration form available in the Narthex
(Walgreens pharmacists)

CREATION CARE TEAM HOSTS

POPE FRANCIS "THE LETTER" FILM

Sept. 28, 7:00pm, at St. Stephen Church
175th and 84th Ave., TP, Free admission

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Friday, Sept. 29, in the McBrady Center
Registration information on page 16

RESPECT LIFE CHAIN 2023

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2-3:30pm
Life Chains are formed in over 2,000 cities
across the country to show respect for life and
pray for an end to abortion in a peaceful way.
Our parishioners will gather at the NE corner
of 159th/80th Ave., (in front of Walgreens)

**ANNUAL LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD (at any age)**

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7pm, in our church

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 9-10-2023: \$17,886.03

Envelopes: \$/13,498.03/E-giving: \$4,388.00

Thank you for your generosity.



For up-to-date parish information
follow us on Facebook: **Saint Elizabeth
Seton Church-Orland Hills**
VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE:
WWW.STESETON.COM

WELCOME

Adam and Raquel Govea

(Children: **Gabriel, Magdalena, and Ximena Govea**)

Kevin and Mary Jo Joyce

Margaret Joyce

Kevin Joyce

Jeff and Jenny Kane

(Children: **Benjamin, Emmett, and Adaline Kane**)

Tim and Michelle Malone

(Children: **Charlotte and Samantha Malone**)

Laurie Seiwert

(Child: **Alexander Seiwert**)

WEDDINGS

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

Isabella Escobedo and Kamil Bigos; 10-14-23

Grace Barrett and Kyle Vansteddom; 10-20-23

Elizabeth Wilson and Roger Wilson; 10-21-23

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Due to privacy issues we honor prayer requests (by you/family member only) for two weeks. Please call to add name or continue for two weeks. We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

Marie Feldmeier

Mary Kocher

Jack Madigan

Richard Tropp

Rosa Labriola

Margaret Thomas

Donna Hynes

Lolo Romeo Blanco

Shirley Vallort

Margaret Thomas

Erin Boden

Mary Clayton

Frank Manka

Nancy Sasso

Jason Burns

And for our deceased:

Elizabeth Leonard

Margaret Dunne

Theresa Rutkowski

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept. 16 (5pm) **Lucille Bulow; Edmund Zilinskas**

Sun., Sept. 17 (7:30am) **Felix & Maxine Tomasiewicz; Donald Kilinski**

(9:30am) **The Olsen Family; Stanley Wynimko**

(11:30am) **Daniel O'Sullivan; Virginia Squires**

Monday, Sept. 18 (9am) **William and Therese Buckler; Tom Doyle**

Tuesday, Sept. 19 (9am) **Harry Ulrich; Joseph Kelbus**

Wed., Sept. 20 (9am) **Esperanza Angga; Corazon Aquino**

Thurs., Sept. 21 (9am) **June Tunelius; Michael Panzella**

Friday, Sept. 22 (9am) **Mathew Chollampel**

Sat., Sept. 23 (5pm) **Irene Kordecki; Joseph Kordecki**

Sun., Sept. 24 (7:30am) **Felix and Maxine Tomasiewicz;**


Josephine Roti

(9:30am) **William Fisher; Stanley Wynimko**

(11:30am) **James Pacente; Lolita Velasquez**

Community Movie Screening

Sponsored by the Creation Care Parish Teams of St. Elizabeth Seton,
St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr and Our Lady of the Woods



The Letter tells the incredible story of Pope Francis' invitation to a small group of front-line individuals who gather with him to understand the ecological crisis across continents, through their eyes. A powerful — and surprising — dialogue with the Pope in the Vatican brings new hope for our common home.

TheLetterFilm.org

 YouTube Originals

THE LETTER

A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28 TIME: 7:00 PM

WHERE: ST. STEPHEN DEACON AND MARTYR CHURCH
17500 SOUTH 84TH AVENUE, TINLEY PARK
(in the large meeting room near the Narthex)

FREE ADMISSION

Light refreshments will be served.

