THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

IS LIKE A LANDOWNER WHO WENT OUT AT DAWN TO HIRE LABORERS FOR HIS VINEYARD.

~ Matthew 20:1
WE CELEBRATE OUR CATECHISTS

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Seminary Education Fund Appeal...

This weekend, Sept. 23/24, we will welcome Mr. Robert Ryan, a seminarian from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, who will speak at all our Masses on behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago Annual Seminary Education Fund Appeal. Robert is a student from our Archdiocese of Chicago. Please extend a heartfelt welcome.

Blessing of Children...

Next weekend, Sept. 30/Oct. 1, in honor of the Feast of the Guardian Angels [October 2 Feast Day], we will bless all children ages five and under at all our weekend Masses.

October is Pro-Life month when we celebrate God’s great gift of giving all of us the gift of life. By blessing our young children we thank God for the gift of their lives and the commitment of our community to provide for their religious formation. We happily partner with the families of our parish children in raising them in faith. It takes a community to form a child.

Remembrance Mass...

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7:00 PM, we will have a special Mass remembering all children who have died. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Blessing of Pets...

Next Saturday, Sept. 30, at 12 Noon [Sharp!], we will offer a Blessing of Pets in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4 Feast Day) outside the Gubbins Center. This blessing reminds us of the preciousness of all nature, and of our good stewardship of all the world that God has created.

Changes...

Later in this parish bulletin is a note from Deacon Joe Truesdale who after much discernment, has been assigned to assist as a deacon at St. George Parish in Tinley Park. Although his new assignment is to St. George, he will continue to run the area-wide support ministry from our Gubbins Center for those who have been divorced. We thank Joe for his service to our parish community, and wish him blessings at his ministry at St. George Parish.

Men’s Club...

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, our Men’s Club had their opening meeting. How to describe it: “pretty” funny—perhaps. Besides detailing all the activities that they would be involved in during the coming year [ e.g. Donuts with Santa, Fish Fry, a Wolves game], and obtaining volunteers for some parish events, they also took a page out of our Women’s Club playbook, and featured their own “Fashion Show” after a fashion — so to speak. They presented the newest in Men’s Club fashion attire: shirts, hats, and jackets — what the most fashionable of men will be wearing this fall in Orland Hills, Orland Park, Tinley Park and beyond. It was a fun meeting! The officers took something that was pretty mundane [“We have shirts, jackets, and hats for sale.”], and had some fun with it. They are a great group.

Women’s Club...

The Women’s Club opened their new year of meetings to a packed house, and an “in-house” fashion show. A tip of the hat to our courageous and graceful Women’s Club models who wore clothes from the local Dress Barn store. It was well-thought out, well-executed and a fun evening. The cute snacks and finger sandwiches were also appreciated. And speaking on appreciation, the Club thanked long-time and hard working outgoing President, Lynn Miller, for all her work. The club is off to a good start. Plan on attending next month’s meeting, the third Tuesday of the month.

The October Count...

The Archdiocese of Chicago, for several decades now, has been counting congregational participation for four weeks in October. This year’s count will begin the count on October 7/8, and continue for three additional weekends. I will have more information on recent count results in the coming weeks.

Parish Ministry Fair 2017...

Our recent successful Parish Ministry Fairs have led us to reshuffle the deck this year. In the past we held the fairs on one weekend, and jammed the Narthex with people and displays. This year we are splitting the four different areas of ministry and outreach over two weekends: On October 7/8, we will feature Parish Life [e.g., parish organizations, etc.] and Spiritual Life [e.g., scripture groups, prayer groups, etc.] and on October 14/15 Education [e.g., Religious Education and the school] and Human Concerns [e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, HOPE Employment, Support groups, Social Action Ministry, our newly formed Domestic Violence group, St. Monica Ministry of Compassion for the Family, etc.]. This is a time for all to consider how the Lord is calling them to care for our community.

Keep Smiling!

CORCORAN’S CORNER

September 24, 2017

TWO FIFTY SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, SEPT. 23/24, FOR ARCHDIOCESAN SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND

Seminarian Appeal 2017

Seminarian Education Fund
Forming Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each Archdiocesan seminarian as he proceeds through the various stages of formation before he is ordained a priest.

Please support the men seeking to answer God’s call to a life of service as priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago through our second collection. By offering our financial support we provide these young men with the critical education and training they need to shepherd our parishes and administer the sacraments. Last year, more than $978,000 was collected and I am thankful for your past and present support.

