It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.
St. Elizabeth Seton Church

2018 PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

OCTOBER 27 AND OCTOBER 28

After all Masses in our Church Narthex

First Fair: Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7

Education Ministry Groups/Clubs
Parish Life Ministry Groups/Clubs

Second Fair: Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28

Spiritual Life Ministries and
Human Concerns Ministry Groups

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

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

Spiritual Life Ministry Groups

Eucharistic Ministers — Claudia Nolan, Liturgy Director
Lectors — Claudia Nolan, Liturgy Director
Altar Servers — Father John Zurek, Associate Pastor
Greeters — Claudia Nolan, Liturgy Director
Sacristans and Assistants — Claudia Nolan, Liturgy Director
Adult Choir/Teen Choir — Linda McKeague, Music Director
Ministers of Care — Claudia Nolan, Director of Liturgy
Ministry of Consolation — Donna Houha
Adult Altar Servers — Kathy O’Sullivan
Art and Environment — Claudia Nolan, Liturgy Director
Children’s Liturgy of the Word — Diana Barracca
Mary Vlaming
Rosary Group — Suzanne LaCosse
Centering Prayer — Marge Quinn
Divine Chaplet of Mercy — Tom Scorzo

Parish Life Ministry Groups and Clubs

Men’s Club — Mike Johnson, President
Women’s Club — Laurie Coe, President
Seniors of Seton (SOS) — Doug Benker, President
Youth Ministry — Kyle Groves, Director and Bruce Hall
Young Adult Ministry — Kyle Groves, Director
Youth Athletics — Bob Myjak, Athletic Director
Welcome Committee — Marjorie Broderick
Cub Scouts (at CJB) — Contact School
Parish Pastoral Council — Cathy Steckhan, President
Finance Committee — Father Bill Corcoran

Human Concerns Ministry Groups

Creation Care Team — Andy Panelli
Seton Sowers, Newborns in Need — Carol Dimer
Social Action Ministry — Father John Zurek, Associate Pastor
Shepherd’s Table Soup Kitchen — Bernadette Kemp
Sharing Parish-St. Procopius Church — Doug Benker
Right for Life — Darlene Raia
SWIFT (South West Interfaith Team) — Carol Davis
Fair Trade Events — Darlene Raia/Sue Rosinski
Respond Now — Elizabeth Wisnasky
St. Vincent DePaul Society — Father Bill Gubbins
Alcoholics Anonymous
Hope Ministry — Arnie Skibinski
Prayer Shawl Ministry — Sharon Leone
Heartwarmers — Barbara Cristofaro
St. Monica Ministry of Compassion for the Family — Kathy Galvin

To reach a Parish Ministry/Club/staff contact person please call the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Office at 708-403-0101.
**Rites of Enrollment...**

This Sunday, Oct. 14, at 10 AM Mass, we will have the Rite of Enrollment for parish Second graders who will receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the coming year. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during the year ahead as they prepare for these sacraments.

Next Sunday, Oct. 21, at 10 AM Mass, we will have the Rite of Enrollment for all parish Seventh graders and their families as they begin a two-year period of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. Seventh and 8th grades are important periods of formation in a teen’s life. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter this challenging period of growth and formation.

**Parish Ministry Fair...**

This weekend, October 27/28, we will hold our second Parish Ministry Fair that highlights all our parish activities, ministries, and organizations. This weekend our focus is Human Concerns and Spiritual Life organizations, activities, and ministries. These groups offer us all a chance for formation, growth, service, and camaraderie. Visit the tables in the Narthex and check out what they have to offer, and consider being part of them. A parishioner shared a story with me that while he has been active in the parish for many years, his spouse recently joined a group she had interest and talent in. People continue to discover their niche in order to use the gifts that God has given them, and build up his kingdom here on earth.

**Thanks To Our Social Action Ministry...**

Thanks to the Social Action Ministry members for hosting the parish reception last weekend, for Deacon Frank Gildea, who we were honoring for his 25 years of service as a deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago. It was a “homey” tribute to a generous man.

**The October Count...**

You may notice our greeters walking through the church counting heads. For many years, in October, the Archdiocese of Chicago requests all parishes to count the number of people who attend Mass. So, if you see this happening — now you know why.

**Reboot Live...**

This past Wednesday, Oct. 10, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish hosted “Reboot Live” which was an evangelization outreach event. It was the first action taken by the seven parishes in our Archdiocesan “Renew My Church” grouping. The seven pastors wanted to do something spiritual first as we began working as a wider group. As our parish is geographically in the center of our seven parish grouping area [consisting of the Orland Park churches of Our Lady of the Woods, St. Michael, and St. Francis of Assisi; and Tinley Park churches of St. George, St. Julie, and St. Stephen], we offered to host the event here in Orland Hills. Since our church seats 1,000 people, we only had 1,000 tickets available. All seven parishes each received 100 tickets and we left 300 tickets for online sales at the Reboot Live website. All 300 online tickets sold out. Our Lady of the Woods, St. Michael, St. George and our parish also sold out. I do not know how St. Francis did in sales, but I also know that St. Julie and St. Stephen were close to selling out.

I made the pastoral decision to offer our 100 tickets FIRST to our St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Religious Education and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School parents. As you may be aware from the media, or from your own families, many younger families do not attend Mass as regularly as I would hope they would. I wanted to use this formative evangelization event to spur them on in their faith formation. 75% of our allotted tickets went to these families, and the remaining tickets went to those who called the parish offices wanting to attend and requesting tickets. I hope that the parish in general will understand my pastoral reasoning behind distributing tickets in this way. Although we hosted the event, we had a limited ticket allotment, and very few unsold tickets from other parishes were available for us to obtain.

**Our Parish Women’s Club...**

This coming Tuesday, Oct. 16, our Women’s Club will meet in the Mc Brady Center. The doors open at 6:15 PM, and the scary Halloween program begins at 7 PM. According to reports that I received, last month’s comedy night was a hoot. Don’t miss the fun this month.

**Our Parish Men’s Club...**

Our Men’s Club bumped their monthly meeting (usually the second Wednesday of the month) to this Wednesday, Oct. 17, due to the Reboot Live event. All men of the parish who are 21-over, are invited to celebrate Oktoberfest. Doors to the Mc Brady Center open at 7pm (more information later in the bulletin).