Optional short discussion on reflections to follow.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, SEPT. 16/17**A MESSAGE FROM OUR CARDINAL, BLASE CUPICH**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today, more than ever, we need compassionate and knowledgeable priests who will accompany us on our life journey, sharing in our joys and sorrow and guiding us through its challenges. The young men who are currently enrolled at both the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota, are the priests of tomorrow who will walk with us through life.

We are truly blessed to have these selfless, young seminarians step forward to minister to us, our children, and our grandchildren. We are grateful for their willingness to dedicate their lives to Jesus, the Church, and each of us.

As a show of our gratitude, we will take a moment this weekend, Sept. 16/17, to pay our respects by making a gift to their education. At all Masses throughout the Archdiocese, we are asking for your encouragement and prayers for our seminarians. We also seek your financial support to help cover the cost of their preparation, which includes tuition and fees, room and board, and health insurance.

These young men are giving their lives to us, and I ask that you match their generosity by making a sacrificial gift as we take up this collection. Not only will you be investing in them, but also in the future of the Church.

A remittance envelope is available in our church Narthex for your gift/or use the special envelope included in your parish donation packets. You may also send your donation directly to your parish, noting that it is for "Seminary Education," or you may make a gift online at archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

In addition, you can also support vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago by encouraging young men in your acquaintance to consider discerning the priesthood. Many current priests credit their vocation to personal conversations with loved ones and friends who recognized this potential in them.

On behalf of current and future Archdiocesan seminarians, thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

get your flu shot here SEPT. 24



Walgreens pharmacists will be on hand to administer flu shots*

**Saint Elizabeth Seton Church
Sunday, Sept. 24, 8:00am-1:00pm
McBrady Center
Free flu shots for most health plans**

***Standard and high-dose flu vaccines available
Vaccination form must be filled out prior to visit**

**Forms now available on the counter in the Narthex
Questions? Call Linda Senese at 773-239-2808**

Must bring ID ■ Insurance Card ■ Medicare Card

*Vaccines subject to availability. State-, age- and health-related restrictions may apply.
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Walgreens
the corner of **happy & healthy**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

begins Sunday, September 17



What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children are invited by the celebrant to come forward and process together to our Religious Education "link" (located by our Narthex area), where they will hear a children's version of the Sunday readings and a homily shared by an adult facilitator.

When: Every Sunday (during the school year) at the 9:30 am Mass

For: All children ages 5-10 years old

Questions: Call Mary Vlaming, 708-403-0137, x 116

Creation Care Corner



"... we need to commit ourselves to caring for Creation, without squandering its resources ..."

—Pope Benedict XVI

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct a Home Energy Assessment:

Call your electricity provider to see if they provide a free energy assessment of your home. This often includes free or discounted LED light bulbs, low flow showerheads, programmable thermostats, faucet aerators, power strips and hot water pipe insulation ... for a significant household energy savings.

Conduct a Home Energy Audit:

After an assessment, the next step is a professional audit. An audit usually costs, but can have a very fast payback. A blower is placed on your door and ductwork to find air leaks. IR guns determine insulation effectiveness. The EPA estimates that homeowners typically save 15% on heating/cooling costs each year by air sealing homes and adding insulation. Your power company may be able to help you identify qualified energy auditors.



Eagle Scout Project

OF JACK NOLAN
ORLAND PARK TROOP 318

COLLECTION TO BENEFIT PEDIATRIC PATIENTS AT



Advocate Children's Hospital

Tomorrow starts today.

**DROP OFF BOXES
WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE NARTHEX
FROM SEPTEMBER 9-
OCTOBER 1**

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

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

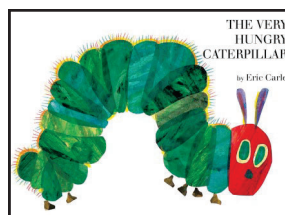
The hospital needs the following items:



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



- **Board Books**
(English/Spanish)
- **Games**



*** All items must be new ***



Amazon Wishlist

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

**St. Elizabeth Seton Church
WOMEN'S CLUB**

**FIRST MEETING
OF THE YEAR!**



ANGELA RICCIO



Join us!

