

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Looking Ahead . . .

- Our WOMEN'S CLUB meet Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 PM, in our McBrady Center.
- Our PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meet on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 PM, in the Great Room (second floor of our McBrady Center).
- Sunday, April 21, is the celebration of CONFIRMATION.
- Saturday, April 27, is the celebration of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Prayers . . .

Please keep in your prayers our parish First Communicants and Confirmandi, as they prepare to receive their Sacraments. Confirmation Day is Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 PM. First Communion Day is Saturday, April 27, at 10:00 AM. Please pray that this will be a time of family celebration, and the deepening of our students' faith.

Our Annual "Pot of Gold Raffle" . . .

Thanks to all who donated to our recent *Pot of Gold Raffle*. Our parish received \$18,650.00, as proceeds from this raffle. Our parish truly was the big winner!

Our Lenten Canned Food Drive . . .

Our Lenten Canned Food Drive wrapped up on Palm Sunday, April 24. Our parish donated 1,850 lbs. of food, surpassing all local K of C's food drives by 4% (in members various parishes/groups). Your generosity made a tremendous difference in so many lives of people in need.

Many Thanks . . .

Thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare for our beautiful Holy Week liturgies. Our Cantors and Choir sang beautifully and the instrumentalists performed beautifully under the direction of our parish Music Director, Ilya Vanichkin. Our Lectors "prayed" the lengthy Palm Sunday and Holy Week liturgies, making the words come alive. Our Greeters set a welcoming tone for all who came to worship. Our Altar Servers were all on point. Our Director of Liturgy, Margie Guadagno, kept things running smoothly on track. Our deacons and priests led our celebrations reverently. God was given great praise.

Thanks to those who do so much in the background: those who assemble our worship aides; those who maintain our church; and the "good eggs" who stayed after the *Living Stations* to decorate our church for Easter. I am grateful to **Darlene Raila** for spreading the word through our parish bulletin, website, and our Facebook Page. This allows so many to be in touch with what is happening.

Thanks to our Liturgy Team, Lectors, Choir and Musicians for presenting a beautiful and moving Tenebrae Service on Wednesday of Holy Week.

Thanks to **Deacon John Sobol** and **Bruce Hall**, our lectors and students who portrayed the *Living Stations of the Cross* in such a prayerful and meaningful way. It was an inspirational service. Thanks to our parishioners who agreed to be one of the twelve individuals to have their feet washed (*Washing of the Feet*) on Holy Thursday. Thanks to those who led Morning Prayer and to those who led the different versions of the *Stations of the Cross* throughout Lent. Thanks to all who were involved in our *Lenten Parish Mission*, as well as those with our post-Mission reception, and our post Easter Vigil reception. And thank you to **Bernice Benker** for capturing all of our events in photos.

Thanks to those who guided a wonderful *St. Patrick/ St. Joseph Party*, as well as our Men's Club for hosting our parish *Fish Fry*. Thanks to our Women's Club for their *Evening of Reflection* led by **Claudia Nolan**. Thanks to our Seniors of Seton for their sponsoring their *Morning of Reflection* by hosting the one-man theatrical presentation, *"Peter the Rock."* Thanks to all who gave alms through the Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl Banks.

Whether it was liturgical celebrations, social gatherings, or spiritual input — our parish offered a lot during Lent. Let us continue to grow and do good throughout Easter.

Eucharistic Car Caravan...

This Sunday, April 14, we join our local parishes in our area for the second Eucharistic Car Caravan. [Our first Caravan was in October and we visited St. George, St. Stephen, St. Elizabeth Seton, and St. Julie Churches.] This second caravan will travel from St. Michael, to St. Francis of Assisi, to Our Lady of the Woods parishes. Please join us on this pilgrimage during this year of Eucharistic Revival. More details can be found on page 3.

Setting Next Year's Calendar and Budget . . .

We are now in the process of setting up our Parish Calendar for 2024-2025. All organizations are asked to submit their dates, as we have a May 1st deadline.

Similarly, we are drawing up a preliminary budget for the coming year. This task is made difficult as the Archdiocese is slow in setting health insurance premiums and pay raises for the coming year. As these are major budget items, we need to be slow in figuring our final projections.

