I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lifting high the lowly tree,
withre up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom.
As I, the Lord, have spoken, so will I do.

EZEKIEL 17:24
Happy Fathers Day!

This Sunday, throughout our nation, we honor all fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, and those men who have had a fathering influence in the lives of others. We congratulate and bless these men for the positive formative roles that they have played in life.

The role that a father plays in a family continually evolves. But one essential role for a father is being a person of faith. Studies have shown that if a child sees Dad as a believer — as being a man of faith — they too, will take faith seriously in their own lives. No child expects Dad to be perfect, but if they see that Dad prays, believes in God and acts ethically and fairly, then they too will involve these same values in their own lives. As a church on this Father’s Day we celebrate the important faith dimension of a man’s life.

Looking Ahead...

■ Our St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Finance Board meets on Tuesday, June 26, at 6:00 PM.

■ Our St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Council meets on Thursday, June 28, at 6:00 PM, at the rectory.

Priest Convocation and Morning Mass...

During this week, June 18-21, all active priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago will meet together at the Pheasant Run Resort, in St. Charles, IL. Lest you get the impression from media reports that this is a “get-away/vacation” the days are filled with meetings, etc. It is a time for our Archdiocesan priests to regroup, share common input, and talk about the present situation and future. It will be good to see people outside of our deanery, whom we may seldom run into.

The retired priests in our area [e.g. Fr. Gubbins, Fr. Upton, Fr. Scanlan, and Fr. Finnegan] who are not attending the Convocation, have graciously agreed to pastorally care for any funerals that may arise in our surrounding parishes. To accommodate this pastoral situation, and to abide by the Cardinals’ request, no daily parish Masses will be celebrated on the days of the Convocation. Therefore, our parish will not have daily Mass this coming Tuesday, June 19, Wednesday, June 20, and Thursday, June 21. We will reschedule all Mass Intentions for those days. However, we will offer a Communion Service at 9:00 AM on these three days, led respectively by Deacon Dennis Cristofaro, Sister Liz Pardo, IHM, and Doug and Bernice Benker. A letter from Cardinal Cupich can be found on page 6 and the Priest Convocation Schedule can be found on page 7 of this bulletin.

A Letter from the Deanery Pastors...

Later in this bulletin, and also next week, is the second in a series of three letters [the first letter appeared in last week’s bulletin] from the pastors of our Deanery about the “Renew My Church” process which we will be engaging in during future years. In many ways our parish is ahead of the curve already through our cooperative efforts.

Save the Date...

Our Annual Parish Picnic returns on Sunday, Aug. 5. We will celebrate an Outdoor Mass at 3:00 PM on the grassy knolls located near the Father Bill Gubbins Center for Faith Formation. Our Seton Men’s Club will be grilling up free hamburgers and hot dogs, the Seniors of Seton will provide desserts in O’Mara Hall, and the Women’s Club will be assisting with refreshments. We hope to have a bouncy house, a D.J., and a Water Balloon Toss Contest. It is a low-key and “homey” afternoon to sit and visit with fellow parishioners. Plan on attending.

Keep Smiling,

CORCORAN’S CORNER

June 17, 2018

What is a Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun,
the calm of a quiet sea,
the generous soul of nature,
the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages,
the power of the eagle’s flight,
the joy of a morning in spring,
the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity,
the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities,
when there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
and so, He called him… Dad.

Author Unknown

Happy Father’s Day!
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

ANNOUNCEMENT
No Weekday Masses: June 18-21
COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY
June 18-21, 9:00 AM
Due to the Archdiocese of Chicago Convocation of Priests, there will not be a daily Mass at 9:00 am on these days. A Communion Prayer Service will be offered on these days beginning at 9:00 AM. Please pray for our priests during this important time of reflection.

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

Knights of Columbus
BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, June 27, 2:30-7:30pm
O’Mara Hall

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
SUMMER DONATION DRIVE
Saturday, June 30, 9am-12 Noon
Church Parking Lot

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY
RESPOND NOW FOOD DRIVE
Bags distributed after Masses: June 30/July 1
Bags returned before Masses: July 7/8

WISDOM AND WINE EVENT
with Fr. Larry McBrady
Topic: Jesus is the Justice of God
Friday, July 13, 7-9:30 pm
McBrady Center
$10 ticket required—on sale now!