Pope Francis reminds us that, “The Church and the world need mature and balanced priests, intrepid and generous Pastors, capable of closeness, of listening and mercy.” There are currently 54 seminarians preparing for a life of service as your future parish priests. Our seminarians’ motivation and enthusiasm in their pursuit to answer God’s call is inspiring. They are the future guides for the spiritual and intellectual formation of our Catholic communities and are well deserving of our prayers and financial support.

Contributions made to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees ($1,672), room and board ($638), and health insurance ($171) for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. You may utilize the remittance envelopes provided to your parish or should you find it more convenient, feel free to contribute online through our website at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

For your generous support in the past and for your consideration of support again this year, I thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago
FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sunday, Oct. 1
8:30am-1pm
Seton Parish Life Center

For your convenience, Walgreens will be providing flu shots at our parish. Flu shots are covered on most insurance including Medicare or $20 without insurance. Please bring your insurance card. Anyone age 14 and older can receive the influenza (flu) shot. Registration forms available on the counter in the Narthex. Please fill out the form and bring with on the day of the clinic.

Questions? Call 708-212-1812 (please leave a message)

LIFELINE SCREENING
at St. Elizabeth Seton Church
Saturday, Sept. 30, McBrady Center
Sponsored by Ingalls Health System

5 screenings for only $149

Our services go above and beyond what's offered by most primary care doctors. We've designed our screening results to be shared and discussed with your physician, giving you access to the most comprehensive care. To schedule/register for a screening appointment call 888-653-6434 and receive a $10 discount or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com.

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 9-17-17:
$28,729.87

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Jeffrey and Peggy Ruzich
(Children: Aiden and Isabella Ruzich)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the following parents of the baptism of their child on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017:
River Maddox, child of Michael Townsend and Natalie Saldana
Evelyn Christine, child of Andrew and Julie Creagh
Leah Rose, child of Gilbert Gonzales and Gina Jagodzinski

WEDDINGS

Please pray for this couple preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Sarah Goldrick and Nathaniel Vimarco; 10-6-17
Vinita Parikh and Paul Ackerman; 10-7-17
Jaclyn Borem and Dominic Mangerson; 10-7-17
Daniella Morales and Timothy Carmody; 10-13-17
Tina LaSalvia and Steven Floress; 10-21-17
Kelly Grady and Jeffrey D’Ercole; 10-21-17

PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:
John Willnecker Casimer Rzegocki Mary Morajda
Donald Workurka Charles David Larson
And for our deceased:
Kathy Chiarito Marjorie Anderson Kathleen Maples
Denis O’Malley (Brother to Jack [Judy] O’Malley)
Monica Kreten (Mother to Sharon [Keith] Grill)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept. 23 (5pm) Robert Tomiello; June Tunelius
Sun., Sept. 24 (7:15am) Jim Pierce; Robert Tomiello
(8:30am) Maria Twardowski; Joseph Twardowski
(10am) Joseph Brzegowy; Joan Tylka
(11:30am) Robert Tomiello; For All Parishioners
Mon., Sept. 25 (9am) Dcn. Jim Cozzo, Jr.; Dorothy Cahill (Living)
Tues., Sept. 26 (9am) Raymond Meyer; Marie Merriman
Wed., Sept. 27 (9am) A.J. Nichols; James Konieczny
Thurs., Sept. 28 (9am) Bonita Ostarello; Victor Anguiano
Fri., Sept. 29 (9am) Cheryl Adams; Mary Ann Mirecki
Sat., Sept. 30 (5pm) James Barraca; Carolyn Roy
Sun., Oct. 1 (7:15am) The Purgatorial Society; Andrew Harmata
(8:30am) Cecelia Dudek; For All Parishioners
(10am) Thomas Klinkner; Paul Bauer
(11:30am) Regina Marszalek; Diane Gillooley
An op-ed piece appeared in the New York Times by Frank Bruni, entitled “The Wages of Celibacy.” The column, while provocative, is fair. Mostly he asks a lot of hard, necessary questions. Looking at the various sexual scandals that have plagued the Roman Catholic priesthood in the past number of years, Bruni suggests that it’s time to re-examine celibacy with an honest and courageous eye and ask ourselves whether its downside outweighs its potential benefits. Bruni, in fact, doesn’t weigh-in definitively on this question; he only points out that celibacy, as a vowed lifestyle, runs more risks than are normally admitted. Near the end his column he writes: “The celibate culture runs the risk of stunting [sexual] development and turning sexual impulses into furtive, tortured gestures. It downplays a fundamental and perhaps irresistible human connection. Is it any wonder that some priests try to make that connection nonetheless, in surreptitious, imprudent and occasionally destructive ways?”

