This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

Mark 12:43
Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

We especially remember those who are currently serving from our parish and families: Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Veteran’s Day...

This Sunday, Nov. 11, is the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the so called “Great War”—World War I. World War I sadly was not the war to end all wars, as so many at the time wished for. It was the first modern war, with mechanization, mass mobilization, and massive deaths of both soldiers and civilians. Our prayer this weekend is for all who died in the First World War, for all our noble veterans of all U.S. wars, for peace, and for all who work as peacemakers.

Back from Washington D.C. ...

I am back this weekend from the U.S. Dept. of Education Award Ceremony for schools awarded a Blue Ribbon for Academic Excellence. Due to the bulletin publishing deadlines, I will share an account of the event next week. What happened in Washington will not stay in Washington!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry ...

The St. Elizabeth Prayer Shawl Ministry will be displaying their handiwork next weekend, Nov. 10-11, in the Narthex after all the Masses. Just in time for Thanksgiving Day family get togethers where we can share a prayer shawl with loved ones to let them know that we keeping them in our prayers as they battle illness or other transformations in their lives.

Practice, Practice, Practice...

There is an old joke which has a tourist visiting and finding themselves lost in New York City asking a native New Yorker the question: “How do you get to Carnegie Hall?” and the New Yorker’s answer is: “Practice, practice, practice.”

This Thursday, Nov. 15, 26 of our Director of Music, Linda McKeague and 26 parish choir members, will travel to New York City to perform next Sunday, Nov. 18 at the famed music center, Carnegie Hall, in a concert conducted by the renowned Music Director Pepper Choplin. They face five hours of rehearsals on both Friday and Saturday, with more rehearsal time prior to the Sunday performance. It will be an intense few days. They will be part of a 250-member ensemble, and are the only Catholic Church Choir members in the group. I am sure they will learn a lot. The choir is self-funding this experience, but the parish will benefit from what they learn. We wish them well on this adventure.

For the Eagle Eyed...

On Wednesday of this coming week, I will have my second eye surgery—this one for my right eye. I happily flew through my last surgery on my left eye. After the surgery I took an hour and a half nap, and then walked over to the parish offices to knock off two hours of desk work. My follow up visit the next morning allowed me to drive on Thursday afternoon. I absolutely flew through the entire experience. Thanks God! And I am now hoping for a repeat.

The surgery was a cornea debridement. A person’s cornea should be smooth like a pool ball, mine had developed valleys and ridges. The surgeon went in with a chemical and a sponge and scraped/smoothed/debrided the cornea. Other than needing the heavy duty sun glasses to cut back on glare, all went well.

It’s Beginning To Look a Lot Like...Advent...

Now that the calendar has turned the page to November, we begin to anticipate the Season of Advent, a season of joy filled anticipation of the Feast of Christmas. Advent is a busy time when we abound in good works. We will have our 10,000 Villages Fair Trade event, Ham and Turkey Food Drive for Thanksgiving, our Toy Drive for Respond Now, a gift and “necessities” drive for St. Coletta Home, and the Christmas Gift Drive for our sharing parish of St. Procopius. A smorgasbord of choices for you to participate in and do good works.

Similarly in December we will have a smorgasbord of celebrations: our Advent Parish Reconciliation Service [Dec. 2 at 7:00 PM], our Music Gala [Dec. 9 at 3:00 PM], “Bambinelli Sunday” [December 15-16], when we bring our Jesus crèche figures to church to be blessed and which is also the Sunday when we will have Donuts with Santa and the Kids’ Living Nativity. Finally on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 7:00 PM, we will have the closing celebratory night of Simbang Gabi, the Filipino Novena Celebration, with our Episcopal Vicar, Bishop Andrew Wypych. It will be a rich season for our parish.

The October Count...

Thanks to our Greeters for all their good work in counting attendance at our weekend Masses. Our October 2018 results are:

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Our average weekend count was 1,677 people per weekend. This compares to 1,793 people in attendance each weekend in October 2017, a drop of 116 people, about a .065% drop. In 2016 we had 1,766; in 2015 we had 1,926; in 2014 we had 2,131; in 2013 we had 2,336; in 2012 we had 2,194 in attendance.
Our Parish Ministry Fair...

I forgot to mention that a total of 62 parishioners signed up to join our various parish ministries and organizations during the two ministry fairs in October. This does not count people who have joined our various organizations at the beginning of the calendar year in August/September, nor all those who volunteered to be part of our Religious Education Program during our recruitment drive over the summer. Our parish continues to be generous in terms of people volunteering to become involved in parish life.

Men’s Club...

The St. Elizabeth Seton Men’s Club will meet this Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

Women’s Club...

The St. Elizabeth Seton Women’s Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Day Mass...

We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day together as a parish family at the 9:00 AM Mass, on Thursday, Nov. 22. This is one of the most joyous celebrations of our liturgical year. It is one time when everyone knows why they are at Mass—to give thanks to God for blessings in their lives. The intense focus of our prayer, our sense of gratitude to God, all make for a special celebration. Please join us.

Congratulations to A.A. ...