**Welcome to our St. Michael Parish Guests...**

Next weekend, Oct. 20/21, we welcome guests from St. Michael Parish in Orland Park who will be in our Narthex with information about a Retreat Day for Men with Retreat Director, Fr. Brian Welter, to take place this November 10 at their parish (see flyer in this bulletin).

**Trunk or Treat...**

On Sunday, Oct. 28, from 3-4:30 PM, we will hold a “Trunk or Treat” Halloween gathering in our church parking lot and in O’Mara Hall. All are welcome.
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School
is proud to be recognized
for a second time as a
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
2008 and 2018

In 2008, when Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School first became eligible to apply for Blue Ribbon status, we were honored and proud to be named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education.

It is with great pride that we share the news that Cardinal Bernardin School — your parish school — received their second recognition in September 2018, as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. To receive the award once is a distinguished achievement. To receive the designation twice is an honor very few schools will ever achieve.

This award, which recognizes our students’ achievement through their hard work and dedication, would not have been possible without the exemplary efforts of our exceptional teaching and support staff, the engagement of our dedicated and supportive parents, and of course, the long-standing commitment of the pastors of our four sponsoring parishes. Additionally and importantly, CJB school wants to thank the parish staff and the parishioner families of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr for their prayers, support and encouragement over the years.

We are now prouder than ever to be YOUR PARISH SCHOOL.

CJB SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Cardinal Bernardin School is a regional, multi-parish school – for 3-year-old through 8th Grade students serving the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr.

Please contact Mrs. Cynthia Devlin at 708-403-6525 extension 127 or email cdevlin@cjbschool.org for registration information. And, please "save the date" of Sunday, January 27, 2019 (1pm until 3pm) for our Catholic School’s Week OPEN HOUSE. Be sure to tell your family and friends with school-aged children!
School Award a 2018 Blue Ribbon Award for Academic Excellence...

On Monday, Oct. 1, the United States Department of Education announced that our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School was one of forty-nine 2018 Blue Ribbon for Academic Excellence winners.

The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School first received this distinction ten years ago in 2008. In the intervening years the school has remained such a Blue Ribbon for Academic Excellence School, by maintaining its standards and scores. But in December 2017, it applied again for official consideration for this distinction. The school did so after my encouraging [nagging] them for the past three years as Executive Pastor [a role I stepped down from this past July 1]. I was after them to apply because it demands that the school rigorously evaluate its curriculum, staffing, and programs. It is the most effective way that I know for a school to “dot the ‘I’s and cross the ‘T’s” in its academic program.

The U.S. Department of Education has students test scores [high test scores are very much part of the evaluation] and a wide-angled look at the scope of the program. This process of evaluation allows a school to continue to improve itself. The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School met all of the criteria for this award. We are one of only twelve Archdiocesan Grade Schools who have received this distinction twice — our peer schools being:

- Infant Jesus of Prague School in Flossmoor [1998, 2004];
- Our Lady of the Wayside School in Arlington Heights [1997, 2015];
- Queen of All Saints School in Sauganash, Chicago [2008, 2018];
- St. Francis de Sales School in Lake Zurich [2007, 2018];
- St. Francis Xavier School in Wilmette [2012, 2018];
- St. Joan of Arc School in Skokie [1986-2011];
- St. Josaphat School in Chicago [2010, 2017];
- St. Joseph School in Libertyville [2009, 2017];
- St. Mary School in Buffalo Grove [2008, 2014];
- St. Theresa School in Palatine [2006, 2015];
- St. Therese Chinese Mission School in Chinatown in Chicago [2011, 2018].

This is a very distinguished list of schools in our Archdiocese.

The school principal, Mary Iannucilli, some of her staff, and I, will travel to Washington, D.C. in early November to join the other 2018 Blue Ribbon Schools [there are another 300 additional public grade and high schools chosen each year].

This will be my second time in attending such an event. In 2011, as pastor of St. Linus Church, their school was also named a Blue Ribbon for Academic Excellence award winner. These are great moments to celebrate.

Besides the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, six other Archdiocesan Catholic schools were awarded Blue Ribbons this year: Queen of All Saints School in Sauganash, in Chicago; Sacred Heart School in Winnetka; St. Bede School in Ingleside; St. Francis de Sales School in Lake Zurich; St. Francis Xavier School in Wilmette; St. Therese Chinese Mission Catholic School in Chinatown in Chicago.

We congratulate the students, families, teachers, staffs, and administration of the school on this outstanding achievement. They have made the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School one of the elite academic institutions in the nation. Fifty private grade schools and high schools are chosen for this distinction each year by the Department of Education. To reach that high level of achievement, to maintain it for a decade, and to be recognized again for such a high standard is something rightly to be proud of and to celebrate. As one of the four parishes which sponsor this regional Catholic School located on our parish campus, is a wonderful moment for our parish community which has so strongly supported this excellent school.

In an era when the “meme” in the media is that “teachers can not teach, students are not learning, and our schools are failing,” at least in our corner of the world we are doing something outstanding and worthwhile in forming the next generation. And also, in an era where the “meme” is that the Catholic Church is in disarray, at least in our corner of the world, we are succeeding in our parish mission of offering quality formation to the next generation. Congratulations are due to our parish for doing so well in this part of our parish mission.

Keep Smiling,

[Signature]
THE DIAPER GAP

Few people are aware of the "Diaper Gap" that exists in the United States. Needy families cannot purchase disposable diapers with most government assistance like food stamps and WIC. Diapers are classified with cigarettes, alcohol and pet food as disallowed purchases. Cloth diapers are not allowed in day care centers and most families in need do not have their own laundry facilities and commercial facilities do not allow cloth diapers to be washed in their machines.

The consequences of diaper need is astonishing.

America’s babies are being shortchanged. With 5.9 million babies in the U.S. aged three or younger living in poor or low-income families and disposable diapers costing up to $150 per month per baby with no government assistance. The average infant uses up to a dozen diapers a day and a toddler uses around 8. If a family cannot afford diapers, the baby may stay in a soiled diaper all day or the parent might clean out a soiled diaper and reuse it. Babies born into poor or low-income families can spend a day or longer in one diaper, leading to potential health risks.

Most childcare centers, even free and subsidized facilities, will turn away a child who arrives without a day’s supply of disposable diapers. Many parents can not go to work or school if they can’t leave their babies at childcare. Hence, babies live in home environments with more tension, less nurturing and possible abuse. Their chance to develop cognitive abilities and language skills normally is in jeopardy, and frankly, the uncomfortable baby will cry — a lot.