Planning For Our Future . . .

As part of our ongoing good stewardship of our parish, I have commissioned a study of our physical plant and buildings. **Father Rich Homa** did the same in 2011, and it has been invaluable since that time in having us save for, anticipate, and replace major items. It is always good to be forewarned and not surprised by our buildings' needs. For example, in one part of the report it estimated that we would need to replace an HVAC unit, on a projected date, and at a projected cost. These reports were spot on for the date and within a few thousand dollars on cost. We had anticipated this and had saved for it.

We are trying to do the same for the next 10 years. I would guess we have "good news" and "bad news." The "good" and "truly outstanding news" is, that we have kept up with repairs. There will be no need to re-roof the church, replace the parking lot, tuckpoint our building, and replace a number of our HVAC units. We have done all of this! Now, will other HVAC Units die on us, or will we need spot tuck-pointing or parking lot patching to be done in the next 10 years? Of course! Nothing lasts forever.

The "bad news" is a five letter word: ROOFS. While we have had some minor leaks and ongoing series of gymnasium roof leaks, most all of our school roofs are heading towards useful life. This will be a big and expensive job. But life always has its challenges. It is good to have peered into the crystal ball, and to estimate what will need to be done. We have saved for a down payment on these future repairs — so we are a bit ahead of the game. Fore-warned is fore-armed.

Keep Smiling,

Very Rev. Willem F. Corenn Pl. V.



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

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

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

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

Pilgrimage Route w/Approx. Timings (Feel free to join us or drop off at any point in the Car Caravan Pilgrimage): ST. MICHAEL CHURCH (14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park) – DOORS OPEN at 3:15 PM for 4:00 PM Start Time of Eucharistic Worship and Adoration;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

"Let's show up for Jesus!"

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



Giving **old** bikes **new** homes

Sustainability is at the heart of what we do! Every year, Working Bikes saves over 10,000 bikes from ending up in landfills, giving them new life in communities around the world and in our own backyard. Bicycling is not only a great, independent form of transportation and exercise, but helps reduce carbon emissions.



The Storefront & Repair Shop

Our storefront features adult and youth bicycles, new and used accessories, hard-to-find used parts and Working Bikes gear for sale. All bicycles have been refurbished by our team of talented, experienced mechanics who inspect the bikes and make all necessary repairs before they arrive on the storefront floor. Our mechanics also offer instore repairs to help keep your bicycle in top condition all year long.

Proceeds from our storefront sales directly benefit our shipments. The money raised allows us to ensure that we remain a sustainable organization and that additional shipping costs are not passed on to recipient organizations.

Storefront Location: 2454 S. Western Ave, Chicago St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry

USED BIKE DRIVE

Saturday, April 20 9:00 am - 12 Noon

Parking Lot^oo
Curbside Service

We will accept any and all bicycles of any size, style, and condition, bicycle parts and accessories, walkers, and non-electric wheel chairs. Questions?

Contact Doug Benker, 708-429-4518

Who We Are

Working Bikes is a 501(c)3 organization that was started in 1999 by a group of volunteers dedicated to recycling bikes, supporting bike culture, and helping international and local projects. Since its inception, Working Bikes has recovered tens of thousands of discarded and donated bicycles from Chicago and the Midwest. More than 38,000 bicycles have been distributed worldwide.

Why Bicycles

Countless bicycles are discarded or sit unused in basements or garages in the United States every year. But in a developing country, a bicycle can truly change the life of an individual, their family, and their community. In areas plagued by poverty, high levels of unemployment, and lack of reliable, accessible transportation, a bicycle can help provide access to jobs, education, and medical attention.

Many Working Bikes partners have bicycle-based endeavors that provide employment to severely underserved populations, including individuals with physical disabilities and those who have been incarcerated. Bicycles are also used for towing cargo and even as a source of electricity through the creation of pedal-powered machines.

Visit www.workingbikes.org

Local Impact

Working Bikes works with homeless transition and refugee resettlement programs to redistribute 250 bicycles per year. We serve as a training ground for countless volunteers to improve their mechanic skill and contribute to a larger cause.