Our Alcoholics Anonymous [A. A.] Group that meets in O’Mara Hall on Thursday evenings just celebrated being at our parish site for 15 years this past November 1st. They are a quiet but powerful support group that saves lives and brings healing into the world. We keep them and their good work in our prayers.

The Roofing Project...

Depending on our weather this past week, theoretically [and I love theory] there is a chance that by the time you read this our massive church roofing project will be nearly finished. If there is some delay, we should almost most definitely be finished by Thanksgiving week. We will have just barely beaten the snowfall. Hurrah! Our parish has been in a constant state of construction since the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School closed early last June for the summer break. We first began with the cement work and masonry repair on the school side of the project first, so that the tuck-pointers would not be grinding the masonry joints when students were in class from the end of August to late September. This meant that the roof repair could not begin until October 3rd, when the masonry work was concluded. [We did not want masons to be in the way of the roofers.] This then meant that we had a very tight roof replacement time-frame before the winter weather sets in. This did not allow us to have the roofers stop for our daily Masses, nor for our school Masses. If we had done so, this would have added 21 additional hours of work over the past six weeks and it would have upped costs, but more importantly, endangered the project finishing before winter grips us. Thanks to the good stewardship of our parishioners for providing the bulk of the funds for these projects. Each year the parish contributes as part of our budget, $77,500 into the Capital Repair Fund. The Cardinal Bernardin School similarly contributes $47,500 into this fund. We are setting the buildings up for use by the next generation.

“Stealing from the Best”....

Local Regional Catholic Grade School administrators from Canton, Michigan, dropped by for three hours the other week to visit, tour, and learn from the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School. They are planning on applying in 2019 to the U.S. Department of Education and seek to be named a Blue Ribbon School for Academic Excellence, and they wanted to “kick the tires” and see what a Blue Ribbon School for Academic Excellence looks like, and to learn from the best as they dot “I”s” and cross “T”s” on their own application. This is another “tip of the hat” to our own Regional Catholic School—that academic administrators seek to come to learn from us. The ripple effect of this mission of our parish expands wider and wider.

Our Annual Parish Financial Report...

This weekend I intend to speak at all of our Masses to thank our congregation for their good stewardship and generosity during the past fiscal year of 2017-2018. We ended the year in positive territory [“the black”] while supporting the many missions of our parish and taking good care of the parish’s physical resources/buildings and grounds. This report has been mailed to all parishioners so that everyone is aware of where we stand financially. I thank Donna Stolinski our Business Manager, and Joe Dillon, our parish consultant, for their hard work, as well as our parish Finance Council for their oversight and advice. A copy of the report is found later in this bulletin. Thank you to everyone for their financial support of our parish.

Keep Smiling,
Our ladies have been working very hard to provide shawls, so we have an abundance of them! Help us to distribute shawls to someone who may have a need for them, whether yourself, or someone you know...

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Stop by the Narthex today after Masses
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

ONCE AGAIN... A PRAYER SHAWL DISPLAY/DISTRIBUTION!

The purpose of the Shawl Ministry is to prayerfully create shawls for those in our Parish Family and community, as a gift for healing, protection, strength, courage, and celebration. Shawls are crafted, for example, for those undergoing medical treatment, grieving the loss of a loved one, in times of crisis or loneliness, celebrating joyful times, or at any time that a person is experiencing a physical, spiritual, or emotional need for the comfort, hope, peace, love, and prayerful remembrance that a shawl can bring.

Each shawl maker begins to knit or crochet with a prayer for the recipient. Each time the work is taken up, the prayerful intention is renewed. Upon completion of the shawl, the group says a final prayer, then a priest or deacon gives his formal blessing. The shawls are meant to symbolize God’s loving embrace. Shawl recipients continue to be prayed for at each of our meetings, and at the meetings of Prayer Shawl Ministries throughout the world.

If you would like to pick up a shawl for yourself or someone you know, please visit our display in the Narthex after all the Masses on November 10 and November 11. Please give us the first name of the eventual shawl recipient so we can inscribe it in our Prayer Intentions Book. There is no charge for the shawls, however, donations are gratefully accepted.

Please continue to pray for our ministry, and thank you to all who are already praying for us!
The weaving cooperative Ruth and Naomi is located in Chontola, near Chichicastenango. The project emerged out of the terror and desperation of Guatemala’s civil war. With the help of a local Methodist pastor and his wife, some widows banded together to support their families through sales of the community’s traditional woven crafts. Of the initial group of 18 women, all had lost husbands, fathers, or both to the government’s “scorched earth” policy of the 1980s. The name was chosen because it spoke of two widows from the Bible who were without resources, but who worked and survived.

Scholarships make it possible for teens to complete high school in Chichicastenango while living in the project compound. Some have gone on to complete university degrees. The project has also started a health and nutrition center. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Ruth and Naomi since 1993.

St. Elizabeth Seton Church—NEXT WEEK!

FAIR TRADE ARTISAN WORLD MARKET

Saturday, Nov. 17    9:00am-7:00pm
Sunday, Nov. 18     8:00am-1:00pm

Please join our world market in the downstairs O’Mara Hall.
Hospitality offering light refreshments, featuring
Fair Trade coffee, candies, soup, chili, and dips.
Sponsored by the Seton Social Action Ministry.