SWADDLE diaper bank fills the gap for partner agencies: Catholic Charities of Chicago, Southwest Region, COURAGE, Pro Labore Dei Chicago, RESPOND NOW, Roseland Christian Ministries, Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago and Together We Cope.

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

**WELCOME**

- Stephani Gannon
  (Child: Elijah Ghantous)

**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 10-7-18:
- **Callan Raymond**, Brian and Mary (Blachowicz) Norris
- **Justin Thomas**, Carl and Erin (McCarthy) Utz
- **Mackenzie Marie**, Jason and Gina (Rose) Helbling
- **Enrique Hashu**, Enrique and Estela (Menghamal) Aleman

**WEDDINGS**

Pray for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
- **Jordan Marks** and **Jacob Roberts**; 11-2-18

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:
- Jim Duffy
- Charles David Larson
- Robert Prost, Sr.
- Matthew Chollampel
- Kevin Fonte
- Sonya Skye Grant
- Marv Moraida
- Roseanne Meyer

And for our deceased:
- Margarita V. Oliva
- Belinda Reyes

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sat., Oct. 13 (5pm) Russel F. Tarver, Jr.; Larry Ryan
- Sun., Oct. 14 (7:15am) Lucille Bartels; Gregory Soprych
- (8:30am) Charles Lofrano; Lydia Irwin
- (10am) Patricia Anderson; Lorraine Maciejewski
- (11:30am) Paolo Valente; For All Parishioners
- Mon., Oct. 15 (9am) Terese Giamba; Tim McGlennon
- Tues., Oct. 16 (9am) Edmund Mirecki; Bob LaCosse
- Wednesday, Oct. 17 (9am) Tim McGlennon; Robert LaCosse
- Thurs., Oct. 18 (9am) Edwin Nedza; Bob LaCosse
- Fri., Oct. 19 (9am) Patrick O’Sullivan; George Cernick
- Sat., Oct. 20 (5pm) Ronald Jordan; Ralph Matul
- Sun., Oct. 21 (7:15am) For All Parishioners; Helene Lattyak
- (8:30am) Jane Duhig; The Purgatorial Society
- (10am) Dorothy Nelson; Margaret Radecki
- (11:30am) Larry Kucharski; Rosemary and Charles Pacenti
Jesus states that he is the way that leads to life. What is this way of Jesus?

Among other things, it is the way of wisdom, the way of pondering. The way of Jesus is the way of standing amid all delight, joy, contradiction, ambiguity, division, and complexity with a heart and a faith big enough to somehow hold it all.

Jesus’ way is the way of holding things.

Part of this can be understood by looking at its opposite. The opposite of the way of wisdom, the way of holding things, scripture tells us, is the way of amazement. Time and time again, the crowds following Jesus are described as being amazed at what he says and does. Always they are chided for it: “Don’t be amazed!” Jesus says. Amazement is not what Jesus wants and it is never something that does us good.

Why? Is it not good to be amazed? Yes, amazement can be good, if it is the amazement of a child where amazement is wonder, agnosis, a stunning of the intellect into silence and a sense of its own limits. That is good, but that is rarely true in adults. For us, normally amazement is not wonder, but cheerleading, and invariably we end up hating what formerly amazed us. The same persons who were amazed at Jesus and who tried to make him King would, not long afterwards, shout: “Crucify him!” What we are amazed at we will eventually try to crucify, as every celebrity soon learns. Amazement is the opposite of wisdom.

If amazement is bad, and the opposite of wisdom, what is good and what is wisdom?

Pondering and helplessness, these are wisdom.

We see an example of this in Mary, Jesus’ mother. She is never amazed. When others are amazed she goes off and instead, silently, ponders things in her heart.

This is also true of the disciples of Jesus, though only on occasion. Normally, like the crowds, they are amazed and need some prodding. Jesus tries to provide this. One such example happens after Jesus’ exchange with the rich young man. Jesus asks him to give up everything and follow him, but the young man is unable to do so. He goes away sad. Jesus then turns to his disciples and says: “I tell you that it is harder for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.” How do the disciples react?

They are not amazed. There are no wows, no cheerleading, no congratulating Jesus on how wonderful he is. No. They are stunned: “If that is the case, then who can go to heaven?” Paraphrased, that might read: “If that is the case, then we are all in deep trouble!” Jesus’ answer brings them face-to-face with their own helplessness, their poverty, their limits, and to the searing realization that they do not really have things figured out as they think they have. And that paralysis is good since it forces them to wonder, to again take on the helplessness of the child.

When we are amazed, we are not wise and we hold nothing together. In amazement, we fall prey to every kind of superficiality, novelty, trick, and one-sided ideology. Amazement is the unrecognized face of fundamentalism, the antithesis of wisdom. The way of amazement is the way of fundamentalism, the way of letting one piece, or person, be the whole.

And the way of amazement is everywhere: We look at our sports heroes, our rock stars, and all kinds of other pop celebrities and we say: “Wow. Be my King! Be my Queen!” Soon enough we also say: “Crucify him! Crucify her!” We take a first course in something (psychology, theology, liturgy, adult education, feminism, ecology, whatever) and emerge from that initial classroom starry-eyed, newly angry at the world, devoid of compassion; in brief, amazed. We begin then to crucify a whole lot of people and things. Small wonder, the poet, Alexander Pope, once suggested “a little learning is a dangerous thing.” It too easily leads to the way of amazement.

The way of wisdom is the way of pondering, the way of holding every kind of pain, suffering, delight, and contradiction long enough until it transforms you, gestates compassion within you, and brings you to your knees in thousand surrenders.

You and I are wise, and we walk the way of Jesus, when we are so stunned by it all that, in wonder, we ask: “If that is the case, who then can be saved?”
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the Gospel reading for World Mission Sunday, Jesus reminds us of His mission “to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Through Renew My Church, we embrace this mission in which He calls us to serve others and give new life in Christ. In celebrating World Mission Sunday, we as members of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago proclaim the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ throughout our world.