Global Impact

Working Bikes ships over 5,000 bicycles per year to projects in countries throughout Latin America and Africa.



SAVE THE DATE for these UPCOMING EVENTS

at St. Elizabeth Seton Church!

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 pm, in the McBrady Center

RECYCLE YOUR BICYCLE! USED BIKE DRIVE

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 am-12 Noon Drop of your bikes and walkers, crutches, in the church parking lot

CONFIRMATION DAY

Sunday, April 21, 2:00 pm in the church

NATIONAL EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF BUCKETS OF HOPE DISTRIBUTON

Buckets available at all Masses: April 20/21 Buckets to be returned at all Masses: May 4/5

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am, in the church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY TOILETRY DRIVE

Beginning May 4 through May 19, drop box located by entrance doors

SENIORS OF SETON MEETING

May 7, 10:00 am, in the McBrady Center

MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET FLOWER SALE "Blooming for Babies"

Saturday, May 11, after 5:00 pm Mass Sunday, May 12, after all Masses in the Narthex

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, in the McBrady Center

PRAYER SHAWL DISTRIBUTION

May 18/19, after all Masses, in the Narthex

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION TOTAL FOR 4-7-24: \$22,180.00

(E-Giving: \$4,749.00/Envelopes: \$17,431.00) Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Debra Schmit

WEDDINGS

Pray for these couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage: Lisa Janes and Matt Haynes; 5-11-24

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents of the baptism of their child(ren) on Sunday, April 7, 2024:

Cassian Jacob, child of Cory and Christine Matthews Jayden Mata, child of Stephen Mata and Marini Ivancic Elianna Mata, child of Stephen Mata and Marini Ivancic Oliver Thomas, child of Samuel and Stephanie Depoorter Robert Richard, child of Robert and Catherine Marini Jack Michael, child of Michael and Kathleen Jadzak

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:

Tom Pickert Rob Maziarka Connor Knight Baby Benjamin Pirog Andrew Skarbeck

And for our deceased:

Dolores Peters

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13 (5pm) For All Parishioners

Sunday, April 14

(7:30am) Monica Edwardo Jaime; Leonard Linkus

(9:30am) Dee Ulrich; Stanley Wynimko

(11:30am) Bernadette Gallagher; Mike Kissane

Mon., Apr. 15 (9:00am) Andrew Savage; John and Joan Ruiz Tues., Apr. 16 (9:00am) Jon and Pat Garvin; Maria Plaza

Wed., Apr. 17 (9:00am) Richard Chalifoux;

Thanksgiving from the Baron Family

Thurs., Apr. 18 (9:00 am) Bill Wisnasky; Vincent Zizzo Fri., Apr. 19 (9:00 am) Lucille Buczko; Lucita Ignacio

Saturday, Apr. 20 (5:30pm) The Purgatorial Society; Lenore Sullivan

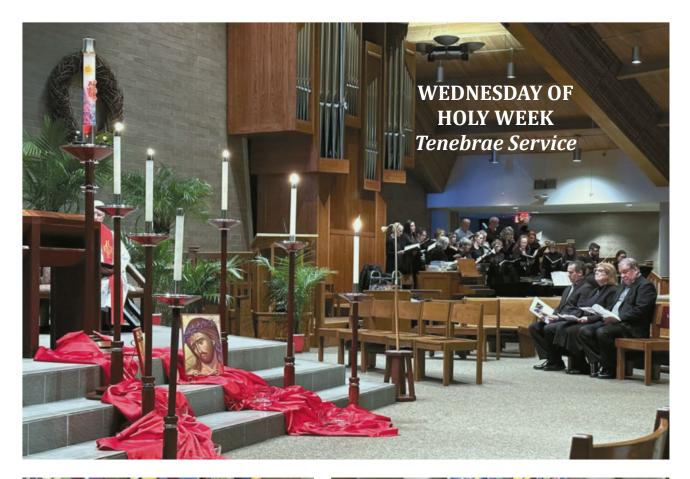
Sunday, Apr. 21 (7:30am) Leonard Linkus; Kathy Panko (9:30am) Mary Ellen Foley; Tim and Jackie Geoppo