OUTDOOR MASS
AND PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, August 5, 3:00 pm

STEWARSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 6-10-18: $19,753.00
Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Peter Schraeger
Jennifer Incesti
(Child: Kashton Schraeger)
Kevin and Jamie Coleman
(Children: Angelo, Valentino, and Giovanni Coleman)

WEDDINGS

Please pray for the following couple(s) who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Lisa Lippe and Michael Rumbaugh; 6-23-18
Sarah Ethington and Justin Meyer; 6-29-18
Jennifer Izzo and Eric Kowalczyk; 7-14-18

PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:
Rita Prost
Kristen Dakewicz
Martin Aviles
Rogelio Graza
Bernadette Fortino
Debbie Freeman
Caitlyn Vaughn
David Chiappetti, Jr.
Virginia Hayes
And for our deceased:
Yvonne Donohue
Peter and Marilyn Ilardo
“Heavenly Father, accept the prayers which we offer for them.”

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., June 16 (5pm) Peter Vallort; Larry Kucharski
Sun., June 17 (7:15am) The Purgatorial Society; Patrick O’Keeffe
(8:30am) Joseph Kapala; For All Parishioners
(10am) Jack Martin; Felix Tomasiewicz
(11:30am) John Vitkovic; Donald Ernst
Mon., June 18 (9am) Karleen Vanek; Donald Ernst
Tues., June 19 (9am) Shirley Earley; Salvatore Roti
Wednesday, June 20 (9am) Jesus Aragon; Patricia Clark
Thurs., June 21 (9am) Carolyn Roy; Dorothy Nelson
Fri., June 22 (9am) William Prost; Mary Kokotan
Sat., June 23 (5pm) Grace Beissel; Frank Patula
Sun., June 24 (7:15am) Jimmy Paprocki; Anna Martisek
(8:30am) Jean Mierzwa; For All Parishioners
(10am) Frances Klomes; Milan Serdar
(11:30am) Adam and Bogumila Wilk (40th Wedding Anniversary Living); John Mastela
A few years ago, Barbara Kingsolver wrote a book entitled *Prodigal Summer*. It tells the story of young woman who got pregnant during a summer within which everything seemed to be dangerously fertile. From the plants, through the insects, through the animals, to the people, everything seemed to be teeming with fecundity, overactive, overabundant in seed. Life seemed to be bursting forth everywhere. The title of the book is good metaphor for what she describes, a summer overabundant in fertility.

Nature is like that, teeming with everything, prodigal, fertile, overabundant, wasteful.

Why else do we have 90% more brain cells than we need and why else is nature scattering billions of seeds, of virtually everything, all over the planet every second? And if life is so prodigal, what does this say about God, its author? God, as we see in nature and scripture (and know from experience), is over-generous, over-lavish, over-extravagant, over-prodigious, over-rich, and over-patient. If nature, scripture, and experience are to be believed:

God is the absolute antithesis of everything that is stingy, miserly, frugal, narrowly calculating, or sparing in what it doles out. God is prodigal.

Dictionaries define “prodigal” as “wastefully extravagant and lavishly abundant.” That certainly describes the God that Jesus incarnates and reveals.

We see this in the parable of the Sower. God, the Sower, goes out to sow and he scatters his seed generously, almost wastefully, everywhere—on the road, among the rocks, among the thorns, on bad soil, and on rich soil.

No farmer would ever do this. Who would waste seed on soil that can never produce a harvest? God, it seems, doesn’t ask that question but simply keeps scattering his seed everywhere, over-generously, without calculating whether it is a good investment or not in terms of return. And, it seems, God has an infinite number of seeds to scatter, perpetually, everywhere.

God is prodigious beyond imagination.

Among other things, this speaks of God’s infinite riches, love, and patience. For us, there is both a huge challenge and a huge consolation in that. The challenge, of course, is to respond to the infinite number of invitations that God scatters on our path from minute to minute. The consolation is that, no matter how many of God’s invitations we ignore, there will always be an infinite number of others. No matter how many we’ve already ignored or turned down, there are new ones awaiting us each minute. When we’ve gone through 39 days of Lent without praying or changing our lives, there’s still a 40th day to respond. When we’ve ignored a thousand invitations, there’s still another one waiting.

God is prodigal, so are the chances God gives us.

Sr. Margaret Halaska once captured this wonderfully in a poem she entitled, *Covenant*:

The Father knocks at my door, seeking a home for his son: Rent is cheap, I say. I don’t want to rent.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches.”

