

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Your
light
must
shine

FEBRUARY 5

before others, that they may
see your good deeds and
glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Mayor's Forum ...

On Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7pm, in the McBrady Center, **Mayor Hastings** of Orland Hills, will have an evening to hear comments about a proposed Marijuana Dispensary near 167th and LaGrange Rd., where the Ace Hardware Store used to be. All parishioners and Orland Hills residents will be welcomed to attend and offer comments.

Parish-Wide Trivia Night ...

Ready, set, go! This Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, in the McBrady Center we are holding our Annual Parish "Trivia Night" hosted by our Women's Club. Who will earn bragging rights? Look forward to a lot of fun.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School Open House ...

Thanks to all who participated in last week's Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Open House. Thanks to all our students who spoke at each of our Masses. Thanks to all of our "tour guides," and those who worked on preparing such a successful event. We have a school to be proud of. Spread the word!

Save The Date ...

Our Annual St. Patrick-St. Joseph Day Party is planned for Saturday, March 18, 2023. This is the date between St. Patrick's Day (March 17) and St. Joseph's Day (March 19)! We are trying to keep everybody happy. It should be a great night out. Doors will open at 6:30 PM, and the party will end by midnight. We will have a DJ for dancing, and a cash beer/wine/pop bar. The menu will include salad, corned beef, potatoes, carrots, mostaccioli, and Italian Sausage. All are asked to bring a dessert to share at our St. Joseph's Dessert Table. The cost is \$35.00 per person, plus a cash bar. Winter may really kick in during the meantime, and we may need a night out. Forewarned is forearmed!

Art for the Spirit's Sake ...

There is a very old joke that runs: "In the Seventeenth Century, it was art for God's sake. In the Eighteenth Century it was art for man's sake. In the Nineteenth Century it was art for art's sake. And in the Twentieth Century it was no art for God's sake!" The joke sought to critique modern art. Well we are now in the Twenty-first Century, and I would propose that we have art for the spirit's sake!

I am happy to announce that the parish is hosting an art competition this Spring, that will begin on Feb. 6 and run until March 30. The competition will be judged, and participants have the chance to win up a cash prize up to \$150. We are linking the contest to our Creation Care efforts—of promoting good stewardship of our world. Art can deliver a message often more effectively than words can. The old cliché runs: "A picture is worth 1,000 words." I encourage our parish artists of all ages to consider joining in this contest. There are different age/art categories from the traditional to the digital. Watch for full details in our parish bulletin and website in the coming weeks. Over the centuries the Catholic Church has always promoted artists, and artistic expression.

We stand in that proud tradition. Winners announced in April, with artwork showcased in our church Narthex.

Financial Statements ...

We plan to mail out your annual statements of contributions to the parish by Feb. 1, 2023. If you think there is any error please let us know. We mail these statements out as a way of checking our own accuracy. Thanks you for your generosity.

A Little Green In March ...

Along with our St. Patrick-St. Joseph Day Party, the wonderful dessert table at the meal, the music, good fun, and comradery, we will also hold our one annual fundraiser, our "Pot of Gold" raffle. The top prize is \$10,000; the Second Prize is \$1,000. There are then ten prizes of \$200 each; followed by ten additional prizes of \$100 each. Tickets are \$20 each, or a book of six tickets for \$100. Tickets will be available in the Narthex at the end of February and in March as well as at the parish office.

Our Lenten Parish Mission ...

We will hold a three-day Lenten Parish Mission on March 27/28/29, at 7:00 PM, in the church. Please set that time aside. The parish staff had a wonderful meeting with our Mission Speaker, **Mr. Todd Williamson**, Archdiocese of Chicago Director of Liturgy. We have chosen examining the gift of our baptism, and its link to the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, as well as how this sacrament propels us into mission in the world. Todd is an energetic speaker, and makes things very relatable and understandable. It should be a great Mission.

Looking Ahead ...

- Our **Seniors of Seton** will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the McBrady Center, at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.
- Our **Men's Club** will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the McBrady Center, at 7:00 PM.
- Our **Parish Pastoral Council** meets on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:00 PM, in the Great Room of the McBrady Center.
- **Paczki Sales** begin and will be delivered on Sunday, Feb. 19, hosted by the Social Action Ministry. You need to have your orders in a full week earlier. {YUM!}
- Our **Women's Club** meets on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7:00 PM, in the McBrady Center.
- **Ash Wednesday** is on Feb. 22 (hours will be posted).
- **Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service** is on Sunday, March 19, at 3:00 PM, in the church.
- **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Banks** will be distributed Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday of Lent, and will be used for Almsgiving throughout Lent.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held on Friday nights at 7pm, in the Stations Chapel, throughout Lent.
- A **Tenebrae Candlelight Prayer Service** will be held on Wednesday of Holy Week, in the church.
- **Good Friday Living Stations** will be at 7:00 PM, in the church.