(11:30am) For All Parishioners



For up-to-date parish information follow us on Facebook: Saint Elizabeth Seton Church-Orland Hills

Visit our PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STESETON.COM







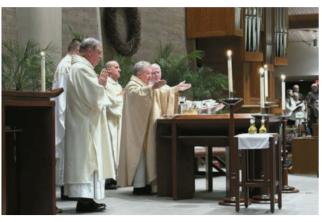


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HOLY THURSDAY MASS, Washing of Feet, Commissioning, Eucharist













Photos: Bernice Benker







GOOD FRIDAY Veneration of the Cross Service









Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross









Photos: Bernice Benker



Our youth ministry graciously thanks all who contributed to the Living Stations free-will giving. Your generosity will help fund youth activities as we grow spiritually, in service, and socially.

THANK YOU!

Our St. Elizabeth Seton/St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Youth Ministry Living Stations leadership team and cast thank all those who attended the Good Friday re-enactment of Jesus' journey to Calvary.

In unison, as we journey through our Catholic Faith, and the many crosses of sacrifice we bear, we were solemnly glad to have had the opportunity to share the greatest sacrifice ever made, Jesus' journey to Calvary for our redemption. The net was cast wide to re-enact this devotion. Our cast ranged in ages from 4th grade-High School, with good representation of our excellent local private and public schools. Integrated with our adult leadership team, we grew our youth fellowship weekly at Sunday afternoon practices during Lent. We also integrated our young adults as narrators.

Deacon John Sobol SES/SSDM Youth/Young Adult Director







THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Page Eleven April 14, 2024





OPPORTUNITY FOR **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (Female) Archdiocesan Council** for Catholic Women (ACCW)

Four Year \$1,000 Scholarship Application and guidelines available at accw.archchicago.org Submit a 300-word essay titled, "How Would You.

as a Young Catholic Woman, Navigate the Challenges We Face in the World Today? (Typed and double-spaced on a standard 8.5 x 11" page)

Deadline: APRIL 30, 2024 For more information, call 312-534-8325

SES AND SSDM information Youth and Young Adult

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

Rebranding the SES and SSDM Youth Ministry to, Stephen's and Elizabeth's Nourishing Disciples (S.E.N.D.) We also have an inclusive Vision Statement, that will SEND our youth out to share their discipleship in their everyday life and evangelize: Centered on our Catholic Faith, Spiritual Nourishment, THE EUCHARIST, and as Jesus SENT out his Disciples to all ends of the earth to nourish others in His word and deed, we are being nourished in living out the Gospel in our daily lives to nurture others we encounter. **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

Tuesday, April 16 — Weekly Youth Ministry Gathering (All meet at SSDM Youth Room), 6:30-8:30pm.

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

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

SSYMA Co-Ed Youth Pickleball starts Thursday, Apr. 4, continues every Thursday to the end of May It is an open roster, so attend if you can make it. Equipment will be provided. Games start at 7:30 pm and will be played at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park. A youth's parent/guardian consent form is required to participate in games. Contact Dcn. John Sobol if interested.

NEW FOR YOUTH!!! Thursday, Apr. 25 - Scene 75, Entertainment Center, Romeoville, 6:00-9:00 pm \$25 fee to participate includes use of all activities for three hours, half a pizza, and soft drinks. Transportation is on your own. (See website, Scene 75 Entertainment Center for activities.) Advanced registration is required. The last day to register is Thursday, Apr. 18. A youth's parent or guardian should contact Dcn. John Sobol to register and receive a required parent/quardian consent form, that is due back before the event. Request to follow the SES_SSDM_Youth_Ministry on Instagram for young adult events & Catholic faith tidbits.

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENTS [AGES 18-30]

NEW!!! Monday, April 15 — Weekly Young Adult Zoom Check-In and Reflection, 6:00-6:30 pm.

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

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

For more information about our SES/SSDM Youth and Young Adult Ministry please contact Deacon John Sobol at: jsobol@archchicago.com, or phone/text, 708-986-2446.