The World Mission Sunday collection, celebrated worldwide on October 21, provides vital assistance to over 1,000 economically poor dioceses responding to spiritual and material needs across Africa, Asia, and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. It also resources churches and religious congregations that accompany people facing poverty, violent conflict, and displacement in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

It is my hope that every parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago embraces World Mission Sunday as an opportunity to join with the global Church in making disciples throughout our world, as we are called to do during the Renew My Church process. May our witness inspire others in our Chicago community, especially young people, to embrace the call to love and follow Christ. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archdiocese of Chicago

When you give to Missions you give to the World.
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
A Pontifical Mission Society
The Seniors of Seton invite all to a
MORNING OF REFLECTION
with
BISHOP RONALD HICKS
Tuesday, Oct. 30
Mass: 9:00 am
Reflection: 10:00 am
McBrady Center

The Bishop will share inspirational stories and spiritual reflections since he was asked to become a bishop. This Morning of Reflection is open to the public. There will be a free-will offering taken to help support his ministry to the children of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos. He will travel to El Salvador to visit them in mid-November. Any questions, feel free to call Doug Benker at 708-429-4518.

Happenings at Portiuncula Center for Prayer

WOMEN’S RETREAT: SPIRITUALITY AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION AT THE PORT
Saturday, Oct. 27, 10am, to Sunday, Oct. 28, 12 Noon
$145 (program/meals/overnight) $95 Commuter (program/meals). On this autumn weekend, take time to explore the relationship between spirituality, creativity and the arts. Cultivating creativity can be a spiritual practice, a path to freeing our imaginations and developing valuable skills for vital living in the world. The retreat will offer a variety of opportunities for reflection and self-expression, including a session on Soul Collage. Facilitators: Amanda Clark Reed CST and Janice Keenan, OSF.

ALL SOULS AND ALL SAINTS DAY Scattering Seeds of Hope in a Weary World
Monday, Oct. 29, 9am to 12 Noon
Fee: $25. Pope Francis will be raising the blessed to sainthood this October 14 and Archbishop Oscar Romero is one of those spiritual giants. His character and courage have a way of shining light on those unexpected paths we are called to walk upon and the people we meet along the way. We will usher in a week of remembering those great people of faith who depend on us to carry on and do the work that is now ours to do! Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM.
Register at 815-464-3880 or info@portforprayer.org.

Newborns In Need
We are in serious need of new members...
The next meeting of the Seton Sowers Chapter of Newborns in Need will be held on Monday, Oct. 15, at 9am, in O’Mara Hall. If you are considering joining a charity, Seton Sowers would be happy to have you join us in providing items to premature or sick babies who need to spend time in the hospital. We welcome knitted, crocheted or sewn items as well as baby toiletries or cash donations. Donations can be dropped off at the Monday meeting or other arrangements can be made by calling my phone number. If you have any questions, please call Carol Dimer at 708-479-6994.

JOYFUL AGAIN! Retreat/Workshop
If you are widowed and struggling with the loss, this program will help you move on while still treasuring your past memories. The retreat/workshop is for men and women (all ages): Nov. 10/11, Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia; Nov. 17/18, Our Lady of Angels Retreat House, Lemont. For more information please call 708-354-7211 or email joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Please visit www.joyfulagain.org (video).
A Few Words about the Ministry of Prayer...

**SACRED SPACE**

The Sacred Space Prayer Ministry began over 10 years ago by our second pastor, Fr. McBrady, who introduced the parish to Sacred Space the Prayer Book. The movement comes out of Ireland’s Irish Jesuit community.

The prayer book offers short, in-depth meditations on the scripture for each day throughout the church year. It includes a weekly process of praying with the Scriptures that “can be habit-forming”. This many of our parishioners will attest to. Each year a new edition is published in time for the First Sunday of Advent. It is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to grow in prayer and their relationship with God. It takes no more than 15 minutes to read over and reflect on the message of the day.

Each month a few members of our parish community and Scripture Study members go a step further and gather to share their reflections on how God has touched their lives, and how God works through them. The reflection group meets on the first Monday of each month in the Fr. Gubbins’ Center for Faith Formation. Members form a faith community and share the depths of their reflections and the richness of God’s friendship with them.

Here are some comments from Sacred Space members:

“As I make my way through the spiritual life, it is absolutely crucial that I have a strong support network walking beside me, willing to listen to my fears, welcoming the good that I do... The Sacred Space Community does that for me.”

“Sometimes all it takes is some time alone at Sacred Space to center my faith again.”

“I try to start each day with Sacred Space.”

“I find it inspiring and useful in allowing me to move through my day more conscious of the gifts I receive from God.”

ORDER YOUR COPY NOW!


**NEXT SACRED SPACE RELECTION GROUP MEETING:**

FLU SHOT CLINIC AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON NEXT SUNDAY!
OCTOBER 21 8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM, MCBRADY CENTER

Fluarix Quadrivalent*
- 3 years of age and older: $25
- Medicaid (Title 19) card holders (ages 18 and under) can ONLY receive the Flu vaccine at our monthly immunization clinic.
*Fluarix protects against four different flu viruses.
*Fluarix is preservative free.

Flublok Quadrivalent*
- 18 years of age and older: $40
  *Flublok is 100% egg-free.
  *Flublok is highly purified and preservative free.
  *Three times more antigens than traditional flu vaccine.

Fluzone High-Dose*
- Adults 65 and older: $40
  Individuals with Traditional Medicare Part B: Orland Township will bill Medicare for vaccine(s).
- Those with a Medicare Advantage Plan or Retiree Plan (depending upon your insurance plan), may be able to submit vaccine receipt for reimbursement.
  *Fluzone HD Vaccine is preservative free.

Pneumonia Vaccine(s)*
Pneumovax 23- $100
*Orland Township will bill Traditional Medicare for vaccine.

Prevnar 13- $195
*Orland Township will bill Traditional Medicare for vaccine.

Orland Township’s 2018 Flu Clinics are all walk-in (no appointment necessary) and for anyone 3 years of age or older. The Pneumonia vaccines (Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 13) will also be available at the Orland Township flu clinics to adults 19 years of age or older; consult your doctor first to find out which pneumonia shot you need. Traditional Medicare Part B card must be presented at the time of vaccination.