We will publish more information soon.

Keep Smiling,

Dee-Ann McCoran MS

SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

Creation Care Art Contest

Photo: Steve Jurvetson from Menlo Park, USA, Via Wikimedia Commons

Win
CASH
Prizes!

**PRIZES UP
TO \$150!**

Age Categories:
Youth, Teens, Adults

WHAT

An art contest to share your vision of what it means to Care for Creation. "Creation" includes our environment: the Earth, the natural world, all living things, and that which supports life (in the spirit of the Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*.) There are two cash prize art categories (contestant selects one):

- **Traditional Art:** includes Drawing, Painting, Collages, Modeling with materials (3-D)
- **Digital Art:** includes Digital art (i.e. Photoshop), Video, Photography

WHO

There are 3 cash prize age groups:

- Youth (to age 11)
- Teens (ages 12-17)
- Adults (18 and over)

Participating Schools/Groups:

CJB Catholic School, Seton Religious Ed, Youth Group
Andrew High School, Sandburg High School,
Providence Catholic High School, and all Adults

WHEN

Registration begins February 6, 2023 (You must register to participate)

Register as soon as possible (To get contest rules, details and instructions)

Deadline is March 20, 2023

(All artwork image files or digital files must be received by March 20, 2023)

HOW

Register to Participate Now! There is no fee to enter the contest.

- **REGISTER** by scanning the QR code below, **OR** at www.steseton.com (Scroll down on home page) **OR** at <https://forms.office.com/r/BgbqWej44G> **OR** sign-up manually (registration form available in the St. Elizabeth Seton parish office (Sunday thru Friday, 9am-1pm), Orland Hills, IL.

- **ARTWORK SUBMISSION:** IMPORTANT—review detailed contest rules and submission instructions at www.steseton.com or located in the parish office. When artwork is complete please submit a digital image of your art **OR** video file and email to: apanelli@steseton.com **OR** files can be dropped off at the St. Elizabeth Seton parish office, 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills, IL.

WHY

This is a platform for the young and old to learn more about Creation Care and environmental issues through art-making and creative communication, while exploring sustainability themes. Share your vision to inspire others to Care for Creation and to act for a more sustainable future.

QUESTIONS? Please email to: apanelli@steseton.com





The St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry will host our Annual Paczki Fundraiser with 19 flavors of Paczki from Orland Park Bakery—which are legendary! Skip the lines and pick up your order curbside and support our Social Action Ministry programs! Paczki (pronounced poonch-kee) are similar to a Bismark donut but larger, heavier and denser. Paczki are iced while warm and filled with your favorite fillings and finished with a sprinkle of powdered sugar. Fat (Shrove) Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday), has become known around Chicago as Paczki Day. Customers line up as early as 3am at their bakery just to get these delicious treats! **Please fill out the form below. Paczki are \$2.75 each.** Mark the number of each flavor in the box under that flavor and include the total # ordered. Place form with payment in an envelope marked “Paczki Fundraiser Sale” and place in the Paczki Fundraiser Box in the Narthex of St. Elizabeth Seton Church or drop it off in the Seton parish office.

LAST DATE TO ORDER IS FEBRUARY 13, 2023



Make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry. ORDERS DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEB. 13. PRICE: \$2.75 per Paczki. Mail check postmarked no later than Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, to St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills IL 60487. Clearly mark envelope: ATTN: PACZKI ORDER. Pickup only, Sunday, Feb. 19, 7:30am-12:45pm, McBrady Center/CJB School entrance. Questions call Celeste Hayward, 708-518-9932.