That’s not an irreverent question, but a necessary one, one we need to have the courage to face: Is celibacy, in fact, abnormal to the human condition? Does it run the risk of stunting sexual development?

Thomas Merton was once asked by a journalist what celibacy was like. I suspect his answer will come as a surprise to pious ears because he virtually endorses Bruni’s position. He responds: “Celibacy is hell! You live in a loneliness that God himself has condemned when he said: ‘It is not good to be alone!’” However, with that being admitted, Merton immediately goes on to say that just because celibacy is not the normal human condition willed by the Creator doesn’t mean that it cannot be wonderfully generative and fruitful and that perhaps its unique fruitfulness is tied to how extraordinary and abnormal it is.

What Merton is saying, in essence, is that celibacy is abnormal and dooms you to live in a state not been willed by the Creator; but, despite and perhaps because of that abnormality, it can be deeply generative, both for the one living it and for those around him or her.

I know this to be true, as do countless others, because I have been deeply nurtured, as a Christian and as a human being, by the lives of vowed celibates, by numerous priests, sisters, and brothers whose lives have touched my own and whose “abnormality” served precisely to make them wonderfully fruitful.

Moreover, abnormality can have its own attraction. As a young priest, I served as a spiritual director to a young man who was discerning whether to join our order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, or whether to propose marriage to a young woman. It was an agonizing decision for him; he wanted both. And his discernment, while perhaps somewhat overly romantic in terms of his fantasy of both options, was at the same time uncommonly mature. Here (in words to this effect) is how he described his dilemma:

“Is the oldest in my family and we lived in a rural area. When I was 15 years old, one evening, just before supper, my dad, still a young man, had a heart attack. There were no ambulances to call. We bundled him up in the car and my mother sat in the back seat with him and held him, while I, a scared teenager, drove the car en route to the hospital some 15 miles away. My dad died before we reached the hospital. As tragic as this was, there was an element of beauty in it. My dad died in my mother’s arms. That tragic beauty branded my soul. In my mind, in my fantasy, that’s how I have wanted to die – in the arms of my wife. And so my major hesitation about entering the Oblates and moving towards priesthood is celibacy. If I become a priest, I won’t die in any human arms. I’ll die as celibates do!

Then one day, in prayer, trying to discern all of this, I had another realization: Jesus didn’t die in the arms of a spouse; he died differently, lonely and alone. I’ve always had a thing about the loneliness of celibates and have always been drawn to people like Soren Kierkegaard, Mother Theresa, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Jean Vanier, and Daniel Berrigan, who don’t die in the arms of a spouse. There’s a real beauty in that way of dying too!

Bruni is right in warning that celibacy is abnormal and fraught with dangers. It does run the risk of stunting sexual development and especially of downplaying a fundamental and perhaps irresistible human connection. One of the fundamental anthropological dogmas that scripture teaches us is contained in the story of God creating our first parents and his pronouncement: It is not good (and it is dangerous) for the man to be alone! Celibacy does condemn one to live in a loneliness that God himself condemned, but it’s a loneliness too within which Jesus gave himself over to us in a death that’s perhaps the most generative in human history.

The Wages of Celibacy
By Reverend Ronald Rolheiser

“When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’”
First Responders Blue Mass
In appreciation for those who dedicate their lives to defend our community against evil, harm and fire.
St. Damian Church, 5300 W. 155th St., Oak Forest, invites all First Responders to be their honored guests at their Second Annual Blue Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 9am in their church. All are welcome to attend.

Mass of Remembrance/
The Alchemy of Grief
St. Francis of Assisi Church, 15050 South Wolf Rd., Orland Park, invite those who have lost children of any age to join them on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 8:30am, for a special Mass honoring their memory and praying for eternal peace. Nancy Loeffler, author of “The Alchemy of Grief”, will be present. As a mother, herself who lost her daughter tragically, she understands grief and will speak about transforming grief thru the wisdom of your heart.

St. Peregrine Mass and Novena
St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those afflicted with cancer and other serious illnesses.
St. Julie Billiart Church, 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, will be hosting a Mass to kick-off the St. Peregrine Novena on Monday, Oct. 2, at 7pm, in their church. Mass will be celebrated with the blessing of a relic of St. Peregrine by a Servite priest under the direction of Fr. Christopher Krymski, National Director of St. Peregrine Shrine. The Novena to St. Peregrine will commence immediately following Mass. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Novena.