ORLAND TOWNSHIP FLU CLINICS
14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park
Mondays & Wednesdays 3pm-6pm
September 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26
October 1, 3, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31
Sunday, September 16 • 8:30am-1pm
St. Francis off Assisi • 15050 Wolf Road, Orland Park

Tuesday, September 18 • 10am-1pm & 3pm-6pm
Orland Park Library • 14921 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park

Sunday, September 23 • 8am-1pm
St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr • 17500 84th Ave., Tinley Park

Sunday, September 29 • 10am-1pm
ORLAND TOWNSHIP DRIVE THRU CLINIC
14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park

Sunday, October 14 • 8am-12:30pm
All Saints Lutheran Church • 13350 S LaGrange Rd, Orland Park

Sunday, October 21 • 8am-2pm
St. Elizabeth Seton • 9300 W. 167th St, Orland Hills

For more information call (708) 403-4222
St. Michael Church invites all men to their Annual Men’s Retreat

“IT’S EASY TO LIGHT A FIRE”
with Retreat Director
Rev. Brian Welter
Saturday, Nov. 10
St. Michael Church
14327 Highland, Orland Park

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8-9am
Fee: $45 (required at registration)
Make checks payable to St. Michael Parish
Luncheon and Dinner included
TO REGISTER CALL 708-349-0903

Fr. Welter, M.Div., S.T.B., is Vice Rector for Formation at Mundelein Seminary. Fr. Welter holds a B.S. (in Manufacturing Technology) from Bradley University, S.T.B. M.Div., University of St. Mary of the Lake. Ordained a priest in 2005 for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Former Associate Pastor of St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Orland Hills. Former Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Adjunct faculty member with the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha.

We are pleased to announce the expansion of our recycling efforts at St. Elizabeth Seton Church and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School. While cardboard/paper have been recycled in the past, now a full range of plastic bottles/containers, glass bottles and metal cans are added.

These special recycling bins are placed next to the trash bins in high traffic areas (i.e., O’Mara Hall and McBrady Center). Signs will be placed over the recycle bins as to what is permissible for recycling, until users are educated. It’s always important not to contaminate the recycling waste streams with non-recyclable material. We appreciate everyone’s effort in trying to help us in this Care for Creation initiative.

Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato Si’ calls on us to examine our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to environmental degradation. We hope this action will drive new behaviors and significantly shrink the amount of material we landfill, as we work longer term to reduce our waste stream.
WE ARE CELEBRATING WITCHES NIGHT OUT!
Be creative! Come with your best witch costume!
Prize for BEST COSTUME!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Doors open at 6:15pm ● Meeting begins at 7pm

PRIZE FOR BEST WITCH CONTEST!

● Photo Booth!
● Games!
● Oktoberfest food (brats and more!)
● Appetizers and desserts are always welcome!

Please bring a friend and come for free this month!
Proclaiming the Word of God:
Training New Lectors
Tuesday, Oct. 16/Thursday, Oct. 18, 7-9pm
St. Germaine Parish, 9711 S. Kolin, Oak Lawn
This two-part workshop focuses on the Theology of The Word, the history of the Mass, liturgical language, proclamation skills and the gifts required for liturgical ministry. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Chicago Vicariate V Commission. To register email Maria (Cooky) Perez-Eraci at perezeraci@gmail.com.

Spooktacular Family Fun
Brookdale Orland Park Assisted Living, 16051 S. LaGrange Rd., invites you to join them on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 2:30-3:30pm, for spooktacular family festivities. Dress in your favorite Halloween costume and enjoy a delicious meal while listening to great music. Complimentary admission. For reservations or more information call 708-403-2001.

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CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP 360 REVIEW PROCESS
FOR FATHER JOHN ZUREK

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

October, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Your Associate Pastor, Fr. John Zurek, is participating in the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process. This review is part of the ordinary structure required by Archdiocesan Policy of every diocesan priest approximately every five years. It is an opportunity for Fr. Zurek to recognize his talents and to grow to become a better priest and pastoral minister. Your Dean, selected members of the parish staff and parish leadership, and I will be asked to be reviewers using this instrument.

Further, diocesan policies also state that parish lay leadership and parishioners be given the opportunity to recognize his gifts and to share their sentiments about his ministry. So, we are providing a parish-wide survey as part of his review process. The survey can be easily accessed by going to the Archdiocese’s web page (https://www.archchicago.org/) and clicking on Offices and Ministries on the top panel. This will bring you to an alphabetical listing of offices. Under ‘M’, select Ministerial Evaluation. You will then be directed to the Ministerial Evaluation webpage. In the middle of the page, you will find “360 Catholic Leadership review for priests”. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Polish. Please click on the word ‘Link’ next to your appropriate language to access the survey.

If you have any concerns or comments pertaining to Father’s review, feel free to contact me directly. If you have any further questions or suggestions about the review process you may contact Fr. Bob Heidenreich, Coordinator of Ministerial Review and Priests Programs, by email (rheidenreich@archchicago.org) or by phone at the Priests Placement Office (312-534-5237).

When the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process has been completed Fr. Zurek will be asked to share the insights he has received and his further developmental plans with you in the parish bulletin and on the parish website.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate and provide constructive information.

Sincerely yours,

Most Reverend Andrew R. Wypych, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate V
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Respect Life Month is an effort the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to help Catholics understand, value, and engage with building a culture that cherishes every human life. Each week of October we will share the USCCB articles.

KILLING THE PAIN, NOT THE PATIENT:
Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide

Assisted suicide is in the news and on lawmakers’ agendas. Supporters call it “aid in dying” and claim it is just another option for ending intolerable pain as part of end-of-life care. But assisted suicide is radically different from end-of-life care and the practice of palliative care, the healing art of relieving pain and other distressing symptoms for patients who are seriously ill. In fact, these two agendas are at war with each other...

By Richard M. Doerflinger and Carlos F. Gomez, M.D., Ph.D.

Different Drugs, Different Results

When properly prescribed for the pain of serious illness, powerful pain medications like morphine and other opioids are safe and effective. Patients can have their pain well-controlled without risk to life, and generally stay alert as well. Assisted suicide is very different. Where it has been legalized, doctors can prescribe a lethal overdose of pills to patients whom they think will die within six months, so they can kill themselves. The patient then intentionally swallows a massive overdose of barbiturates to cause unconsciousness and death.

The Importance of Intent

Besides having opposite results, these two approaches express different intentions. While pain medication is generally safe under medical supervision, it may have side effects. For example, barbiturates may be used in rare instances to sedate an agitated patient in the final stage of dying if other pain control methods are inadequate, though this poses some risk of shortening life.

In such cases, the doctor and patient must assess the good they intend and proceed only if this good outweighs the unintended adverse effects. As risk cannot always be eliminated, modern medicine would be impossible without this “principle of double effect.” The key is that no one involved intends the bad effects, especially the bad effect of killing the patient.