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

Young women have a brighter and better future. Children are able to attend school and create their own due to the added income fair trade brings to their families. Each week we will highlight just some of the groups and artisans.

Please prepare for your holidays prayerfully, give generously and shop responsibly to have a miraculous impact on those most in need. Fair Trade items provided by Ten Thousand Villages, one of the world’s oldest and largest Fair Trade organizations. All purchases will help to alleviate poverty through trade rather than aid.

- LINENS
- ORNAMENTS
- BEAUTIFUL KNITS
- COFFEE
- JEWELRY
- HOME DECOR
- CHOCOLATES
- TABLE TOP
- SOUPS/DIPS
- BASKETS
- TOYS/GAMES
- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- GLOBAL TREASURES
- STATIONERY
- AND MORE!
FOR YOUR INFORMATION
The St. Elizabeth Seton Parish offices are closed this Monday, Nov. 12, in honor of Veteran’s Day. Our heartfelt gratitude to all our veterans and to all currently serving in the military.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Distribution
Saturday, Nov. 10/Sunday, Nov. 11
Distribution in the Narthex
Seniors of Seton Fundraiser
Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza
November 12/13/14/15, Orland location
Tear out flyer in this bulletin
St. Procopius Turkey/Ham Drive
Saturday, Nov. 17, 9am–12 Noon
Drop off in the Seton Church parking lot
St. Procopius Christmas Gift Tag Distribution
Saturday, Nov. 17/Sunday, Nov. 18
After all Masses in the Narthex
Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Craft Fair
Saturday, Nov. 17, 9am-7pm
Sunday, Nov. 18, 8am-1pm,
O’Mara Hall (downstairs of church)
Advent Reconciliation Service
Sunday, Dec. 2, 7pm
St. Elizabeth Seton Christmas Concert
Sunday, Dec. 9, 3pm
Free Gala Dessert Fundraiser
follows in McBrady Center
Children’s Living Nativity/
Men’s Club Donuts with Santa
Sunday, Dec. 16, after all Masses
O’Mara Hall (downstairs of church)
Simbang Gabi Mass
Saturday, Dec. 23, 7pm
Reception to follow in McBrady Center

WELCOME
Kelly Galvin
(Child: Daryella Acevedo)

BAPTISMS
Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 9-23-18:
Ava Grace, child of Samuel and Ashly (Jebens) Libretti
Bennett Matthew, child of Matthew and Emily (Saathoff) Mackanin
Giovanni Cristiano, child of Kevin and Jamie (Whitehouse) Coleman
Guinevere Anne, child of James and Victoria (Petersen) Boyer
Colton James, child of Jonathan and Malorie (Kustusch) Ryczek

WEDDINGS
Pray for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Christine Corrigan and James Murphy; 11-16-18
Nicole Lambrigger and Patrick Messer; 11-24-18

PLEASE PRAY FOR
We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:
Valerie Gier Casimir Rzegocki Frank Fett
Jackie Morales Marianne Powell Richard Hallstein
Kevin Fonte Donald Roberts Sue Sanders
And for our deceased:
Tom Cohoon Joyce Jordan
Carol Letterman Lorraine Pacini
Bill Hendry William Leahy
Michelle Crosby-Potts
“Heavenly Father, accept the prayers which we offer for them.”

MASS INTENTIONS
Sat., Nov. 10 (5pm) Franz and Lorraine Hetfleisch;
Gianna Vaccarello
Sun., Nov. 11 (7:15am) Therese Shea; Paolo Valente
(8:30am) Victor Sadowski; Ruthmary Colton
(10am) Patricia Anderson; Kaitlyn Kears
(11:30am) Fred Moskal; For All Parishioners
Mon., Nov. 12 (9am) Jack Martin; Kathleen Kelliher
Tues., Nov. 13 (9am) Maria Roti; Margaret Keating
Wednesday, Nov. 14 (9am) Brian Maziarka; Harry Ulrich
Thurs., Nov. 15 (9am) Monica Kreten; Patrick Coleman
Fri., Nov. 16 (9am) Thomas P. Kelliher; Kathleen Soprych
Sat., Nov. 17 (5pm) Bill and Helen McNamara; For the Intention of Ryan and Lisa DeMarcol
Sun., Nov. 18 (7:15am) For All Parishioners; Larry Kucharski
(8:30am) Joan Sipowicz; Charles LoFranco
(10am) Grace Beissel; The Purgatorial Society
(11:30am) Patricia Pasco; Raymond and Frances Klomes

STEWARDSHIP
COLLECTION FOR 11-4-18:
$25,250.00
KIDS’ COLLECTION:
$73.98
Thank you for your generosity.

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Our Attitude Towards Wealth

By Rev. Ronald Rolheiser

The rich are getting richer, and we are almost beyond surprise at how rich that is.

Every day, our newspapers, our televisions, and the internet, report financial compensations that, even just a generation ago, were unimaginable: Corporate executives receiving a hundred million dollar bonuses, an athlete signing a contract for a hundred million dollars, entertainers signing contracts for tens of millions, people in information technology earning billions, and ordinary folks everywhere joining the Millionaire Club.