I want to buy, says God.
I’m not sure I want to sell, but you might come in to look around.
I think I will, says God.
I might let you have a room or two.
I like it, says God. I’ll take the two. You might decide to give me more some day. I can wait, says God.
I’d like to give you more, but it’s a bit difficult. I need some space for me.
I know, says God, but I’ll wait. I like what I see.
Hmm, maybe I can let you have another room. I really don’t need that much.
Thanks, says God, I’ll take it. I like what I see.
I’d like to give you the whole house I’m not sure I want to sell, but I’m not sure...
Think on it, says God. I wouldn’t put you out.
I’m not sure I want to sell.
Your house would be mine and my son would live in it. You’d have more space than you’d ever had before.
I don’t understand at all.
I know, says God, but I can’t tell you about that.
You’ll have to discover it for yourself. That can only happen if you let him have the whole house.
A bit risky, I say.
Yes, says God, but try me.
I’m not sure—I’ll let you know.
I can wait, says God. I like what I see.

If we look back on our lives and are truly honest, we have to admit that of all the invitations that God has sent us, we’ve probably accepted and acted on only a fraction of them. There have been countless times we’ve turned away from an invitation. For every invitation to maturity we’ve accepted, we’ve probably turned down a hundred. But that’s the beauty and wonder of God’s richness. God is not a petty creator and creation, itself, is not a cheap machine with barely enough energy and resources to keep it going. God and nature are prodigal. That’s plain everywhere. Millions and millions of life-giving seeds blow everywhere in the world and we need only to pick up a few to become pregnant, fecund, capable of newness, maturity, and of producing life.
Wisdom and Wine is an adult faith formation event that allows adults to come together in a relaxed atmosphere for social time and spiritual development. Attendees are invited to participate in engaging discussion following the presentation on a current Catholic topic. We begin the evening with a Fair Trade Wine Discussion and wine pours, appetizers, desserts, fair trade dips, and coffee.

7:00 PM — FAIR TRADE WINE and DISCUSSION

Wine growers in developing countries can now rely on stable incomes to provide for their families, pay workers fairly, and provide working environments that are safe and free from child labor, forced overtime and harassment. We will begin the night discussing this topic and sharing four different Fair Trade certified and sustainable wines from South Africa.

8:00 PM — FR. LARRY MCBRADY — SOCIAL JUSTICE TALK

Jesus Is The Justice Of God

The story of Adam and Eve is not a fable intended for young children in the early days of their religious education. Rather, it’s the lead-in to the ongoing story of humankind’s failure to access the wisdom of God. The Original Sin is our inability to better recognize the unity and the oneness to which we are all called by the Love of God made manifest in the life of Jesus.

Fr. Larry McBrady will offer a reflection on the 25th Chapter of St. Matthew’s Gospel where Jesus calls us, invites us, and challenges us to recognize that Jesus is the embodiment of God’s justice. How can we, as the friends of God, commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice in the course of our daily lives? Fr. McBrady will use stories from his own life experience as an inner-city priest and former chaplain at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center as well as Cook County Jail.

TICKET DONATION: $10
LIMITED SEATING. 21-OVER EVENT.
Tickets available for purchase in the Parish Office.
No tickets will be sold at-the-door.
For information call 708-403-0101, x107.
LETTER FROM CARDINAL CUPICH ON THIS WEEK’S CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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June 17, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this coming week of June 18th, the priests of the Archdiocese will gather for a convocation. They will take time for prayer and reflection together. The entire convocation is designed to help them prepare spiritually for the tasks and challenges that face all of us, as we go through the process of Renew My Church.

At the very beginnings of Renew My Church, I urged the priests to foster a spirit of unity and collaboration with each other that could enable us to support each other. Our efforts to renew parishes, I reminded them, will involve personal costs, even a kind of dying. So, it is essential to nourish hope in each other and be aware of the presence of Christ walking with us.

As part of their ministry, your priests pray for you. Now as they gather for the convocation, they need your prayers and encouragement. Carry them in your hearts and in your prayers this coming week.

As you may already know, I have asked parishes to cancel weekday Masses during the convocation, so that priests will be free to attend and participate in this important event for them and for their parishes as well. Please consult your bulletin for prayer services during this time and for provisions for emergencies.