Participate in the Corporate Parish Service Day (in support of the National Eucharistic Revival)

Fifth Annual Multi-Parish MISSION PROJECT



Building Partnerships • Building Relationships • Building Community **Building Homes**

> "Let Us Build A House Where Love Can Dwell"

June 21, 12 Noon-4pm June 22, 8am-12 Noon

on the campus of St. Terrence/Incarnation (4300 W 119th PI, Alsip)

HOSTED BY THE PARISHES OF St. Elizabeth Seton St. George St. Julie Billiart St. Michael St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr St. Francis of Assisi Incarnation St. Terrence

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! DONATIONS NEEDED!

Information/Registration Forms **AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!** (by the parish office doors) Contacts: Maryola Ward, 708-906-0297 Mike York, 708-910-4040 Hocky002@sbcglobal.net



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

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP THIS WEDNESDAY!

Young adults, ages 21-39, are invited to attend the Diocese of Joliet Theology on Tap event on Wednesday, April 17, from 6:30-9:30 pm, at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd., Joliet. Guest speaker is Michael Gormley, the "Lay Evangelist," is dedicated to helping men, couples, and families discover the superabundance of God. Bring your friends for appetizers, drinks, and fellowship.

Creation Care Corner



What the Saints say about Caring for Creation

Saint John Paul II - "The visible world is like a map pointing to heaven.... We learn to see the Creator by contemplating the beauty of his creatures. In this world the goodness, wisdom, and almighty power of God shine forth. And the human intellect ...can discover the Artist's hand in the wonderful works which he has made. Reason can know God through the Book of Nature."

Saint Hildegard of Bingen - "Every creature is a glittering, glistening mirror of divinity." "Creation is the song of God." "The Earth sustains humanity. It must not be injured; it must not be destroyed."

Saint Francis of Assisi- If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

Saint Irenaeus of Lyons -"The initial step for a soul to come to knowledge of God is contemplation of nature."

Saint John Paul II - " ... humanity has disappointed God's expectations. Man, especially in our time, has without hesitation devastated wooded plains and valleys, polluted waters, disfigured the earth's habitat, made the air unbreathable . . .'

St. Michael Ministry for Mental Health Awareness **APRIL PRAYER GATHERING**

On Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 pm, the St. Michael Ministry for Mental Health Awareness invite all to their April prayer gathering at St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave., OP. The group begins by praying the Rosary and offering petitions for those in need. Following prayer, those present can choose to participate in respectful and confidential sharing with one another. For information visit: https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/or send an email to StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

St. Elizabeth Seton (SES) St. Stephen (SSDM) Youth/Young Adult Ministry to host a "Bucket of Hope" Appeal to assist in clean-up/restoration efforts of natural disasters

Hope's on the Way



BUCKETS OF HOPE



NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY APPEAL

"Buckets of Hope" to be handed out by SES/SSDM Youth/Young Adult Ministry in our Narthex: April 20/21 Return bucket: May 4/5

When devasting catastrophic natural disasters occur in our country, a group of Chicago deacons have formed an emergency second responder group called, *Hope's on the Way*. This group has been providing emergency cleaning supplies, Buckets of Hope, to families in times of natural disasters.

Over the years more than 6,000 Buckets of Hope valued at over \$150,000 have shipped to areas in North Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Kentucky, Nebraska and Puerto Rico. This has been accomplished through the generosity and cooperation of pastors, deacons, parish staff, parishioners and individuals.

100% OF ALL DONATIONS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO AID ANY UNITED STATES NATURAL DISASTER

To participate in this appeal, please take a five-gallon bucket that are being handed out by our SES/SSDM Youth/Young Adult Ministry on April 20/21. (Wish list items found on the front of each bucket.)

Please note: You do not have to purchase the 14 items on the list, but what you choose to include in your bucket.

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX TO MAKE A CASH DONATION ...

\$30 is a suggested amount to fill an individual bucket but cash donations of any amount are appreciated. Please make checks payable to your parish: St. St. Elizabeth Seton Church or St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church. Please drop it in your parish collection basket, donation receptacle or parish office.

Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact: Deacon John Sobol, at 708-986-2446 or to jsobol@steseton.com.

"Buckets of Hope" suggested list items

Supplier: Dollar Tree

- 1 Laundry Detergent (42-60 oz. size)
- 1 LA's Totally Awesome Floor Cleaner (48 oz. size)
- 1 LA's Totally Awesome Dishwasher Detergent (30 oz.)
- Glade odor control aerosol sprav
- 1 pack (5) heavy duty scouring pads or (3 packs of 2)
- 1- pack 36 wooden clothes pins

Face masks (optional)

- 1 box of Good Sense heavy duty garbage bags (30 gallon size,7 or 9 per box)
- 1 box of Brillo reuseable wipes, (9 per box)
- 1 plastic scrub buddy scrub brush
- 1 pack of Brillo (or any brand)
- 1 pair large reuseable latex gloves

Supplier: Menards

- 1 clothes line (100 ft. of 7/32 inch) SKU 2140577 \$2.99
- 1 pair of leather work gloves SKU 6601034 \$2.79





TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

— AUGUST 2, 2025 —

First Planning
Meeting
April 17, 6pm
CJB School
Great Room

JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Alumni • Alumni Families • Parishioners • Grandparents • Staff • and Friends of CJB!

- We are looking for class reps willing to assist in locating classmates
- Parents of alumni can help by sharing their children's contact information
- If you are interested in helping plan this very special event, please contact:

alumni@cjbschool.org or call 708·403·6525



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is a twice-recognized U. S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

www.cjbschool.org



Use our CJB Alumni QR CODE to register your info today!

MOM AND TOT STORYTIME



at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School (for 2 & 3 yr.-old children not currently attending CJB)

APRIL 19 — SPRING THEME MAY 17 — SUMMER THEME



We welcome you and your child into one of our CJB classrooms from 9:00-9:45 am! Together we will read a story, sing a song, and complete a craft. This is a great way to meet the CJB community, meet CJB teachers, and make new friends!

Storytime is FREE, but you must reserve your spot by emailing spinta@cjbschool.org. Reservations must be made by the Friday before your session date.

WE ARE YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!

3 year-old Pre-K through 8th Grade



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School is a cutting-edge, regional Catholic school sponsored by St. Elizabeth Seton, St. of Assisi, Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Stephen parishes. In addition to

these four parishes, we welcome children from other parishes or households whose parents are seeking a Christ-centered, excellent educational environment.

CONTACT US FOR A PERSONAL TOUR!

"NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION OPEN NOW"

An online application available at www.cjbschool.org. Submit the online application, then mail or drop off an original birth and baptismal certificate (originals will be returned), and a one-time family registration fee of \$250. Grades 1-8, include a copy of the 2023-24 first semester report card and standardized test results. We are a twice-recognized National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Contact Enrollment Director, Cynthia Devlin, 708-403-6525 x127, cdevlin@cjbschool.org

Seniors of Seton

Upcoming Events

Reminders about May Meeting

- * Tickets for our June Luncheon will be on sale at our May meeting. If you didn't receive a flyer at our April meeting, our member cost is \$5/Guests \$10 and will be catered by Orland Bakery. Sandwich choices include: Prime Rib, Ham, Turkey & Cheddar or Turkey, American Cheese. These box lunches also include potato salad and a brownie. No tickets will be sold at the June Meeting.
- * We are collecting items in need for the <u>Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation</u> at our May Meeting. If you need assistance or didn't get a copy of the list, please let us know. Also, if you cannot attend due to Holland Trip there will be a drop-off box in the Narthex the weekend of May 4-5th.

MAY GENERAL MEETING - MAY 7, 2024

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

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

JUNE GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 4, 2024

Join us for our last meeting of our term and say "hello" and congratulate our 2024-2025 Seniors of Seton Officers.

Doug Benker, President Judy Gula, Vice President Andi Maslan, Vice President Diane May, Treasurer Marge Broderick, Secretary





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SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

(1922-1962)

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla was a wife, mother, and pediatrician. During her last pregnancy Saint Gianna was found to have a noncancerous uterine fibroid. While she allowed the doctors to remove the tumor, she made sure that her pregnancy was protected. Saint Gianna Molla died of complications shortly after her daughter's birth.