Assisted suicide, by contrast, directly intends the patient’s death, which is never morally permissible. The doctor prescribes an intentionally lethal overdose, with instructions on how to use the pills to cause death. (Interestingly, there is no record that any patient, accidently surviving the overdose ever tried it again).

Medical organizations like the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians oppose doctor-assisted suicide, in part because it destroys this essential distinction between intended and unintended effects of treatment. Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately cause death.

Eliminates the Problem, Not the Patient

Palliative care also addresses symptoms beyond physical pain, in ways that go beyond medication. Patients facing serious illness may feel hopeless and depressed, as though their lives have lost meaning. Addressing psychological, emotional, and spiritual problems is essential to palliative care. Assisted suicide alleviates none of these problems, but gives in to them. Consider that about half of patients who had requested assisted suicide under the Oregon law in its first three years changed their minds when the doctor provided palliative care. Yet in Oregon, almost none of the patients receiving lethal drugs were evaluated to assess whether their wish for death arises from treatable depression — and over half say they requested the drugs partly because they feel they are becoming a “burden” on others. Offering assisted suicide can only confirm and strengthen that feeling. It ignores the underlying problems, instead of abandoning and eliminating the patient who has the problems.

Assisted Suicide Undermines Palliative Care

Assisted suicide is determined not only for individual patients, but also for patient care on a large scale. In countries like the Netherlands, where assisted suicide has been accepted for many years, progress in palliative care has stagnated. In Oregon, legalization was followed by an increase in severe untreated pain among terminally ill patients. During a period when 1,832 hospices opened in other states, only five opened in Oregon. In other states legalizing assisted suicide, use of hospice care has fallen below the national average. By contrast, when states pass new laws forbidding assisted suicide, while affirming that doctors may use drugs like morphine for effective pain control, use of these medications has increased — indicating progress in pain management practices.

The reason is obvious. Optimum palliative care requires years of training and experience, as well as a commitment to the patient as someone with inherent dignity who deserves excellent care. Assisted suicide avoids the need for this hard work and erodes this commitment. It provides a “quick and easy,” as well as cheap, answer to terminal illness. Once death is accepted as a solution, why bother to devote resources to more expensive medical progress?

Assisted suicide does not enhance medicine. As noted by a doctor specializing in palliative and hospice care in the Netherlands, killing “becomes a substitute for learning how to relieve the suffering of dying patients.”

True Love and Mercy

Do we see people as the problem, such that our responsibility begins and ends with helping patients kill themselves? Or, do we see seriously ill patients as fellow human beings who deserve our love and solutions for their problems? Will we succumb to the “false mercy” of assisted suicide, or will be endorse what Pope St. John Paul II called “the way of love and true mercy”? Will we dedicate ourselves to providing genuinely compassionate care as a society and for our own loved ones? Our answer today determines the care available now and for years to come.

For bookmark references please visit: http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/killing-the-pain.cfm
SWIFT SPEAKERS FORUM

South West Interfaith Team

Women in Faith

Christian, Muslim and Jewish Perspectives

DATE:
Sunday October 14, 2018

TIME:
Registration 2:30pm
Program 3:00pm–6:00pm

LOCATION:
Faith United Methodist Church
15101 South 80th Ave
Orland Park IL 60462

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

SPEAKERS:

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Muslim Perspective

Rev. Mary Rawlinson
Christian Perspective

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Jewish Perspective

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NOVEMBER 6 LUNCHEON

After the meeting and entertainment, a delicious meal of roast turkey and the trimmings will be catered by Jack and Pat's. Cost is $8/person. Deadline to purchase tickets in the Parish Office is Tues., Oct. 30. No ticket sales day of luncheon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following trips are filling up quickly!
Members please bring your date book AND your checkbook to each meeting so as not to miss out.

FARMHOUSE ACADEMY—NOV. 27—TUESDAY
11:30AM-1:30PM
COOK, CREATE, ENJOY!
Hands-on cooking class to create four new appetizers that will impress at all of your holiday events. We will be taste-testing our own creations and will receive the recipes to take home. Fee: $35/member. Register by Nov. 16.
****Transportation on own to Farmhouse Academy 8940 W. 192nd St., Unit L, Mokena.

SANFILLIPO CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DEC. 11—TUESDAY
Cost: $115 member. Members may make reservation with full payment in the parish office or at a monthly meeting. Make check payable to SOS. Submit bottom portion of reservation form and note: ATTENTION ANNA.

Reservation forms/information for events available at monthly meetings and in the parish office. For trip Information/questions, call Anna Talley at 708-532-6731.

The new 2019 Golden Opportunities Books are here! Only $20! Available at monthly meetings & parish office!

SAVE THE DATE

MORNING OF REFLECTION
WITH BISHOP RONALD HICKS
TUES., OCT. 30, 9AM MASS/10AM REFLECTION
MCBRADY CENTER

ANTHONY’S COAL FIRED PIZZA FUNDRAISER
NOV 12-15 (Flyer coming soon)

SAINT OF THE WEEK
SAINT TERESA OF AVILA
1515-1582
Saint Teresa of Avila lived before and during the Council of Trent. Having experienced the Reformation, she felt a need for reform, but took things in a different direction than the Protestants. Teresa set an example for present day reformers.

TERESA LIVED IN AN AGE OF EXPLORATION, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND RELIGIOUS UPEAVAL. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and world is threefold: She was a woman; a contemplative; and an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man’s world of her time. She entered the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic—she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman “for God,” a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer, a woman for God; and a woman “for others.” Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, reform. In her self, prayer, life, and efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

COMMENT
Ours is a time of turmoil, a time of reform, and a time of liberation. Modern women have in Teresa a challenging example. Promoters of renewal, promoters of prayer, all have in Teresa a woman to reckon with, one whom they can admire and imitate.
Congratulations to Jim and Gale Murphy who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017.

ANNIVERSARIES

Join families and friends for an afternoon of fun and games at our Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat at St. Elizabeth Seton Church!

This is a FUN & FREE FAMILY ACTIVITY!
PRIZES FOR TRUNKS THAT ARE DECORATED AROUND THE THEME OF THEIR CARVED PUMPKIN:
(win a prize for Most Creative and Kid’s Choice)

Bring your Children ages 0-11 in their costumes (please keep from overly scary themes as this is a family event). Children will gather in the Church Hall and families will have a chance to open up their trunk or van and decorate it. Once finished, the children will be invited to Trick-or-Treat from car-to-car. (Stock up on your candy now!)