And what's our reaction? Difficult to judge. We express indignation and protest that this is out of proportion, even as we nurse a not-so-secret envy: I wish it was me!

We adore the rich and famous, pure and simple, and in the end, despite our envy, we grant them their due: Good for them! They worked for it. They have the talent. They deserve all they get!

But how should we view being rich from a faith perspective?

Jesus warned that riches are dangerous, dangerous to the soul and dangerous to society. So what should be our attitude towards having wealth, both as this pertains to the very rich and as it pertains to us?

First, it is good to avoid a number of things: To begin with, we must never idealize poverty and see wealth as a bad thing in itself. God is rich, not poor, and heaven will not be a place of poverty. Poverty is something to be overcome, eradicated. The poor don't enjoy being poor. Next, we must avoid too-quickly politicizing both poverty and wealth. Our lens must always be moral rather than political, though obviously both wealth and poverty have huge political implications. Finally, before attacking the possession of wealth, we must ensure that we are free from embittered moralizing which, whatever its moral possession of wealth, we must ensure that we are free from embittered moralizing which, whatever its moral guise, is little more than envy.

What principles should guide us in terms of an attitude towards wealth?

Underlying everything else, we must always keep in mind Jesus’ warning that the possession of wealth is dangerous, that it is hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Moreover that warning should be a huge aid in helping us to accept some other principles:

FIRST — The possession of wealth is not a bad thing of itself; it is how we use it and what it can do to our hearts that can be bad. Jesus makes a distinction between the generous rich and the miserly rich. The former are good because they imitate God, the latter are bad. When we are generous, particularly in a very prodigious way, riches won’t close our hearts. But the reverse is also true. All miserliness, all stinginess, all lack of generosity closes our hearts in ways that make it hard to enter the kingdom of heaven, or genuine human community to put in purely human terms.

And so the challenge for all of us who are rich in any way is to continually give our wealth away. We need to do this, not because the poor need what we give them, though they do; we need to do this so that we can remain healthy. Philanthropy, of every kind, is more about the health of the one giving than the health of the one receiving. The generous rich can inherit the kingdom, the miserly rich cannot. The poor are everyone’s ticket into heaven—and to human health.

FINALLY — This too must always be kept in mind as we view wealth, both our own and that of the very rich. What we have is not our own, it’s given to us in trust. God is the sole owner of all that is and the world properly belongs to everyone. What we claim as our own, private property, is what has been given to us in trust, to stewards for the good of everyone. It’s not really ours.

FURTHER STILL — We need to remember that it wasn’t just our own ingenuity and hard work that gave us what we view as our own. The fruits of our labor are also the fruits of other peoples’ labor. We too easily lose sight of that. Here’s how Bill Gates Sr. puts it:

Society has an enormous claim upon the fortunes of the wealthy. This is rooted not only in most religious traditions, but also in an honest accounting of society’s substantial investment in creating fertile ground for wealth-creation. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all affirm the right of individual ownership and private property, but there are moral limits imposed on absolute private ownership of wealth and property. Each tradition affirms that we are not individuals alone but exist in community—a community that makes claims on us. The notion that ‘it is all mine’ is a violation of these teachings and traditions. Society’s claim on individual accumulated wealth is … rooted in the recognition of society’s direct and indirect investment in the individual’s success. In other words, we didn’t get there on our own. (Sojourners, January-February, 2003)

Indeed, none of us did! If we remember that we will more easily be generous.
Dear St. Elizabeth Seton Parishioners,

During this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving we are mindful of all of our blessings. One blessing which we all share is being part of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. The many missions of our parish community: educating the next generation in faith through our parish Religious Education Program, and our U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon for Academic Excellence Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Regional Catholic School; deepening the faith of our community through Scripture Study, the Book Club, and Prayer Groups; worshiping our God through daily and weekend liturgies; building community through our Men's Women's and Seniors of Seton Clubs; and outreach and support to those in need through our Hope Group for those seeking work, our Domestic Violence Outreach efforts, our Creation Care Team education efforts, and the charitable support of St. Procopius, our sharing parish; all these missions show the vitality of our parish. They are ways that we are blessings to our surrounding area, as well as the wider community.

These many vital missions of our parish could not go on without the good stewardship and generosity of our parish. The enclosed financial report is an outstanding record of such support. In 2017-2018 you donated in total $1,925,473 to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. After all expenses we ended with a surplus of $101,684. We continue to accelerate the pay down of the mortgage of our church buildings, and are being aggressive in maintaining our property, replacing thirty-one year old parts of our parish plant. We are using the resources that you provide prudently.

I thank you for your good stewardship and generosity. Without it, our many Missions could not continue.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. William T. Corcoran, Ph.D., Pastor.
ST. ELIZABETH SETON  
FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 PARISH REVENUE AND EXPENSE ANNUAL REPORT

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**Total Parish Surplus/(Deficit):** $101,684  
($116,647)  
($14,963) (j)  
($23,828)

FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 HISTORICAL BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISONS

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CASH BALANCE SHEET  

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<td><strong>($45,618)</strong></td>
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FINANCIAL NOTATIONS:

(a). From this total, $303,817 was applied to the church mortgage loan, $258,504 in principal and $45,313 in interest. This amount was reported as extraordinary income thereby saving the parish $39,496 in assessments. This agreement was negotiated between Fr. Corcoran and the archdiocese. Also, $11,130 in offertery envelope expense was deducted saving the parish an additional $1,447 in assessments.