 Providentially, we celebrate Fathers’ Day at the beginning of this week. Priests are fathers who lead and nurture their parish families. I thank you for your prayerful support that is an expression of your gratitude for their ministry and lives. God bless all of you for your kindness and, in a particular way, God bless all the fathers in our lives who support and sustain us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]
Archbishop of Chicago
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**A Reflection from**

**SACRED SPACE**

**2018 PRAYER BOOK**

**Doubting with the Best — John the Baptist**

**The Word:**

John had been locked up in prison. When he got wind of what Jesus was doing, he sent his own disciples to ask, “Are you the One we’ve been expecting, or are we still waiting?”

Jesus told them, “Go back and tell John what’s going on: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the wretched of the earth learn that God is on their side.” Is this what you were expecting? Then count yourselves most blessed.”

When John’s disciples left to report, Jesus started talking to the crowd about John. What did you expect when you went out to see him in the wilderness? A weekend camper? Hardly. What then? A sheik in silk pajamas? Not in the wilderness, not by a long shot. What then? A prophet? That’s right, a prophet! He is the prophet that Malachi announced when he wrote, “I’m sending my prophet ahead of you, to make the road straight for you.”

“Let me tell you what’s going on here: No one in history surpasses John the Baptist; but in the kingdom he prepared for you, the lowest person is ahead of him.”


**A Reflection:**

There is real comfort in this story. John the Baptist, the powerful, austere man who held such sway among the Jews, still had his moments of darkness. Imprisoned in Herod’s dungeon, he wondered:

Am I a fool? Is this all there is? Was I wrong about Jesus?

“Go and tell John what you hear and see... the blind receive their sight...”! What do we see and hear? Do we see the signs of God’s kingdom breaking through in the world around us? What do they (the signs) look like? If we don’t see any positive signs, why not? Do we need to look again, or look differently? Are we somehow looking for “soft robes and royal palaces” when God is offering us a prophet?

**A Prayer:**

Jesus, it’s sort of a relief to know that even a believer like John the Baptist had his doubts about you. Even he grew discouraged and wondered if he’d gotten it all wrong. That means that our doubts and discouragement and confusion don’t set us apart as especially faulty spiritual persons. The signs of your presence are already in our lives. We often don’t see many of them now – open our eyes and our hearts to this grace-filled reality.

You are invited to gather with the members of the Sacred Space reflection group on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Fr. Gubbins’ Center from 9:30-11AM. (after 9am Mass)

Our next gathering is on Wednesday, June 27.

All are welcomed.
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St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 27th ~ 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm
O'Mara Hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

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Dear Parishioners,

Last week we shared an overture of the Archdiocesan initiative RENEW MY CHURCH. In this second letter, we outline the basic format of that process.

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago have been placed in groupings that will be activated over a period of years. The first grouping began their work two years ago and the final groupings will be activated within four or five years. In our region (Deanery V-E), the Archdiocese has created the following groupings:

- **Group One:** Incarnation, St. Alexander
- **Group Two:** St. Christopher, St. Damian
- **Lemont Group:** SS. Cyril and Methodius, St. James at Sag Bridge, St. Alphonsus, St. Patrick, St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School, Blessed Anton Martin Slomsek Slovenian Catholic Mission, Our Lady Mother of the Church Polish Mission
- **Orland/Tinley Group:** Our Lady of the Woods, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiart, St. Michael, St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

Despite the fact that none of these groupings has been “activated” at this time, please know that as your pastors we have already begun some preliminary work.

When a group is activated, every parish will have lay representation on the consultation process and the Archdiocese will provide necessary training as well. In this process, the Archdiocese will present a number of scenarios for the groupings. These scenarios are based on parish vitality, financial realities, the state of the parish facilities, as well as priest availability. There are a number of general principles to guide the process. They include the following:

- **As a general rule,** a parish needs to have a Sunday church attendance of at least 600 persons to justify a full-time priest in the future. A minimum of 800 worshippers is preferred. Within a few years, we will not have enough priests to provide smaller parishes with a resident pastor.
- **As a general rule,** a parish needs to have an income from collections that exceed $500,00 per year. However, $750,000 is considered ideal to offer more comprehensive ministerial services and ministries.
- **As a general rule,** a Catholic school should project an enrollment of at least 200 students in the future to be considered viable. A minimum of 240 students is preferred.

The groupings will be free to create their own proposals for consideration as well. In larger parishes, this might mean adjusting the daily and Sunday Mass schedule, including sharing the daily Masses between parishes or even sharing the Sunday evening Mass. It may also mean that more combined ministries and perhaps the sharing of associate pastors, if one has one.