Come share pizza with friends!

Enjoy a fun evening with
our guest comedienne

ANGELA RICCIO

who combines her quick
wit with years of experience
in Stand-Up Comedy!

Buffet donations are welcomed!

All women 21 and over are invited

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19**

7:00 PM (doors open at 6:15 PM)

McBrady Center

New members are welcome!

Annual dues: \$35/Guests \$10

**Questions?
Contact Sue Peltzer
708.710.2105**

Seniors of Seton

COME JOIN US FOR OKTOBERFEST

DATE: October 3, 2023
 TIME: 10:00 am
 PLACE: McBrady Center
 GUEST: PAUL STROLIA

PAUL STROLIA has been entertaining people for over 40 yrs. He played professionally in the band Aidas for over 8 yrs. His venues have been extensive throughout his career. Paul recorded his debut album "Ready to Snap" with multi Grammy award winning engineers. With his band "Tremble & Shake" they played in casinos as well as in the best rock clubs in Chicago. Paul is an expert in both piano and guitar. His philosophy is always the same, whether in front of 25 or 25,000: be so good and give such a good performance that they will remember you for the rest of their lives.



➡ November Lunch Tickets \$10 per person

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLO MUSEUM/HUNGRY MULE GRILL NOVEMBER 8, 2023

\$95 per person. Information available in the office.

NASHVILLE'S OPRYLAND COUNTRY CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 11-14, 2023 OPEN to the public.

\$975/per person Balance of payment due on Oct. 5th.
 Questions? Contact Judy Gula, 708-261-6767 or email rhip01@aol.com.

Trip Flyers/Signup Forms with 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 CORNELIUS

Saint Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected Pope "by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men" after a 14 month vacancy in the papacy. Cornelius served as pope for only two years, but they were years packed with important happenings in the life of the Church.

THERE WAS NO POPE FOR 14 MONTHS AFTER THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. FABIAN because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. Saint Cyprian was elected pope.

The greatest problem of Cornelius's two-year term as Pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and readmission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. Two extremes were finally condemned. Cyprian, primate of North Africa, appealed to the Pope to confirm his stand that the relapsed could be reconciled only by decision of the Bishop.

In Rome, however, Cornelius met with the opposite view. After his election, a priest named Novatian (one of those who had governed the Church) had himself consecrated a rival Bishop of Rome—one of the first antipopes. He denied that the Church had any power to reconcile not only the apostates, but also those guilty of murder, adultery, fornication, or second marriage! Cornelius had the support of most of the Church (especially of Cyprian of Africa) in condemning Novatianism, though the sect persisted for several centuries. Cornelius held a synod at Rome in 251 and ordered the "relapsed" to be restored to the Church with the usual "medicines of repentance."

The friendship of Cornelius and Cyprian was strained for a time when one of Cyprian's rivals made accusations about him. But the problem was cleared up. A document from Cornelius shows the extent of organization in the Church of Rome in the mid-third century: 46 priests, seven deacons, seven subdeacons. It is estimated that the number of Christians totaled about 50,000. Cornelius died from the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia.

COMMENT

Men like Cornelius and Cyprian were God's instruments in helping the Church find a prudent path between extremes of rigorism and laxity. They are part of the Church's ever-living stream of tradition, ensuring the continuance of what was begun by Christ, and evaluating new experiences through the wisdom and experience of those who have gone before.



YOUR PARISH SCHOOL CONTINUES TO EXCEL!

Being a twice-awarded National Blue Ribbon School of Academic Excellence has established a high bar, but Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School (your parish school!) has worked hard to out-do itself yet again!

Among the improvements rolling out this school year are some extensive upgrades that will continue to guarantee our appeal and success for many years to come – even beyond our upcoming 25th anniversary (in 2025).