(c). Shared capital funds applied to shared capital expenses.


(e). Includes Director, Administrative Support, and Maintenance Staff.

(f). Of this total, $258,504 came from church collections, $116,000 from TTWCI contributions, $35,115 from current year donations and $3,546 from prior year donations.

(g). SES Contribution to Shared Capital Funds - $77,500, HVAC Systems - $24,500, Signage - $11,366, Landscape Project - $10,047


(i). Various music donations and fundraisers raised $17,730 which was applied towards music ministry expenses.

(j). Total Church Operating Deficit, (operating surplus of $398,202 less church mortgage loan payment of $413,165).


(m). Remaining balance after payment of $413,165.

(n). 2017 October Count

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Men’s Club News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- General Meeting
  Wednesday, Nov. 14
  Doors to McBrady Center open 7pm
  Meeting starts 7:30pm
  Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving meeting…
  There will be a turkey raffle as well as a turkey dinner with the trimmings. There will be a “turkey” Bowling Competition with a prize in the Senior (70 and over) Division as well as the Young Studs (????) Division for under 70. Seniors will be bowling with a frozen Cornish hen. The Young Studs (again????) will be using a frozen turkey.

- Mark your calendars for these future events:
  - Tuesday, Nov. 20
    Night of regular bowling at Tinley Bowl in Tinley Park.
  - Tuesday, Dec. 4
    A trip to a model train layout in Palos – all aboard!
    Come to the November meeting to get more information on both events. Information will also be sent out by email. New members welcome. Dave Weber will be available to collect unpaid dues. All are welcome!

Marian Catholic Open House

Sunday, Nov. 18, 1-4pm. 99% Class of 2018 college-bound, $21.9 million scholarships awarded to Class of 2018, 93 AP Scholars. Contact Tony DeCarlo: 708-756-9770, decarlo@marianchs.com.

2019 Golden Opportunities

Books ARE HERE!

Still Only $20!

Golden Opportunities allows you to save thousands of dollars at a variety of your favorite LOCAL merchants that include: dining pleasures, casual dining, entertainment, sports, retail, and more!

Available in the parish office and at Seniors of Seton meetings!

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God’s great gift to us
— Mother Earth

“The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself…”
— Pope Benedict XVI

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:
Meat production accounts for about 15% of climate warming greenhouse gas emissions. Most meat comes from factory farms that are heavily polluting. Choosing meat products from organic, pasture-raised, grass-fed animals helps. Cutting back goes a long way toward helping the environment and can improve your health. During Lent we already have meatless Fridays. Perhaps consider a year-round effort? What about adding a meatless Monday? A couple of facts to consider when selecting meat: chicken production generates only ¾ of the global warming emissions of beef and lamb production and is better for the environment. Pork production generates about ½ the emissions of red meat.
The St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry will be in the Narthex the weekend of Nov. 17/18, to distribute the names for Christmas gifts for St. Procopius. Please follow these guidelines:

1) Buy a NEW GIFT.
2) Please attach the gift receipt.
3) Wrap the gift.
4) Attach gift tag provided to you onto the gift.
5) Make sure the tag has the “P-number” on it.
6) Do not bundle gifts.
7) No bows please.
8) Please return your gift to St. Elizabeth Seton Church BY WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12.

If you have questions, please call Doug Benker at 708-429-4518.

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

Turkey and Ham Drive for St. Procopius
Saturday, Nov. 17  9 AM-12 NOON

St. Elizabeth Seton will once again be collecting turkeys and hams for St. Procopius Church between the hours of 9:00am-12:00 Noon in the St. Elizabeth Seton Church parking lot. Volunteers will be on hand offering “curb-side” service to receive your donation. Jewel Store certificates will also be accepted. Please call Doug Benker at 708-429-4518 to volunteer.

Christmas Gift Name Distribution for St. Procopius
Saturday, Nov. 17/Sunday, Nov. 18
All Weekend Masses

The St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry will be in the Narthex the weekend of Nov. 17/18, to distribute the names for Christmas gifts for St. Procopius. Please follow these guidelines:
The next St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry is Tuesday, Nov. 13, 9:45am, in the Gubbins Center for Faith Formation. All are welcome.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE

The next journey to the Daybreak Shelter Soup Kitchen is Sunday Nov. 18. For information or to volunteer call Nancy Arredia at 708-873-1957.