Overall, the process will include a number of meetings between the staffs, between parish leadership teams (such as Parish Council members and School Advisory members) and “town hall” style meetings, open to the entire parish. Planning in detail cannot begin until the groups are activated. The overall time frame of the RENEW MY CHURCH process for an activated grouping of parishes is approximately six to eight months of discernment, followed by their recommendations to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Several more months will be needed to finalize the plans and then a time for implementation is determined.

In our third letter next weekend, July 1, 2018, we will explore how we are moving forward today and what we can all do to prepare for these plans.
St. Vincent DePaul Society
Summer Donation Drive

Donate!

NO TELEVISIONS OR
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
PLEASE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 30
9AM-12 NOON
(in the Seton Church Parking Lot)

We will be collecting usable, clean items; clothing and small appliances.
We will not take large appliances, furniture, televisions or computer equipment.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO
HELP LOAD OR UNLOAD TRUCKS...

Please call Doug Benker to help or if you have any questions at 708-429-4518. Thank you for your support.
Women’s Club End-of-Year Celebration

At the last 2017-2018 Women’s Club meeting, a prayer service was held in appreciation for outgoing board members, Mary Vlaming and Cathy Steckhan, and to installation the new board for the 2018-19 year. Afterward all shared in a meal to celebrate. 2018-19 officers: (photo, l-r) Joanne Holquist, Membership; Kathy Peschak, 2nd Vice President; Kathy Galvin, Treasurer; Lori Stanfa, Vice President; Donna Kujawa, Secretary; Laurie Coe, President.

The Creation Care Team will have its’ next meeting on Monday, June 18, 7-8:30pm, in the Gubbins Center (NE corner of 167th St. and 94th Ave.). All are invited.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:
Try to make sure the lumber you (or your contractor) buy for your next project carries the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification. The FSC program is an independent, nongovernmental, nonprofit organization established to promote the sustainable management of the world’s forests. Evaluation is typically performed by an independent third party. Certification can assure consumers that they are buying forest-related products that were grown, harvested and processed sustainably, protecting the resource for future generations.

Women’s SUMMER RETREAT at the PORT
“Tending Your Inner Garden”

June 20, 5:30pm (dinner) through June 24 Noon (Brunch) $385—retreat, optional spiritual direction, meals, room Single-Days : June 21, 22, 23, 9:30am-5pm ($65 per day)
Group sessions: 9:30am-Noon, 4-5pm, afternoon free

Tap into the wisdom of nature by engaging body, mind, and spirit to find balance and journey to a more centered life. Morning presentations invite you to grow, stretch, and imagine new ways of looking within and around us. Afternoons will offer personal time for your own creative spirit.

June 21: The Garden of My Life
A garden encompasses a great variety of features and offers us the opportunity through input, reflection and activities to relate these to our life experience and spirituality.

June 22: Creating Space for New Growth
Lessons from transplanting root-bound plants into a garden and explore growth in intimacy and connection with the Divine and others.

June 23: Restorative Yoga & Vibrational Sound
To tend the garden of our mind/body/spirit, we will work together on balancing the chakras with restorative yoga poses, combined with meditation, centering, and balancing to feel relaxed, re-energized, re-awakened, rejuvenated.

Portiuncula Center for Prayer
Register at 815-464-3880, email: info@portforprayer.org
Theology on Tap is for people in their 20’s and 30’s single or married!

Join us this summer for our Theology on Tap series! Our parish will be focusing on the “Serve It” track, where we will join together in serving those on the margins, joyfully responding to the call to love one another as Jesus Christ has loved us. We look forward to volunteering with you and spreading God’s goodwill here in our neighborhood.

Cheers to a great summer!

Week One

July 14th, 8:30 a.m.

Kelly Park Clean-Up

Join us for a morning of cleaning, fixing and organizing a local park that serves the many families here in Orland Hills. Join us for refreshments after and hear from our local Creation Ministry about caring for our environment.

Creation Ministry

Week Two

July 21st, 9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Meal Program

We will be serving the local community a breakfast meal, spending time with those who come and cleaning the facility after. There will be a short speaker after.

Catholic Charities

Week Three

July 28th, 9:00 a.m.

Feed My Starving Children

We will drive to Aurora, IL, and spend two hours packing meals that will help communities throughout the world that do not share the same blessings.