Power of Pure Love — Mastery of Motherhood Tour
Dr. Christina Hibbert is traveling around the country to speak on her Mastery of Motherhood Tour. Thanks to the Seeds of Faith/Moms of Faith group at St. Christina and the local counseling practice specializing in women’s health, New Dawn Wellness Group, Dr. Hibbert will be at St. Christina Church, 3342 W. 111th St., Chicago, on Oct. 9 at 7pm. She is going to talk about the Power of Pure Love – to explore our love for one another, our love for God and from God, and ultimately, our love for ourselves through Him. This free event will be an opportunity to learn, share and contribute ideas to Dr. Hibbert’s next book. Questions? Please call Sue Carter at 773-445-9539.

A NOTE FROM DEACON JOE

There is an old saying which I can’t remember exactly because I am old but it basically says that the one thing that doesn’t change is change. I am now assigned to St. George in Tinley Park. Fortunately that doesn’t mean goodbye since we are in a shared grouping and are and will be collaborating on various ministries.

I am very grateful to Father Corcoran for allowing me to serve you at St Elizabeth. Father Bill and Father John have been great mentors in my continued growth as a Deacon. I have come to know many of you and it has been a wonderful experience and somehow in God’s grace I will get to continue to know others at St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

I will keep you in my prayers and ask you to keep me in yours as we all continue our faith journeys.

Deacon Joe Truesdale
Beginning this Wednesday, Sept. 27, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church!

Six consecutive Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. Join us for our first meeting in the Youth Ministry Room located in the Seton Gym)

SIX WEEKS WITH THE WORD OF GOD
YOUNG ADULT SCRIPTURE FAITH SHARING

Are you looking for a meaningful way to grow in your Faith and learn more about the Word of God? This year, the Archdiocese of Chicago is launching Six Weeks With the Word of God: Young Adult Scripture Faith Sharing to provide you with a wonderful opportunity to do just that.

Beginning in the third week of September, groups of young adults will meet in nine different locations across the Archdiocese of Chicago on a weekly basis in a comfortable community environment, from outdoor parks to parish halls. Six Weeks With the Word of God sessions will combine elements of study, support, and fun, ultimately enabling attendees to help one another to find God in their lives.

For more information, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/six-weeks-with-the-word-of-god

You can register to join a Six Weeks With the Word of God group by visiting www.cvent.com/d/15qhdh
Do you have a high school student needing to complete Sacrament of Confirmation...

**High School Confirmation Program**
St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish, 17500 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park, will begin a High School Confirmation Program on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 4:15pm for teens in high school. The program will meet weekly until the Sacrament is conferred upon the teens on March 10, 2018, by Bishop Kane. Topics that will be covered will help teens relate to being a Catholic in our modern society. Students will discuss elements of the Catholic faith and the significance of moral, theological, and scriptural issues that are a part of every committed and confirmed Catholic’s life.
There are three Sacraments in which people become full members of the Catholic Church — Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Confirmation is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and completes the good work that was begun in Baptism and that is continually strengthened in receiving the Eucharist. Students are required to do service projects, attend a retreat in preparation for the Sacrament and each student will research and prepare a report on the saint name chosen for his/her confirmation name. Registration form at www.ststephentinley.com under the Education tab, where the form can be printed and returned to the Religious Education office. Questions? Contact Barbara Black at barbara@ststephentinley.com.

**Mother McAuley High School Open House**
3737 W. 99th St., Chicago
*Sunday, Sept. 24, from 11am-1pm*
Presentations at 11:15am, 11:45am and 12:15pm. Come see all that Mother McAuley has to offer! Take a personal tour of the school, see classrooms and meet students. For information please visit their website at www.mothermcauley.org.

**Marian Catholic High School Open House**
*Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 6:30-8pm*
700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights
Get a solid on-site overview of Marian Catholic programs in academics, college preparation, opportunities for involvement, leadership and service. Visit marianchs.com.

**Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's-Sept. 30**
Currently in the United States more than five million people are affected by Alzheimer's disease, and the numbers are growing. On Saturday, Sept. 30, at Centennial Park, (Parking at Metra Station, 10401 W. 153rd St., Orland Park), the Alzheimer's Association will host its Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. This walk is the Association's largest event to build Alzheimer's awareness and fund care, support and research. There are no registration fees to walk. 8:30am Registration, 9:30am ceremony, 10am Walk. This is a family-friendly event with entertainment for kids. Leashed dogs welcome. Join in the fight to end Alzheimer's. Visit alz.org/walk to register to walk, form a "virtual" team, or to donate to the cause. For walk information or other walk locations or to register by phone please contact Lora Cummings at 815-272-2009.