*Please mark the boxes above with the **number** (#____) of each flavor Paczki ordered.*

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Phone _____ Total Paczki X \$2.75= _____

(When placing your order, kindly turn in this entire page)

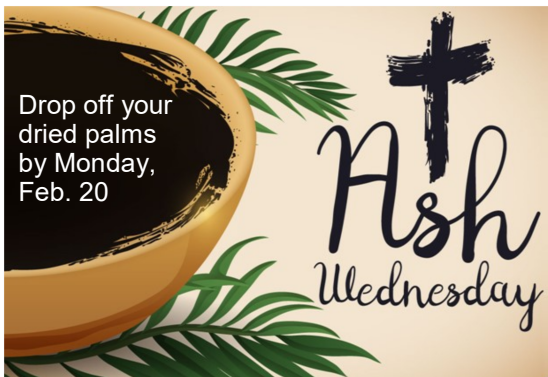
Let's celebrate!



***You are invited to
the O'Mara Hall for
light refreshments
after all Masses
next Sunday, Feb. 12,
in celebration of our
36th Anniversary!***

In honor of our 36 years as a heartfelt parish family you are invited downstairs to the O'Mara for light refreshments. (Reception is hosted by our Saint Elizabeth Seton Liturgy Committee).

Come and celebrate!



Your dried palms can be dropped off in the basket in the Narthex (located by parish office) by Monday, Feb. 20

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

*Ashes to be distributed at these
Mass/Prayer Service times:*

MASS TIMES

6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

PRAYER SERVICES

12 NOON, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT
TO BE MAILED SOON ...**

Your 2022 Financial Contribution Statement of your annual contributions will be mailed out to you by February 1, 2023.

**ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING ARE
TICKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL "POT OF GOLD"
RAFFLE**

In the envelope with your 2022 Tax Statement you will also find "Pot of Gold" raffle tickets. Thank you for your continued generosity.

WELCOME

Gregory and Martha Chaparro

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Due to privacy issues we honor prayer requests (by you/family member only) for two weeks. Please call to add name or continue for two weeks.

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

**Maureen McCormack
Tony Alderson
Sandy Carra
Mona Tropp
Baby Benjamin Pirog**

**Timothy McCormick
Susan Galassi
Pam Kretsbremer
Richard Tropp
Deacon George Brooks**

And for our deceased:

Christopher Crooks

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 4 (5pm) **Eileen Wolff; Donald Roberts**
Sun., Feb. 5 (7:30am) **Yvonne Martinez and Family;**
Anna Marie Teoro

(9:30am) **Jim Olsen and Esther Rolek**
(11:30am) **Jan Lynch; Kathleen Corbett**

Mon., Feb. 6 (9am) **NO INTENTIONS**

Tues., Feb. 7 (9am) **NO INTENTIONS**

Wed., Feb. 8 (9am) **Thomas Hays; Therese Labus**

Thurs., Feb. 9 (9am) **Barbara J. Soth**

Fri., Feb. 10 (9am) **Peter Vallort**

Sat., Feb. 11 (5pm) **Thomas Brownley; John Samoska**

Sun., Feb. 12 (7:30am) **Shirley Spindler; Gloria Fowler**

(9:30am) **The Purgatorial Society; Andrew Przybycz**

(11:30am) **Maria Gorecki; Patrick Buddell**



For up-to-date parish information follow us on Facebook:

Saint Elizabeth Seton Church-Orland Hills

Visit our **PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STESETON.COM**



The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. Your gift will provide inspiration, education and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world.

Many families in our parish may have already received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Walking on the Road with Jesus." We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our Archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

This is a one-time special collection. It is a pledge collection where you can make a gift payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference! Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**For more information or to make a gift online visit:
annualcatholicappeal.com**

Our Need To Share Our Riches With The Poor

By Father Ronald Rolheiser

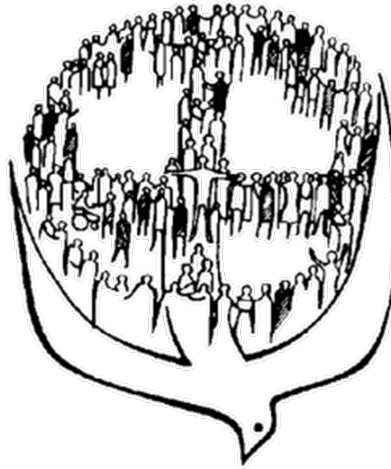
We need to give away some of our own possessions in order to be healthy. Wealth that is hoarded always corrupts those who possess it. Any gift that is not shared turns sour. If we are not generous with our gifts we will be bitterly envied and will eventually turn bitter and envious ourselves.