Fun games, movie, and activities in the Church Hall throughout the evening.

Ten Teens (16+) and Adults are needed to make this event successful!
Call/Email Kyle Groves to register your vehicle or lead activities for the children. 708-403-0101 X105/kgroves@steseton.com

St. Elizabeth/St. Stephen Church
A TAILGATE FAMILY FUN EVENT
Sunday, October 28
3-4:30 pm in the Parking Lot
Primary Teaching Position Available at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, 9250 W. 167th St., Orland Hills, seeks a licensed, primary teacher for a 12-week maternity leave. Candidate should have two-three years experience preferred. The position begins (approximately) October 29, 2018.

Interested candidates, please send a resume to Le-Ann Broshous at lbroshous@cjbschool.org or Mary Iannucilli at miannucilli@cjbschool.org. Please feel welcome to contact us with any questions about the position.

PICK WHAT YOU PONDER:

**CHOOSE JOY**

*Saturday, Oct. 20, 9:00 am until 12 Noon*

**Queen of Martyrs Church St Joseph’s Room**

**10233 S. Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park**

Do your thoughts run wild with negative thinking, worry, stress, unmet expectations, what if this and what if that? Is peace, joy and contentment missing from your life? Give yourself the gift of three hours on Saturday morning and learn to replace unwanted thoughts with positive, healthy beliefs and God’s truth, and live the life God created just for you! Please RSVP to JoAnne at jojocpa@gmail.com or call 773-520-7454. Please consider bringing an item for the Courage and Domestic Violence Shower to the event.

TRUNK OR TREAT HELP NEEDED

The Youth Ministry program is seeking six to eight adult volunteers who are gifted with creative design and would be willing to organize the following:

- Decoration
- Games
- Food
- Prizes
- Clean-up
- Entertainment

For information and sign up email Kyle Groves at kgroves@steseton.com or call 708-403-0101, x105.

CAMP MANITOQUA RETREAT

*Saturday, Nov. 17-Sunday, Nov. 18*

We are hosting a student retreat at Camp Manitoqua for freshman to senior high school students. This is a collaborative retreat with St. Stephen, St. George, St. Julie and St. Francis Youth Ministries. The purpose of this retreat is to introduce teens to Christ and to assist in furthering their relationship with Jesus. We will be participating in teambuilding games, witnesses of faith and enjoying the beauty of nature.

*There is limited space available so sign up soon.*

The cost to attend is $75. Contact Kyle Groves to sign up by calling 708-403-0101x105 or email kgroves@steseton.com.

Creation Care Corner

**Taking action to protect God’s great gift to us**

— Mother Earth

“Praise be to you my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us…”

— St. Francis

The Creation Care Team will have its next meeting on Monday, Nov. 12, 7-8:30pm, in the Gubbins Center (NE corner of 167th St. and 94th Ave.). All are invited.

**THIS WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:**

Plant trees. Trees absorb the greenhouse gases that cause global warming. Millions of acres of forests are destroyed each year through deforestation and logging, accounting for about 20 percent of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions. Planting trees also helps prevent soil erosion, increases land fertility and can add value to your property, as well as providing shade to reduce energy bills. When selecting trees, choose native types to support local wildlife.

Be Still...

**A Call To Centering Prayer**

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to REBOOT on Wednesday, Oct. 10, Centering Prayer has moved to the following week, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7:00 pm**

**Gubbins Center for Faith Formation**

You are invited to join in an hour of quiet time and learn about Centering Prayer. The group usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Gubbins Center located on the corner of 167th St. and 94th Ave. Questions? Call Marge Quinn at 708-460-5357.
NEXT WEEK’S FOCUS:
LEADERS WHO SERVE, SERVANTS WHO LEAD

A good portion of discipleship is balancing the place of servanthood, and leadership in our lives. In some way, each of us is called to do both in our life of faith.

■ FIRST READING
My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

This passage comes from the fourth of the songs of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. It presents the idea that the servant will suffer for the sake of his people. Through his suffering and death, their sins will be forgiven. Furthermore, God will reward the servant for the fact that he gave up his life by raising him from the dead. (This is how he will see fullness of days even though he dies for the sake of our sins.)

■ SECOND READING
Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

One of the central images of the Letter to the Hebrews is that Jesus is our High Priest. He offered up the sacrifice of his own life. (He was, therefore, both the priest lifting up the offering and the offering itself.) We are filled with confidence, for although Jesus exercised this great office, he nevertheless was able to identify with our weakness. He experienced everything we do except sin, so he understands us and can empathize with our need.

■ GOSPEL
Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

Over these past several weeks we have seen two predictions of the passion and the numerous examples of how the disciples misinterpreted what Jesus was saying. Jesus spoke of giving up his life in service, while the disciples thought in terms of power and prestige. This Gospel is one more example of their incomprehension. Immediately before this passage Jesus has predicted his passion a third time. James and John respond to this prediction by asking for the favor of sitting on Jesus’ right and left. This is comparable to telling your best friend that you are dying, and hearing that person say that it is a shame but could they have your car when you are gone. Jesus speaks of the fate of suffering and dying for others in terms of being baptized and drinking the cup of which he is to drink. This reminds us that both of these sacraments (Baptism and Eucharist) are forms of dying to oneself in order to live for and in Christ. He also tells them that the greatest in the kingdom is not the one who is served by others, but rather the one who serves. This is a Gospel logic that is contrary to the values of the world.

■ REFLECTION
How do you describe the qualities of a leader? According to online dictionaries, a leader is someone who directs a group, has commanding authority, manages activities, or is the principal player in a group. Common to these definitions is being the “first of all.” We do not find the definition that Jesus offers: “Whoever wishes to be the first among you will be the slave of all. (Mark 10:44)”, like Jesus, who came to serve and not to be served. Pope Francis keeps asking that Church leaders smell like the sheep, to be with their people. This is true for all of us, whatever our role in the Church might be. We are called to live with God by drinking the cup of a sacrificial love that attends to and responds to the needs of all. Then whether others see us as first, last or in-between won’t matter, because serving like Christ, the servant leader, will be our hallmark and defining characteristic. Who is an example of a servant leader for you? Why? When is it difficult for you to live the sacrificial love that Jesus models and asks?