CHANGES IN VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT TO SHELTER

The St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry hosts the Soup Kitchen every third Sunday of the month and every fifth Saturday of the month. Our “Big White Van” will no longer be able to provide transportation for volunteers needing a ride. We ask that if you choose to volunteer you might consider taking a couple of volunteers as we “caravan” to the Shelter together. We are hoping not to loose one of our super and cherished volunteers due to this change. Our thought is that when we all meet in the parking lot nearest the McBrady Center (8-8:15am) we can share the transport of volunteers by taking turns each month as a driver. Since the parking is so limited at Daybreak Shelter, sharing the ride would be great, instead everyone driving alone. If you have questions concerning this please call Bernadette at 708-532-5635 (H) or 708-925-4321 (C).

A deep, heart-filled thank you to all those that have come to volunteer over the years — even if only once.

The Lord’s blessings to you,
The Social Action Ministry

NEWBORNS IN NEED

the next meeting of the Seton Sowers Chapter of Newborns in Need will be held on Monday, Nov. 12, at 9am, in the downstairs meeting room of O’Mara Hall (lower level of the church). meeting room off the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. We donate items to hospitals that care for premature and sick newborn babies.

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.

If you have selected a name for the St. Coletta Christmas Gift Drive… please remember that your gift is due back to the parish office by WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14.

Thank you for your generosity.

Attention
Date of Meeting changed:

Wednesday, Nov. 14
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.
St. Elizabeth Seton Advent 2018 Advent Wreath and Candle Sale

One of the ways we prepare for the Advent season in our homes, is to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath and Candles. The four weeks of Advent help us to prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day and the anticipation of His coming again. Advent 2018 begins on December 2nd and continues until December 24. Advent is a time to pray, a time to wait, and a time to hope. This year we are inviting you to purchase an Advent Wreath for your home. A prayer for each week will be included with the wreath to help us remain in the Advent Season until December 24. Three of the candles are purple (or blue), reminding us to pray and serve others lovingly to help prepare the way for Jesus. The candle for the third Sunday of Advent is rose-colored. This color symbolizes our joy as the birth of Jesus draws near.

The Advent Wreath is 9 inches in diameter and made of artificial Pine Cones and Foliage. $15.00
Orders must be placed by November 12, 2018.
A limited supply is available!

Please complete your form and return it w/payment in the box located on the Narthex Counter or to the Parish Office. Make check payable to St. Elizabeth Seton Church for $15.00.

Your Name

Your Address

Your Telephone Number

Your Email Address
Dear Parish Family,

St. Elizabeth Seton’s Music Department has a 31 year History of providing quality music to the Southwest Suburbs and beyond. Our Sunday liturgies, special liturgies and services are enhanced by beautiful, spiritual, uplifting music provided by our talented volunteer cantors, choirs and liturgical dancers. They are often enhanced by the addition of wonderful instrumentalists who travel to our parish from near and far to be part of our celebrations. Our two annual concerts are enhanced by a full orchestra. Seton’s music is a wonderful mixture of classic, contemporary and traditional music. The first concert on Sunday Dec. 9, at 3PM, will be followed by a Dessert Gala Fundraiser complete with raffles, wine and beverages.

Our Music Department relies on donations, our Annual Gala Fundraiser, and Ad Books, to continue our tradition of enhancing our music with instrumentalists at our concerts and liturgies. In order for the Seton Music Department to continue bringing inspirational and beautiful music of such high caliber to our communities and parish, we need your assistance.

A Seton Music Program Sponsorship is a great way for your family to show your support for the continuation of presenting quality music to our parish and surrounding communities. An Ad Book with your advertisement will be included in the program of each of our concerts this year. At each concert, we have an expected attendance of over 600 people. The following form details available ad size and cost. Most importantly, your gift will enable the St. Elizabeth Seton Music Department to continue their gift of music to the parish and community.

God bless you and thank you for considering to become a Seton Music Sponsor.

Linda McKeague
Director of Music
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
9300 West 167th Street
Orland Hills, IL
708-403-0101, ext. 112
Seton Music Program Sponsorship

Yes, I would like to support the 2018-2019 Seton Music Program by becoming a Seton Music Sponsor. You are hereby authorized to publish an ad spot for the Concert Series Ad Book.

Name ________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Email _______________________________________________________________________________

Authorized by/Contact ________________________________________________________________

_____ I am enclosing camera-ready artwork for an ad spot.

_____ Please use my business card as ad copy.

_____ Please use exact wording below for my ad:


_____ I will not be placing an ad at this time, however I would like to make a donation to support the Music Program Concert Series. Please accept my donation of

$ __________

Your ad placement will be featured in an ad book for the following music concert performances:

Music Sponsor Opportunities:

• Whole Note Sponsor (full page [7.5” x 4.5”]): $300

• Half Note Sponsor (half page [3.75” x 4.5”]): $200

• Quarter Note Sponsor (quarter page [1.875” x 4.5”]): $100

Memoriam Page $20
Your loved one will be remembered on a special memoriam page in our programs at each concert.

Name of Loved One ________________________________

Please make checks payable: St. Elizabeth Seton Music

DEADLINE DATE: November 19, 2018

PLEASE CONTACT: Linda McKeague, St. Elizabeth Seton Director of Music
Phone: 708-403-0101, ext. 112 Email: lm@steseton.com
HELP RAISE SOME DOUGH
For Seniors of Seton

November 12-15

Mention Seniors of Seton at Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza & 20% of all tracked Dine In or Take Out sales will be donated to Seniors of Seton.

Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza
Hours
11:30AM to 10:00PM

ORLAND PARK
708-873-7900 | 14205 S. La Grange Rd.
Saint Josaphat dedicated his life to healing the split within the Ruthenian Church. While he made some headway, sadly the division extends to today. But his life and efforts were not in vain, for both influenced many Orthodox to be united with Rome.

In 1964, newspaper photos of Pope Paul VI embracing Athenagoras I, the Orthodox patriarch of Constantinople, marked a significant step toward the healing of a division in Christendom that has spanned more than nine centuries.

In 1595, the Orthodox bishop of Brest-Litovsk in present-day Belarus and five other bishops representing millions of Ruthenians, sought reunion with Rome. John Kunsevich—who took the name Josaphat in religious life—was to dedicate his life, and die for the same cause. Born in what is now Ukraine, he went to work in Wilno and was influenced by clergy adhering to the 1596 Union of Brest. He became a Basilian monk, then a priest, and soon was well known as a preacher and an ascetic.

He became bishop of Vitebsk at a relatively young age, and faced a difficult situation. Most monks, fearing interference in liturgy and customs, did not want union with Rome. By synods, catechetical instruction, reform of the clergy, and personal example, however, Josaphat was successful in winning the greater part of the Orthodox in that area to the union.

But the next year a dissident hierarchy was set up, and his opposite number spread the accusation that Josaphat had “gone Latin” and that all his people would have to do the same. He was not enthusiastically supported by the Latin bishops of Poland.

Despite warnings, he went to Vitebsk, still a hotbed of trouble. Attempts were made to foment trouble and drive him from the diocese: A priest was sent to shout insults to him from his own courtyard. When Josaphat had him removed and shut up in his house, the opposition rang the town hall bell, and a mob assembled. The priest was released, but members of the mob broke into the bishop’s home. Josaphat was struck with a halberd, then shot, and his body thrown into the river. It was later recovered and is now buried in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. He was the first saint of the Eastern Church to be canonized by Rome.

Josaphat’s death brought a movement toward Catholicism and unity, but the controversy continued, and the dissidents, too, had their martyr. After the partition of Poland, the Russians forced most Ruthenians to join the Russian Orthodox Church.
November 11, 2018

Next Week’s Focus:
The End Is Near—or Is It?
In a way, it would be simpler to live out the rest of our lives if we knew precisely when all would come to an end. Jesus calls us to something more difficult: living that way even though we don’t know.

First Reading
Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).
The readings for the last week of Ordinary Time are always a bit apocalyptic in nature. They are preparing us for the end of the Church Year and also for the end of the world. This reading speaks of Michael, the archangel, who will fight a great battle against the forces of evil. There will be a time of tribulation. Apocalyptic books always spoke of this tribulation as a time when the good would be tested and the evil would be defeated. Finally, those who have died will rise from the grave, some to receive their eternal reward and others to be condemned and suffer their eternal punishment.

Second Reading
Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).
Jesus is the perfect High Priest who offered the sacrifice of his life and love once and for all time. There was no need to repeat this sacrifice, for it was perfectly effective in obtaining the forgiveness of our sins. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are not repeating the sacrifice of Jesus one more time. At Mass, we pass outside of the normal understanding of time and place. We are present again at the Last Supper and Mount Calvary. We are not repeating it; we are once again present at it.

Gospel
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).
Jesus speaks of the end of the world. He uses language that was in vogue during his time, e.g., tribulation, cosmic disturbances, etc. Jesus also speaks of the Son of Man descending upon a cloud. This is a citation from the Book of Daniel, which states that the Son of Man will appear before the Ancient One (Yahweh) to receive power and dominion. Jesus is saying that he will rule over the heavens and the earth at the end of time. Jesus tells his listeners to look for signs, but he also tells them that no one knows when it will occur. We are always seeing signs of our own end (e.g., gray hair, pain, etc.). These are reminders that we will not last forever, and therefore should be ready for our end. As for the end of the world, while we believe in it, we do not know when it will occur.

Reflection
How many generations thought that they lived during the end-times? World War I was the “war to end all wars.” World War II saw the Holocaust and atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Vietnam War gave us Agent Orange. Today we fear terrorism and ISIS. At each of these times, it seemed as through “the powers in the heavens [were] shaken” (Mark 13:25b), and it was “a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time” (Daniel 12:1b). Personal events like death, divorce, accusation, or a terminal diagnosis often feel the same. Yet here we are. Life goes on. Jesus says, “Of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). We do not know when the end will come, globally or personally. We do know that life is terminal. An end will come. Vigilance and focusing on the words that will not pass away help us find Christ present with us at all times. St. Francis de Sales calls this “The Will of God’s Good Pleasure.” There is no place or thing where God is not present: health and sickness, life and death, terror or peace. God desires our good, that is, freedom from evil. In other words, life happens and God is always there. So look for God in all circumstances of life. Find the Son of Man with you, whatever happens. Be vigilant! Look! Listen! Christ is with us and will help us to be ready whenever the end comes.