IN LESS THAN 40 YEARS, GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint! She was born in Magenta near Milano, the 10th of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote To Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage.

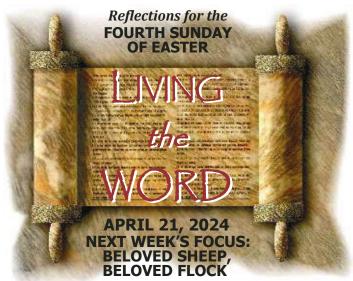
she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Early in her sixth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week, Gianna Molla died at home in Mesero, where she was buried.

Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized in 2004. Her Feast Day is April 28.

COMMENT

With great faith and courage, Gianna Molla made the choice that enabled her daughter to be born. We can often wish that we were in different circumstances, but holiness frequently comes from making difficult choices in bad situations.



If it seems nonsensical to say that an actual shepherd would die for the flock, that's because it is — unless the shepherd is the very love of God for us, our shepherd Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12). Saint Peter gives a speech to the Sanhedrin concerning the healing that he performed on the cripple. He is telling the Jewish leaders that by their actions they have rejected the source of salvation whom Yahweh had sent to Israel. The implied message is that if they do not change their ways and stop inhibiting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, then they will be rejected (even as they will have rejected Jesus by their actions).

SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

The theme of this reading is our status as children of God and what that means for us. We are told toward the end of the reading that we already share in a great honor for we are already called God's children. Yet, this is only the beginning. When we pass from this world to the next, we will share in God's own glory.

GOSPEL

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

Around the time of Babylonian exile (587 BC), there was a theme that was very popular among the Prophets. It was that God had appointed shepherds to Israel (their

kings and priests), but these shepherds had misled God's people. Therefore, God himself would be Israel's shepherd and lead her in his own ways. The Gospel passage that we are hearing speaks of Jesus being in the temple for the Scripture passages proclaimed during that feast was taken from Ezekiel the Prophet. It was the passage that proclaimed God as our Shepherd. When Jesus spoke of himself being the Good Shepherd, He was applying that prophecy to himself. He speaks in tremendously affectionate terms of his care and concern for his beloved flock. He calls them by name, for he knows them like no one else knows them. He will give his life for them. He will protect them from all dangers (especially the dangers of sin and death and alienation).

REFLECTION

Though most of us don't have a lot of experience with shepherds, it might seem to us plain foolish, a matter of misplaced priorities, that a shepherd would actually lay down his life for his sheep. After all, what is the point of keeping sheep except to provide for one's own needs? What point is there in saving the sheep if the shepherd dies? A moment's reflection, however, allows us to grasp Jesus' point. True leaders, "good shepherds," are those who seek not their own wellbeing and flourishing, but the well-being and flourishing of those who are entrusted to their care. While we may not have a lot of contact with shepherds, we can think of many instances of people laying down their lives for others. Any parent who has walked the floor in the middle of the night with a sick or fussy baby knows what it means to lay down one's life. So too, any child who cares for an aging parent with patience and forbearance knows what it means to lay down one's life. Any employer or supervisor who stays late at the office figuring out how to tweak the budget, or who forgoes a bonus in order not to have to lay anyone off, knows what it means to lay down one's life. All of these involve a kind of dying to oneself so that others might have life in its fullness. Also, Jesus' words concerning the Good Shepherd make it clear that laving down our life for others is in fact the path to fullness of life for us as well. And in taking up His own life, He takes up the lives of all of those who have laid down their lives for others. In the season of Easter, we celebrate the power of Jesus to raise to new life all those who, out of love for God and neighbor, die to themselves so that others might have life.

READINGS FOR THE	WEEK [April 15.	-April 21, 2024]
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29	Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51	Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59	Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69	Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18



ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

- **New Parishioners** We welcome all to participate in the life and mission of the parish. A complete listing of parish services/organizations is available in the parish office and on our parish website. Please visit the parish office to register or obtain the registration form on the parish website: www.steseton.com.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 4:15-4:45pm
- **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.
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