Week Four

August 4th, 9:00 a.m.

Mission of Our Lady of Angels

We will be driving into the city from St. Elizabeth Seton to assist in distributing food and clothing to the neighbors around the parish. There will also be an opportunity for Adoration and a meal.

For more information on all of the Theology on Tap events taking place across the Archdiocese of Chicago and at St. Elizabeth Seton this summer, please visit www.totchicago.org or contact Kyle Groves at 708.403.0101 x105 or kgroves@steseton.com.
Widows/Widowers Retreat Workshop

Feeling Stuck? Learn how to move from confusion to new hope at the Joyful Again! Retreat Workshop for widows and widowers on June 23/24, at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park. To register call Joyful Again! At 708-354-7211 or email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Don’t miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on August 10-12, 2018, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Elk Grove Village. Private weekend experience including 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships. Provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter community. For information on applying, please go to wwme-chicagoland.org and say YES TODAY, to God’s call to love one another!
School will soon be out for the summer, but Scrip is still in full force all summer long. If you need a gift for graduation, Father’s Day, a bridal shower or a wedding, let CJB Scrip help you with the perfect gift card for every occasion. Dads will love Home Depot, Menards and Dick’s Sporting Goods. Grads can outfit their college dorms with Kohl’s and Bed Bath & Beyond. Everyone will love our Visa or Discover cards. Our Discover & Visa gift cards do not have activation fees! When it’s time to send your college students off in August, help them with their budgets by giving them cards for their groceries, gas, coffee house or sandwich shop.

**Scrip Summer Hours**

**Monday Counter Sales**
- 9:00am-10:00am
  - June 11th
  - June 18th
  - June 25th
  - July 2nd
  - July 9th
  - July 16th
  - July 23rd
  - July 30th
  - August 6th
  - August 13th
  - Packet Pick up TBD

**Wednesday Counter Sales**
- 6:00pm-7:00pm
  - June 13th
  - June 20th
  - June 27th
  - July 4th (CLOSED)
  - July 11th
  - July 18th
  - July 25th
  - August 1st
  - August 8th
  - August 15th

Parish Courier services remains on Monday morning.

**Vendor Updates**
- Bass Pro – changed from 4.5% to 4.0%
- Cabela’s – changed from 5.5% to 4.0%
- Cold Stone – changed from 4.0% to 5.5%

**Scrip Rebates Posted**
- CJB tuition credits and rebates paid by check are now posted in Scrip Manager. You must earn at least $25 in order to receive a check.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

VENERABLE MATT TALBOT
(1856-1925)

Perhaps no one has done more to address the issue of alcoholism than Venerable Matt Talbot. An active alcoholic himself, he designed a program of support that has helped millions. Many are thankful.

Matt is considered the patron of those struggling with alcoholism. Born in Dublin, his father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some liquor merchants; there he began to drink excessively. For 15 years—until he was almost 30—Matt was an active alcoholic.

One day he decided to take "the pledge" for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. There is evidence that Matt's first seven years after taking the pledge were especially difficult. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money.

Most of his life Matt worked as a builder's laborer. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order. Each night Matt spent hours reading Scripture and the lives of the saints and prayed the rosary conscientiously. Matt contributed generously to the missions. After 1923, his health failed, and Matt was forced to quit work. He died on his way to church on Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later, Pope Paul VI extolled the title venerable.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOAH’S ARK AND CREATION MUSEUM
SEPTEMBER 11-14, 2018
$600-based on double occupancy
$737-based on single occupancy

Bus Tour package includes: Accommodations at Hyatt Place Hotel in Florence, Kentucky; 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, boat cruise, Creation Museum tour, admission to Noah’s Ark.

$100 deposit due at time of reservation.
Final payment due by August 5, 2018.

*Flyer available in the parish office. For reservations/questions, please call Anna Talley at 708-532-6731.

SENIORS OF SETON

Installation of officers for 2018-2019 by Fr. Corcoran was held at the June 5th meeting. Congratulations to:

Diane May, Treasurer
Joy Jordan, Secretary
Anna Talley, 2nd Vice President
Sharon Oskelunas, 1st Vice President
Doug Benker, President
Fr. Corcoran, SOS Spiritual Director

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 16, 2018 by Cardinal Cupich. The location of the Mass will be announced soon.

To register, please contact your local parish, or register online at pvm.archchicago.org.