Over the summer while families vacationed and students slept in, CJB was busy implementing \$250,000 in technology and security upgrades, as well as socio-emotional programming for students and staff.

With school safety at the forefront of all parent minds, CJB believed it was time for a complete overhaul of our security system. We replaced cameras and wiring with a completely new digital system, adding cameras both inside and outside of the building. “Parents should not wonder whether their children are safe when they drop them off at school. If this new system will make even one parent feel better about the safety of our school, that makes this upgrade more than worth it,” said Principal Jeanne Pagliaro.

After noting the ever-increasing need for student support, especially in the areas of social and emotional development, we implemented two new supports:

- The first was the hiring of a full-time counselor and remodeling and furnishing a new calming and sensory-based counseling center where students can spend time speaking with the counselor.
- The second is the schoolwide (PK-8) implementation of the tremendously successful Calm Classroom program, a foundational approach to mindfulness through brief, 1-4 minute “brain breaks”.

Finally, a tag-team effort between outgoing Principal Kelly Bourrell and incoming Principal Jeanne Pagliaro, resulted in the securing of a \$140,000 grant for the addition of interactive Promethean panels to all PK-8 classrooms and the network upgrades needed to support them. These boards are essentially interactive flat-panel tablets with whiteboard capabilities that allow teachers to project from any wireless device.

If you are interested in information about Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, please contact Cindy Devlin, at 708-403-6525, ext.127 or email: cdevlin@cjbsschool.org. CJB is a Christ-centered, twice-awarded National Blue Ribbon School of Academic Excellence for 3-year-old Pre-K through 8th Grade. We currently have some openings for the 2023-24 school year.



RESPOND NOW BREAKFAST FOOD DRIVE

Our St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry and Respond Now of Chicago Heights, thanks you for your generous support!

Your breakfast food donations were lined up as far as the eye can see in our parish link — and filled a 14 ft. truck!



When We Serve Those in Need, We answer Our Call as Disciples of Christ ...

In August, our Social Action Ministry members handed out bags donated by local Trader Joe's and Jewel Osco stores and asked parishioners to fill and return them with breakfast goods for the children who are served by Respond Now of Chicago Heights. Bags were stored in our parish link. After our Monday, Aug. 14, 9:00 AM Mass, attendees lined up to carry almost 300 bags to the U-Haul truck to and filled it to the very brim! Thank you to all who helped make this annual food drive successful. Many, many children will be sent to school with full tummies.

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THE CHOSEN

Monthly Dinner & Dialogue

3rd Wednesdays at 5:30pm

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September 20th @St. Elizabeth Seton,
9300 W 167th St, Orland Hills, IL 60487

The show is rated +12, all ages are welcome!

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE and on SOCIAL MEDIA

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School is proud to announce a presentation by Detective Richard Wistocki on how to keep your children safe while they are online or using social media. Detective Richard Wistocki has dedicated his career to helping children with responsible digital activity and safety. You don't want to miss this informative presentation on Oct. 12, 2023, 7-8:30pm, McBrady Center, 9250 W. 167th St., Orland Hills. (No children please). Admission is free.

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MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

LITURGY TRAINING

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



Part 1 - Monday, Oct. 9

(All trainees attend)

Part 2 - (for Lectors)

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Part 2 - (for Eucharistic Ministers)

Thursday, October 12

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday -
October 9, 11, 12, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location:

Incarnation-St. Terrence Church
5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, IL
Handicap accessible, park and enter under the canopy



Kathy McNicholas is a pastoral associate and director of lifelong formation at Incarnation St. Terrence Parish. Her passion is accompanying adults on their Catholic faith journey.

PLEASE REGISTER AT: <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event->

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**Scripture Reflections for
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**LIVING
the
WORD**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
NO FAIR**

Sometimes God seems to act unfairly, but it is really God's generous justice in action. Perhaps having a bit more of God's generous nature would help us to all be more just.