These are all axioms with the same warning, we can only be healthy if we are giving away some of our riches to others. Among other things, this should remind us that we need to give to the poor, not simply because they need it, though they do, but because unless we give to the poor we cannot be healthy ourselves. When we give to the poor both charity and justice are served, but some healthy self-interest is served as well, namely, we cannot be healthy or happy unless we share our riches, of every kind, with the poor. That truth is written inside human experience and inside every authentic ethical and faith tradition.

For example: We know from experience that when we give of ourselves to others we experience a certain joy in our lives, just as when we selfishly hoard or protect what is ours we grow anxious and paranoid. Native American cultures have forever enshrined this in their concept of Potlatch, namely, their belief that, while everyone has a right to private property, there are real limits to how much someone may own. Once our wealth reaches a certain point we need to begin to give some of it away—not because others need it but because our own health and happiness will begin to deteriorate if we hoard all of those possessions for ourselves.

Jewish spirituality shares the same idea: Again and again in the Jewish scriptures, we see that when a religious leader or prophet tells the Jewish community that they are the chosen people, a nation specially blessed, that affirmation comes with the admonition that this blessing is not for them alone, but that, through them, all the nations of the earth might be blessed. In Jewish spirituality, blessing is always intended to flow through the person receiving it so as to enrich others. Hindu, Buddhist, and Islamic spiritualities, each in their own way, also affirms this, namely that it is only in giving away some of our gifts that we ourselves can remain healthy.

Jesus and the Gospels, of course, teach this repeatedly and without compromise: For instance, the Gospel of Luke, a Gospel within which Jesus warns us



*"Share your bread
with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed
and the homeless;
clothe the naked
when you see them,
and do not turn your back
on your own."*

that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, nevertheless praises the rich who are generous, condemning only the rich who are stingy. For Luke, generosity is the key to health and heaven. In the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus reveals what will be a great test for the final judgment, his single set of criteria have entirely to do with how we gave to the poor: did you feed the hungry? Give drink to the thirsty? Cloth the naked? Finally, even more strongly, in the story of the widow who gives her last two pennies away.

Jesus challenges us to not only give of our surplus to the poor, but to also give away some of what we need to live on.

The Gospels, and the rest of the Christian scriptures, strongly challenge us to give to the poor—not because they need our charity, though they do, but because our giving to them is the only way we can stay healthy.

We see the same message, consistent and repeated, in the social doctrine of the Catholic Church. From Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum in 1891 to Pope Francis' recent, Evangelii Gaudium, we hear the same refrain: While we have a moral right to own private property, that right is not absolute and is mitigated by a number of things, namely, we only have a right to surplus when everyone else has the necessities for life. Hence, we must always be looking towards the poor in terms of dealing with our surplus. Moreover, Catholic social doctrine tells us too that the earth was given by God for everyone and that truth too limits how we define what is really ours as a possession. Properly speaking, we are stewards of our possessions rather than owners of them. Implicit in all of this, of course, is the implication that we can be moral and healthy only when we view private ownership in a larger picture that includes the poor.

We need, always, to be giving some of our possessions away in order to be healthy. The poor do need us, but we also need them.

They are, as Jesus puts it so clearly when he tells us we will be judged by how we gave to the poor, our passports to heaven. And they are also our passports to health. Our health depends upon sharing our riches.

The legacy continues...

REGISTER FOR FALL SESSION OF SETON SCRIPTURE STUDY!

The ACTS of the APOSTLES—PART II

Thursdays, February 23-March 30

Morning Sessions: 9:40-11:00 am

Evening Sessions: 7:00-8:30 pm

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, WRITTEN BY ST. LUKE, narrates the history of the Infant Church from the Day of the Pentecost, around 30 AD, until the death of the apostles, Peter and Paul, around 64-67 AD. It is probably the most interesting and most exciting book found in the Bible. It is a wonderful testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit in the mission of bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ "to the ends of the earth."



Please register now!

Registration Deadline: Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023. Materials ready for pickup on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023.
Questions? Please contact Mary Vlaming at 708-997-2066.

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____

Please check one:

Morning Session (9:40-11am) _____

Evening Session (7:00-8:30 pm) _____

I prefer to be in the same group _____

I have no preference _____

Fee: \$25 (Please make check payable to **ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH**)

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Every Sunday, at the 9:30am Mass, children ages 5-10, are called forward during Mass and process together to the Religious Education link located off the Narthex, where they will hear a children's version of the Sunday readings and homily by an adult facilitator.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO VICARIATE V MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

Saturdays, March 4 and March 11

(10-hour training program for new Ministers of Care)

Participants in both sessions will meet the Archdiocesan requirements to be eligible as a parish Minister of Care to minister to the sick and homebound of the parish. St. Elizabeth Seton participants must first contact Dcn. John Sobol, Director of Liturgy, to be approved for registration at 708-403-0101, ext. 102, or jsobol@steseton.com who will provide registration link.