Readings for the Week [November 12-18]

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Sunday, November 25, 2018
@ St. Elizabeth Seton Parish GYM

12:30am-4:30pm

Need to do some Christmas shopping?
Just bring your children to St. Elizabeth Seton for a
day of fun! St. Elizabeth invites all parishioners, CJB
students, R.E. students, and their friends too!
Please bring your children to the gym entrance located on
Haven Avenue to check in. Drop-off and pick-up will be
from the Saint Elizabeth Seton Gym Entrance.
Hosted by Branches Youth Ministry

• Games
• Competitions
• Music
• Arts & Crafts
• Basketball

There is no charge! Any Donations will go to-
towards our Branches Summer Mission Trip. We
look forward to you coming to our Kids Day!

For Information: Call Kyle Groves, Youth/Young Adult
Minister, @ 708-403-0101 X105 or Email:
Kgroves@steseton.com
Kevin, a lifelong resident of Hickory Hills and a 2006 graduate of Stagg High School, at the age of 29 was diagnosed with a rare genetic disease called Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP) which has developed into colorectal cancer. Kevin is the first in his family to have this terrible disease. He has recently undergone chemotherapy and radiation to help him fight his cancer. Because of the FAP disease, Kevin will undergo surgery to have his colon removed and then receive chemotherapy for an additional five months.

Kevin has an increased risk of other digestive tract cancers, that will require monitoring for the rest of his life. To ensure that Kevin receives the best medical care available and to reduce his financial strain, his family and friends are organizing a benefit on his behalf and they are asking for your support. Your generosity will make a difference in Kevin’s life. Thank you in advance for your support, encouragement and continued prayers.

Presale tickets $35/at the door $40
Includes Buffet dinner/dessert/beer/wine/non-alcoholic beverages
Entertainment • Raffles • split the pot

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For more information or tickets, contact: Grandson to Seton staff/parishioner, Joan Nemec

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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.

Chapel of Divine Mercy
Divine Mercy Chapel 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 Carol Dimer at 708-479-6994.

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

by Karen Seaborn, Celebration Magazine

It was a warm afternoon in the Holy Land when I experienced the extraordinariness of Jesus’ teaching. Walking around Capernaum, our guide called our attention to a large, weed-like plant, which he identified as a mustard tree. Seeing this plant literally overgrown and present everywhere, I could imagine the kingdom of God as Jesus describes it — a tiny mustard seed that spreads and overtakes all in its path. We walked further and came across an ancient, heavy concrete object. Our guide identified this object as a millstone — used in Jesus’ time to grind wheat. As I gazed at this millstone, I could hear Jesus’ voice warning me not to let any children stumble, or it would be better to have a large millstone placed around my neck and be thrown into the sea. The mustard seed and the millstone meant something to the disciples then, and, having seen them, they meant something more to me now.

The extraordinariness of Jesus’ teaching was that he used ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people then, and he uses ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people today.

Which brings us to today’s Gospel. Mark begins by telling us that Jesus is standing in the Temple area, which we know was a place of great activity. Imagine what it must have been like that day: Jesus, standing in a group of disciples, people bustling about. In the midst of this activity, Jesus spots a group of religious leaders, perhaps walking quickly — as important people are always walking quickly — sporting their fancy robes and warmly greeting each other, but too busy or too important to greet the common people. Jesus, aware of the teachable moment right in front of them, turns his gaze back to his disciples and warns them not to be like those leaders, who looked so good on the outside, but whose hearts were cold on the inside, cold enough, in fact, to “devour the houses of widows.”

Then, Mark’s Gospel tells us Jesus sits directly across from the treasury receptacles into which worshippers placed their offerings. As Jesus sits there and watches the people make their offering in the treasury, he notices a group of rich people putting in large amounts of money. Can you hear the “cha-ching, cha-ching” as the many coins of the rich people rush down the metal receptacles? Can you feel their sense of pride at the sound those coins make, indicating the size of their great offering? And then Jesus sees a poor widow approach and place her two small coins into the treasury. No fanfare. No cha-ching but a simple, dull “clink-clink.”

It seems worth noting that, unlike today’s first reading, there is no reward for this poor widow. Jesus does not heal her or reverse her poverty. He does not even speak to her. Rather, Jesus uses this everyday occurrence, with which his disciples would have been quite familiar, as an opportunity to teach. He simply, but profoundly, points out the difference between the poor widow and all the others, noting the greater value of her offering in which she has given her whole livelihood. Indeed, she has surrendered all she has.

And I wonder… when the risen Christ walks around with me today, in the ordinariness of my life, gazing at my calendar, my checkbook, my credit card statements, the people with whom I spend my time, my attitudes and choices…

— Where would Christ find my heart?
— Does he see in me a religious leader who values prestige and power?
— Does he see in me a rich person who values money?
— Does he see in me a surrendered person who values Christ, and all that Christ loves, more than prestige, power, money?

Jesus used ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people then, and he uses ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people today.

Lord, you keep faith forever, so that each small deed or moment of our lives is joined to yours as you reign in glory. As you enable us to protect strangers and care for the orphan and widow or widower, we find ourselves living with your compassion and you are transforming us into your likeness. Amen.
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