We hope to see you there!
**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**June 24, 2018**

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_John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26)._ John the Baptist, the last of the prophets, proclaimed a baptism of repentance. The difference between John’s baptism and Christian Baptism is that his was one of repentance, while Christian Baptism is one of repentance and reception of the Holy Spirit that makes us children of God. Even John the Baptist gave witness that he was not the Messiah. He spoke of Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, while he gave witness that he was not even worthy to untie his sandals.

**GOSPEL**

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**REFLECTION**

It might seem strange to some that Elizabeth’s neighbors and relatives made signs to ask Zechariah the name of their son. He was mute, not deaf. However, don’t we tend to act in strange ways when we meet someone who is different from us or when we encounter something that we do not expect? We talk louder in our own tongue to someone who speaks a different language. We stumble for words when tragedy strikes. We become tongue-tied when we meet someone famous. Flustered, we tend to lose ourselves. We can even misunderstand the situation before us. Elizabeth and Zechariah’s confidence offers another model for response. They simply speak their truth, ask for what they need, and affirm one another. Their union with God and willingness to do what God asked free Zechariah’s tongue. This tells their family and friends that God’s hand was involved in naming their son John. Most of us are not prophets like John and Isaiah. Called from our mother’s wombs, we are formed to be servants of God, to announce the Gospel of the Lord. Our lives herald Jesus Christ when we imprint the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, in our words, actions, and attitudes. Meeting us, people meet Jesus. Seeing us, they see Jesus. Encountering us, they encounter Jesus the Christ. By living Jesus, we prepare and point the way to the Lord, like John. Open your ears to hear God’s will. Open your mouths and let God free your tongue to proclaim the Gospel. Allow the hand of God to calm your fears and give you the confidence and trust that Zechariah and Elizabeth exhibited. Then praise God that you have been wonderfully made to imprint the Gospel of your life. Zechariah immediately praises God for his faithfulness to his promises in the hymn called the Benedictus, which begins with the words, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free.”

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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.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Wednesday morning in the church, 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.
For hundreds of years, people in mountainous regions of India have been building “living bridges” — bridges created from the aerial roots of rubber trees (photo, center). Bridge-builders train the roots to grow across ravines and rivers, developing a tangle of roots that is strong enough to hold a person and resilient in the face of flooding.

Since these living bridges only grow as fast as the tree, building a bridge takes more than a single lifetime. It is a task passed down from generation to generation, with children completing the work their parents began.

Today’s readings, like this story of living bridges, help us reflect on our call to engage in work that we may not see completed in our lifetime. The work to build a more just, loving, Christ-like world is long-term. It does not provide instant gratification; instead, we depend on our faith that the final product will be stunning.

The readings use vivid imagery to talk about this “final product” — a more just world — and to illustrate how different it is from the world we live in.

In the first reading, God uses the images of a mighty cedar tree and a sapling to talk about injustice. In today’s world, there is a great distance between the “high” and the “lowly,” but in the future world, the high will be brought low and the lowly lifted up.

In the second reading, Paul writes to the Corinthians about the difference between our bodily life on Earth and our future life with God. In our contemporary world, we must “walk by faith, not by sight,” doing our best to live justly and mercifully; in the future world, what is good and just will be clear to everyone.

In the first half of the Gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable about farming to illustrate the future we are working toward. As many of Jesus’ followers were surely aware, farming continues to involve a lot of hard work. In the future world, Jesus says, “Of its own accord the land yields fruit” (Mark 4:28). Jesus follows this with the familiar story of the tiny mustard seed growing into a large tree.

The mustard plant, like the living bridge, is a good image of what each of us is called to do in our lifetime: Plant proverbial seeds and nurture them into something that will endure into the next generation.

The world as it is now and the world as God envisions it for us are like two sides of a ravine that we are working to join together with a living bridge. Each of us is working to train the growing roots just a little bit closer to the other side. Though we may not yet see our destination, we must trust that our efforts to shorten the distance between the high and the lowly, our work to plant seeds of justice, will one day bring us across the gap.

In the paraphrased words of several Talmudic scholars commenting on Micah 6:8:

— Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Walk humbly now.

— Do justly now. Love mercy now. You are not expected to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

When we despair at the slow pace of our work as disciples, we must keep each other going with stories of the world we are building: a world of humility, justice and mercy; a world where each of us, no matter how lowly, can take root on the mountaintop; a world of easy, joyful abundance for all.
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