March 4 Topics: Spirituality of the Minister; The Experience of Suffering; Pastoral Listening

March 11 Topics: Theology of Suffering and Sickness; Ministerial Procedures; Prayer and Sacraments

Training takes place at St. Patricia School Hall, 9000 S. 86th Ave., Hickory Hills. Please bring your own bagged lunch. Only bottled water provided.



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

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us,
Mother Earth



"Let ours be a time remembered for... the firm resolve to achieve sustainability... and the joyful celebration of life."

— Pope Benedict XVI

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Be Salt Wise This Winter.

Salt can infiltrate and permanently pollute groundwater and streams. Use the minimal amount needed.

1. **Shovel** - Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice.
2. **Scatter** - If you use salt, scatter it so that there is space between the grains. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway.
3. **Switch** - When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt won't work. Switch to sand for traction or a different ice melter that works at lower temperatures (i.e., calcium chloride).
4. **Store Correctly** - Store ice melting products in airtight containers to maintain maximum effectiveness.

For information, visit: www.wisaltwise.com.

Families Anonymous

If your life has gone astray due to someone who has a substance abuse problem, attend Families Anonymous on Mondays from 7-8:30pm at Palos Northwestern Medicine Palos Hospital, Palos Heights (Ambulatory Care, Rm 1). Call 708-429-2507. Virtual meeting at: <https://www.familiesanonymous.org/meetings/virtual-meetings/>



Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment (HOPE) Employment Ministry

Are you looking to start 2023 by pursuing a career move or new employment opportunity?

Start your job search process with a well written resume!

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7:00 pm
TOPIC: TIPS TO GET YOUR RESUME NOTICED
LOCATION: O'Mara Hall (lower level of the church)
9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills

Professional Resume Writer, **Jim Sungaila**, will provide a presentation on "Tips to Get Your Resume Noticed".

Please bring a copy of your most current resume! All are welcome.

Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to: askibinski@steseton.com.

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish



*Come on out for a
great night of fun!*

**Saturday, March 18
7:00 pm-12 Midnight
Parish Life Center**

\$35
per
person

*Dinner tickets will
be sold beginning
Feb. 18/19 in the
Narthex and in
the parish office*

DINNER!

Corned Beef, Potatoes, Carrots, Mostaccioli,
Italian Sausage, salad, coffee/tea

**DJ, DANCING
& ENTERTAINMENT!**

SHANNON ROVERS!

CASH BAR!

*No outside alcohol allowed.
Beer/Wine only \$3.00!*



**Please bring
a dessert to
share for our
St. Joseph
Sweet Table**

**\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE
"POT OF GOLD" RAFFLE**

SECOND PRIZE: \$1,000

10-\$200 PRIZES

10-\$100 PRIZES

Raffle: \$20 each/6-\$100

Available in the Parish Office





Men's Club News

UPCOMING EVENTS

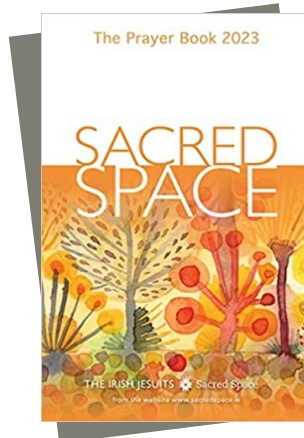
GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 8, McBrady Center
Doors open at 7pm
Meeting at 7:30pm

- Be sure to wear your favorite NFL team gear in anticipation of Super Bowl weekend.
- We will be discussing plans for the Men's Club Annual Fish Fry set for Friday, March 31 and taking sign-ups for volunteers.
- We will discuss our role in our parish March 18 St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance and signing up volunteers to help.

JOIN US!

Not a member as of yet, then stop by and pay us a visit. You may like what you see. The club is always open to new members.



Sacred Space PRAYER GROUP

Sacred Space will meet at 10am on Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Gubbins Center for Faith Formation (167th and 94th Ave.) Please join us! We will be looking at the readings from **January 12 through February 8**. The following is taken From the *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*:

Something to Think About...