■ **FIRST READING**

Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-9). We are called to conversion. We are told to seek God while he might be found. Now is the moment to seek mercy, for God is offering his forgiveness and we should not lose this opportunity. All God wants is that we turn away from sin and turn toward him to obtain his mercy. The last part of the reading speaks of the ways of God and how they are not like our ways. God's thoughts and reasoning are filled with love and mercy and not vengeance. God's wisdom is beyond our ability to fathom.

■ **SECOND READING**

Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a). Paul speaks of being ready to die. He is ready to meet our Lord. After all he had suffered, that prospect actually looked appealing. Yet if he were to continue to live, that would also be fine. He could serve the Lord and the community. For him, it did not matter all that much whether he lived or died as long as God's will was done. This level of surrender to God's will is our goal. It is not easy to attain, but over a lifetime we slowly learn to submit to God's call, wherever it might lead us.

■ **GOSPEL**

The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

Human justice is confronted with God's justice in this Gospel. Jesus speaks of the owner of a vineyard who went out and sought people to work in his vineyard. At day's end he paid those who had worked only a couple of hours an entire day's wage. Upon discovering the inequality, the full day's laborers became upset. The owner of the vineyard explained that it was none of their business if he wanted to show generosity. They were paid what they deserved, and that should have been enough. Would we be pleased if the person we least liked in the world ended up in heaven? Do we pray for the good of those who harm us? Are we concerned when someone hurts us not so much because they hurt us, but because we realize that in hurting us, they are hurting themselves even more?

■ **REFLECTION**

You may have been taught that if someone made a death-bed confession or "perfect" act of contrition, that person would go to heaven. That may not seem fair but it is attractive. We could do whatever we want in life, go to confession right before we die or pray the Act of Contrition, and still go to heaven. Of course we might not be considering that we never know when we'll die and more importantly that the point of life in faith is to live Jesus, seek the Lord, and live God's ways throughout our lives. Those workers, who began work in the morning, laboring under the hot sun all day, felt entitled to more money than those who came at day's end. When that did not happen, they felt cheated. Maybe they did envy the owner's generosity. They missed the point. The owner promised the usual daily wage to all, whenever they started working. Our gracious and merciful God promises eternal life to all who enter into relationship with God, whenever we do so and even after we fall. This is pure gift. We are not entitled to it. We can be blinded by God's generosity to those we think undeserving. Envy blinds us to God's nearness at all times and keeps us from gratitude for such generous mercy. God's justice looks more like human mercy. We can cry, "Unfair!" The message is to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the gospel we have received no matter when we receive it or how often we fall. Seek the Lord and our union with Christ will be clear.

Loving God,

*Your ways are not my ways, although
I must admit at times I wish they were.*

*Help me seek to live your ways when I most resist them,
so that entitlement can become gratitude
and envy can be replaced with affirmation. Amen.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK [September 18-24, 2023]

Monday
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday
1 Tm 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday
1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday
Eph 4:1-7,
11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Friday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday
Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

Orland Park –Tinley Park-Orland Hills Parishes Present:



7 Parish Car Caravan



Sunday, October 22, 2023

3:30 PM

All Are Welcome!

Every Parish is Invited to Both Events

Fall Pilgrimage

The Car Caravan begins at 3:30 PM at *St. George*, it travels to *St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr* at 4:10 PM, then to *St. Elizabeth Seton* at 4:50 PM and concludes at *St. Julie Billiart* at 5:45pm with Mass being celebrated at 6:00 PM. Fellowship and light refreshments following Mass.



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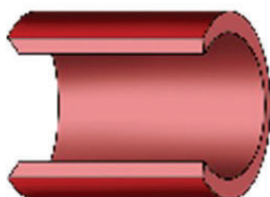
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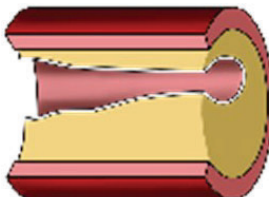
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St. Elizabeth
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ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Monday-Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

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

ROSARY: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesdays, 9:30am