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Scripture Reflections for TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 21, 2018

LIVING the WORD

October 14, 2018
**ST. ELIZABETH SETON**

**PRAYER/OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Social Action Ministry**
How we serve: Soup Kitchen in Joliet; Sharing Parish with St. Procopius Church; Pro Life Ministry: COURAGE Program, Mother’s Day Flowers For Life, Life Chain Sunday, Diaper Drive; Respond Now Outreach; SWIFT (South West Interfaith Team); Environmental Ministry; Speaker nights.

**Seton Rosary Group**
All are invited to pray the Rosary each Tuesday/Thursday in the church, by our statue of the Mary, after 9am Mass.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
Divine Mercy Chaplet each Wednesday following the 9am Mass.

**Creation Care Team Ministry**
A cross-parish *Renew My Church* initiative taking action to promote positive environmental change through education, individual action and community outreach in the spirit of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*. Second Monday each month, Gubbins Center, 7pm. Call Andy Panelli, 708-301-8038.

**Heart Warmers Meal Ministry**
Heart Warmers is an outreach program where Seton volunteers deliver homemade meals to people of our parish community when they are experiencing times with medical, health, new baby, recovery, or grief issues. To schedule receiving a meal or to become a meal provider contact Barb Cristofaro at 708-349-7493 or heartwarmers-ses@att.net.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**
Shawls are prayerfully created, blessed, and distributed to those who have a need for the spiritual, physical or emotional comfort. Knit or crochet in your home and/or at the twice-monthly meetings. To become a knitter or to obtain a shawl, call Sharon Leone at 708-226-4836.

**Seton Sowers-Newborns in Need**
If you knit/crochet/sew, your skills to make clothing/blankets for premature newborn babies at the University of Illinois Hospital. We meet monthly in the O’Mara Hall. Donations of yarn/fabric/baby toiletries/supplies accepted. For information/meeting dates, contact Arnie Skibinski at skibins@comcast.net.

**HOPE Employment Ministry**
HOPE is open to everyone. All of our services, to both job seekers and employers, are free. We meet the first Tuesday of each month in O’Mara Hall at 7pm. Our meetings consist of networking, resume review, guest speakers and open forums. Contact Arnie Skibinski at skibins@comcast.net.

**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 O’Mara Hall, Thursdays, 7:30-8:45pm. AA is a fellowship of men and women sharing their experience, strength, and hope so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover. The only requirement is a sincere desire to stop drinking.

**Families Anonymous**
If your life has gone astray due to living with someone who has a substance abuse problem, attend a Families Anonymous on Mondays from 7-8:30pm at Palos Hospital, 123rd and 80th Ave., Palos Heights (Ambulatory Care Center, Rm. 1). Call 708-429-2507 or 708-269-9853.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**
Anyone within parish boundaries in need of assistance from SVDP, may call the parish office at 708-403-0101.

**ST. ELIZABETH SETON**

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**New Parishioners** We welcome new members. All are invited to participate in the life and mission of the parish. A complete listing of parish services and 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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered 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 six children per Sunday.

**Baptismal Preparation** Couples preparing for the birth of their child should contact the Pastoral Center to register for a one night seminar, focusing on a parent’s role in faith development. This session is mandatory prior to the Baptism.

**Anointing of the Sick** is 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 for Adults**
Adults, 18 and 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. For information call the parish office 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 Pastoral Center 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 Pastoral Center.

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

**Wedding Workshops** are offered throughout the year. They provide engaged couples with guidelines and suggestions for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. The workshop covers topics ranging from readings and music to flowers and video taping.

**Adult Choir** sings at all 10am Sunday Masses, as well as at a number of special liturgies.

**Teen Choir** sings at the 11:30am Sunday Masses.

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

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A FINAL THOUGHT FOR YOUR WEEK
TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
by Maria Beneveto, Celebration Magazine

At a Napa Valley winery in California, there stands a life-sized statue of a camel contemplating an enormously over-sized needle (photo, center). Even though the needle is so scaled up that the camel has to stretch to see through its eye, the eye is still much too small for the camel to even stick its head through. Yet if the camel’s resolute expression is any indication, it’s convinced it will eventually find a way.

This piece of artwork naturally calls to mind today’s Gospel reading in which Jesus tells his disciples it is easier for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. It seems an odd choice for a winery frequented by its many wealthy patrons. Aren’t they disturbed by the apparent reminder that their passage into heaven would be impossibly small even if it were hundreds of times wider?

But why should I expect them to be alarmed? Church-goers hear this Gospel over and over again without being compelled to sell our possessions. Like the camel statue, even when the evidence to the contrary stares us in the face, we still believe we can find a way through without really changing.

In homilies and reflection groups, I have always been given abundant excuses to hold on to my possessions, rarely hearing anyone argue that Jesus meant what he said literally. People bring up alternate translations, Jesus’ penchant for hyperbole, or his assurance that all things are possible with God. Others suggest that it is simply necessary to be detached from worldly goods, not to actually give them up. Some even hedge by pointing out that Jesus’ advice might not be universally applicable.

But if we look at the Gospel and today’s other readings, the question becomes not, “Can we hold onto our possessions and still get into heaven?” but, “Why would we want to hang on to our possessions?”

The young man who leaves (to return to his riches, we assume) is the only sad person in any of today’s readings. Others are enriched, joyful or astonished and impressed by God’s ways. The first reading tells us that the spirit of wisdom is preferable to riches, health, beauty and light and is the source of all good things. Meanwhile, the psalmist sings for joy at God’s love and kindness, even celebrating past suffering because of its resulting reunion with God.

In the reading from Hebrews, Paul tells us that the word of God is “living and effective … penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.” Are any of our possessions that powerful? Do they know us so intimately as the word of God?

Finally, Jesus tells us that the way to gain eternal life and treasure in heaven is to give up what we have for his sake and the sake of the Gospel.

It is certainly legitimate to consider the background of Jesus’ call to renounce possessions or to take other responsibilities into account when discerning what and how to give. But, we should also consider that Jesus meant what he said and knew what he was talking about when he said that riches keep us apart from God. Having more than we need can be a sign that we haven’t loved our suffering neighbors enough to use our gifts to help them. The pursuit and enjoyment of material comfort can obscure our dependence on God or distract us from following God’s will.

While we are assured that there is still hope when we fall short — with God all things are possible, Jesus reminds us — that is no reason to ignore Jesus’ call. When we make excuses for hanging onto wealth, it not only deprives us of the opportunity to serve others who might benefit from what we could give, but also robs us of the opportunity to pursue what is really valuable: wisdom, prudence, God’s love and presence and eternal life in the kingdom of God.
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