"Jesus' disciples were experienced fishermen who knew exactly how to recognize a bad storm, yet they were still afraid when the storm rose and their boat was threatening to sink. The fears that beat us, do not come from lack of knowledge or experience; they come from a lack of faith. Look how Jesus responds to their fears: 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' (Mark 4:40).

Faith is the ability to know, not just in the head but in the heart, that even if the very worst happens, Jesus is still with us in the boat, and he loves us and saves us."

We hope to see you on February 8

SSDM & SES YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HE IS RISING !

FRIDAY
April 7th, 2023
at noon at SSDM
& 7:00 p.m at SES

GOOD FRIDAY
Passion Play

As part of our Good Friday tradition, young people from both parishes will be acting out scenes from the Passion of our Lord. We are in need of as many as 20 youth from 9th - 12th grades to join us in this costumed re-enactment. No lines to memorize and you can earn service hours. We will be holding practices on Sunday afternoons at both SSDM and SES Churches TBA. If interested please contact jfsobol@archchicago.org.

Crisis Pregnancy Assistance

COURAGE Program is a local Christian organization to assist women through unexpected pregnancies and the issues of single-parenting. Their ultimate goal is to launch healthy families through education, mentoring and counseling. Email: thecourageprogram@yahoo.com.

Be Still...

a Call to CENTERING PRAYER

You are invited to join in an hour of quiet time and learn about Centering Prayer!

"Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, and praising God until we ourselves are in an act of praise."— RICHARD ROHR

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, FEB. 13, 10 AM

Centering Prayer will meet at 10am on **Monday, Feb. 13**, in the Gubbins Center for Faith Formation (167th and 94th Ave.) Please join us!

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us. At the present time, we are using the book "Eternal Echoes" by John O'Donohue. We usually read one very short passage and discuss with each other the meaning of the passage and how it relates to our lives. No need to read the entire book, you can pick up right where we left off.



Passport to Adventure: England

A Royal Ball

Saturday, February 25, 2023, 6:00 pm

Guests will be immersed in a night of royal luxury at the Royal Ball! The evening will include a themed dinner and drinks, entertainment, client success stories, auctions and raffles, and more!

Friends, family, and colleagues are invited to gather at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park to support the Crisis Center for South Suburbia and lift up victims of domestic violence and their children.

All proceeds will benefit victims of domestic violence and their children by providing emergency shelter, housing, counseling, advocacy, education and a 24-hour hotline.

For ticket information, sponsorships, raffle tickets, please contact Lisa Molloy at: lmolloy@crisisctr.org or 708-429-7255 ext. 142

Gala event website: RoyalBall.givesmart.com



ST. ELIZABETH SETON WOMEN'S CLUB

MARDI GRAS GAME NIGHT



DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2023
PLACE: MCBRADY CENTER
TIME: 7:00 pm (Doors open 6:15 pm)
MENU: Mardi Gras Potluck
GUESTS: \$10.00

All women 21 & older are invited
Our first Pot Luck from members whose
last names start with A-L

GAME NIGHT IS BACK!

Bring your favorite game to play with your
table and enjoy an evening of fun, good food
and a time to be with new friends and old...
I am sure the board will have a few games
up their sleeves as well!

Questions? Call Lori Stanfa
708-257-5466

CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES AND HOME DÉCOR EXCHANGE

Bring in your gently used
items above to our Feb.
meeting and take home
something "new to you!"



All items remaining will be donated to NEAT
REPEATS Orland Park, a not-for-profit resale
store that supports domestic violence victims.

PORTIUNCULA CENTER FOR PRAYER

9263 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY: WISDOM FROM OZ **ZOOM: Sunday, Feb. 5 ▪ 1:30-4pm ▪ Fee: Donation**

Follow the yellow brick road as you create your own
spiritual journey. "There is no place like home" is a
phrase we associate with Dorothy and her fellow seek-
ers. It is a metaphor for all of us who yearn to find our
way home to God. We will learn of the five stages of
life that are part of our path and focus on the wisdom
figures who inspire and guide us.

Facilitator: Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Wednesdays: Feb. 8/Mar. 8/Apr. 12/May 10

10am– 12 Noon ▪ Fee: \$40 ▪ Limit: 6

Led by a trained Spiritual Director, this is an opportunity
to share your story in a supportive, non-judgmental envi-
ronment. Respect for each individual and their spiritual
path is an essential component to this process. You will
be encouraged to listen with compassion and speak with-
out fear as all deepen their relationship with God.

Facilitator: Janice Keenan, OSF

WOMEN'S SACRED CIRCLE

ZOOM: Monday, Feb. 13 ▪ 7-8:30pm ▪ Fee: Donation

You are invited to join a small group of women meeting
virtually each month to support one another in their efforts
to walk a spiritual path in the midst of the challenges of the
times. During this virtual gathering women can ask the im-
portant questions, share pieces of their stories, and learn
from each other's experience. The group provides wel-
come, interaction, connection, and a chance to be heard.
A unique theme is offered each month to spark conversa-
tion.

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COMPASSION: A LIFELONG JOURNEY

Monday, Feb. 27 ▪ 9am-12 Noon ▪ Fee: \$25

Compassion is "a way of life – an inner posture of how
to be with suffering, both our own and others, and a desire
to move that attitude into action. We are never alone in
our practice of compassion." (Joyce Rupp *Boundless Com-
passion*) We begin Lent by looking at the "how" of being a
presence of loving-kindness in every step we take on our
path of life through input, reflective videos, activities, and
conversation.

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Scripture Reflections for SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIVING the WORD

**FEBRUARY 12, 2023
NEXT WEEK'S FOCUS:
MORE**

It is tempting to try and figure out the bare minimum that we can do and still think we are a follower of Christ. But he always challenges us to do more than the minimum, to stay away from the Tempter who leads us down that path.

■ FIRST READING

God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Sirach speaks of the choice that each person must make between good and evil. But the choice is not only that, for this is actually a choice between life and death. This can be interpreted in various ways. At times in the Old Testament it meant that if someone sinned, then that person would become ill and die. It can also be interpreted spiritually, for sin brings death to one's soul. Finally, sin is saying "no" to life with God, the only real existence that has true meaning.

■ SECOND READING

God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Some of the people in the Christian community in Corinth have interpreted the Christian message in terms of one group or individual being more powerful than the others. Paul instructs them that they must embrace the wisdom of the Cross. If they have received gifts from the Lord, it is so that they might serve others. This Gospel call is just as true today. We are not called to observe the values of the world; we must observe the Gospel values.

■ GOSPEL

Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

The Pharisees had a saying that one should build a fence around the law. This meant that one should take the prescriptions of the law to their widest extension. Thus, one would be sure that one was following even the smallest part of the law. Jesus, however, changes the manner in which he applies this maxim. Instead of interpreting the law in a legalistic manner, Jesus looks for the spiritual intent behind the commandment and tells people that this is what the law really means. Jesus forbids oaths because the formula for making oaths, that is, one would swear upon the life of God. This really meant saying that, if one lied, then God himself should die. This was using God and the temple and other holy things in a manipulative manner, almost treating them like accomplices in one's own lies. Jesus, almost in frustration, simply counsels his hearers to tell the truth and forget their oaths.

■ REFLECTION

Young children often ask, "Teacher, what can I do to help you and learn?" Older students asked "What must I do to pass?" Jesus' teaching seems to answer "What can I do to follow God's ways?" rather than, "What must I do?" What's the difference? The second question is about minimal requirements. The first question is about the maximal benefits involved with turning one's life over to God. Jesus asks for more. Not merely "Do not kill," but do not harbor what leads to killing in your hearts. Make amends. Reconcile with your opponent. Not merely "Do not commit adultery," but be faithful in your heart. Try to work things out, don't just give up. Respect others. Do not objectify anyone. The basics can be difficult enough to live, but the "more" that Jesus asks is a greater challenge. The reading makes clear that we have choices: between life and death, good and evil, right and wrong, and giving example or leading others astray. Choices have consequences. Those responsible for Jesus' death would not see that he did not abolish the law and the prophets. He asked people to live them more intensely. They had him crucified when his words and way became too great a threat. New ways of looking at things can threaten us. We saw that in the Synod on the Family in 2014 and 2015. The "more" is challenging. However, when we want to do all we can to live God's ways, we still see the mystery of God present even when we fall, lifting us up to a newness of life that is prepared for those who love God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK [FEBRUARY 6-12, 2023]

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1-13	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

SENIORS OF SETON

MEETING: FEBRUARY 7, 10:00 AM

Doors to McBrady Center open at 9:30am (following the 9am mass) and not beforehand. Split-the-Pot tickets may be purchased PRIOR to the start of the meeting.



After the general meeting, we will be entertained by folk violinist, Georgia Rae.

Georgia performs solo, alone on stage with a pedal board and some fancy footwork. We'll experience beautiful sounds, grooving bass lines, and mystic fiddle solos. Her performance will make it a lively morning!

Member tickets for the March 7th luncheon catered by Durbin's will be sold at the Feb. meeting. Cost: \$10/pp. The delicious meal includes chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll/butter, and dessert.

QUESTIONS?

Call SOS President, Doug Benker, at 708-738-8423.

UPCOMING EVENTS

■ VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

OSTERIO OTTIMO—Orland Park

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15, 11:30AM — Cost: \$40 pp

An authentic Italian meal family-style meal with games, prizes, and raffles. **TICKET DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 7.**

■ GAELIC PARK LUNCHEON with LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Doors open at 12 Noon, Lunch served at 1pm will be a tasty Irish Feast. Party ends at 4pm. Cost \$22/pp (includes tax and tip). Cash bar. Transportation on your own. Gaelic Park is located at 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest.

■ DANCING WITH HORSES/FISH BOIL AT FITZGERALD'S/MARS CHEESE CASTLE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

— Trip Cost: \$110 pp (price includes transportation/show/lunch/chance to shop) Enjoy a delicious, iconic, Wisconsin Old Fashioned available from the cash bar at Fitzgerald's.

■ MILWAUKEE TRIP — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 7AM

Cost: \$135 (price includes transportation, tours of St. Josaphat Basilica, Harley Davidson Museum, city tour, lunch at Maders and ending at The Brat Stop for a chance to shop and dinner on your own. A full day of fun.

■ MACKINAC ISLAND BUS TRIP — MAY 22-26

Bus leaves at 8AM. \$525/pp double occupancy. Trip consists of five days, four nights and includes transportation, lodging, eight meals, sightseeing, and guided tours, carriage ride and boat ride through the locks. Make check payable to Diamond Tours at time of booking. Optional travel insurance available for purchase. Contact Judy Gula, 708-261-6767, or email rhip01@aol.com.

TRIP QUESTIONS?

Email Judy Gula, rhip01@AOL.COM
or Carol Pjosek, caramiary@sbcglobal.net

Trip flyers with details are available in parish office and at the monthly meeting. Reservation with completed form and payment in full can be dropped off in the parish office for SOS. Make checks payable to Seniors of Seton.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT BLAISE

(d. c. 316)

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself...

HIS FEAST IS OBSERVED AS A HOLY DAY in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

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; Fair Trade; Speaker nights.

Seton Rosary Group

Rosary offered (TUES/THUR) after 9am Mass, in the church.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayer offered on Wednesdays 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*. Meetings on the third Monday of the month via ZOOM, at 7pm. Call Andy Panelli, 708-301-8038.

Heart Warmers Meal Ministry

Heart Warmers is an outreach program where volunteers deliver homemade meals to our parish community when experiencing medical, health, new baby, recovery, or grief issues. To schedule to receive a meal or to become a meal provider contact Leslie Skryzpiec, 708-349-4153, heartwarmers@att.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Shawls are prayerfully created, blessed, and distributed to those in need for 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 708-403-0101.

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. Donations of yarn/fabric/baby toiletries/supplies accepted. For information/meeting dates, contact Carol Dimer at 708-479-6994.

HOPE Employment Ministry

IN PERSON MEETING: 2-7-23, 7PM, O'MARA HALL

The HOPE Employment Ministry is available to provide remote one-on-one assistance to anyone who is seeking employment or a career change. If you require assistance with the employment search process, including resume review, networking, interview skills or career guidance, contact Arnie Skibinski at askibinski@steseton.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you have a problem with alcohol and feel a sincere desire to stop drinking, you are welcome to attend a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in the 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, Palos Heights (Ambulatory Care, Rm 1). Call 708-429-2507 Virtual meeting at: <https://www.familiesanonymous.org/meetings/virtual-meetings/>

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Anyone within parish boundaries in need of assistance from SVDP, may call the parish office at 708-403-0101.

SACRED SPACE Prayer Ministry

Join to pray with daily scripture texts and gather the second Wednesday of month (10-11:30am) in the Gubbins Center (167th/94th Ave.). Required as guide: Sacred Space the Prayer Book, or website www.sacredspace.ie.

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 two 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 Sunday Mass, 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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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

ROSARY:

Tuesdays/Thursdays after 9:00am Mass

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:

Wednesdays after 9:00 am Mass