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**Branches**
**Youth Ministry**

**October 9**
Fright Fest
9:00am-Close/ $38 a ticket. Please call to reserve yours.

**October 21**
Holy Fire
10:00 am-4:00 pm
Catholic conference for junior high students. Parents are invited too.

**October 28**
Trunk or Treat
St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr
6:30pm-8:30pm

**Young Adult Ministry**
Gospel of Matthew Bible Discussion Group Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
Must Register at https://pym.archchicago.org/events/six-weeks-locations

To be added to the email list, ask questions, or give feedback please contact Kyle Groves at kgroves@steseton.com or 708-403-0101
For all who have experienced miscarriages, stillbirths, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or death of a beloved child — no matter how long ago, their lives will never be forgotten. Therefore, we annually celebrate this liturgy so we may return yearly to remember the love that was shared in their creation and the way these little souls have touched others’ lives. All life needs to be recognized, welcomed, and celebrated in some way.

Our memories of these children had their beginnings in our hearts and will continue to live on there as a very important part of us. It is this love, those memories we seek to hold and cherish during this Liturgy. We have this Mass annually as an opportunity to continually celebrate with you the lives of these very special children who do not have yearly birthdays to celebrate.

We invite you, your family and friends, and all those who have shared in that loss and who have been supportive through the years with their prayers and presence — to attend.

Light refreshments will be served following the liturgy.
“I have set before you life and death... Therefore choose life that both you and your descendants MAY LIVE.”

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

Respect Life Prayer Chain
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

LOCATION:
Join St. Elizabeth Seton parishioners for one hour from 2:30-3:30pm, as we unite in a silent, prayerful protest at the corner 159th St. and 80th Ave. (by Walgreens).

Did you know that over 90% of women who have had abortions said that it was not thought out... it was an impulse decision made out of despair and fear... and they would not have, had they been given the right information.

Choosing life is infinitely harder now. Pressures and demands come from so many places.

Please join us this year for one hour as we pray to defend the life of the unborn and their mothers. Life Chains will be occurring in over 1900 locations nationwide. Join St. Elizabeth Seton parishioners on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 2:30-3:30pm, as we stand together with all denominations in our community in a silent, prayerful demonstration of our firm belief against abortion.

OUR LOCATION FOR ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISHIONERS IS 159TH AND 80TH AVE...

The new 2018 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! Many are two for one or multiple use coupons.

Available in the parish office! Come in to take a look to save!

St. George Bereavement Ministry
St. George Bereavement Ministry will begin Group Support Sessions on Monday, Sept. 25, for anyone who has lost a loved one. Sessions held each Monday for six weeks from 7-8:30pm on the first floor of the Cahill Parish Life Center, 6707 W. 175th St., Tinley Park. If you/someone you know can benefit from this peer support you are invited to join. Contact Mary Hagan at 708-429-6043 or mhagan@stegeorge60477.org.

Mental Health Awareness Support Group
Individuals and families living with people with mental health difficulties and disorders often face challenges that leave them feeling isolated and alone. Our group understands and welcomes you to attend. We are a community of faith offering help and hope, emotional and spiritual support, and a safe place where you can experience acceptance and TLC. You are not alone! Attend any (or all) of our upcoming Thursday evening meetings [Oct. 19; Nov. 16; Dec. 21] from 7-8:30pm, in the St. Damian Pastoral Center, 5250 W. 155th St., Oak Forest. For information call 708-687-1370.

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by Walgreens (There are no graphic images on the signs depicting abortions. The signs distributed have ONLY positive life supporting messages such as: Life—the First Inalienable Right; Jesus Forgives and Heals; Adoption: The Loving Option; and Abortion Hurts Women.)

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DEUTERONOMY 30:19
St. Elizabeth Seton Church invites you to bring your pet for the

**BLESSING of PETS**

**Saturday, Sept. 30**
**12 NOON**

Please bring your pet for a blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. The event will take outside our Gubbins Center.

All pets are welcome!
Trivia Event Rules:
1. You must be high school age or older to participate.
2. The Trivia Competition has 100 possible points.
3. Eight rounds consisting of “Groups of Questions” with 10 questions in each group.
4. A Flash Round with 10 questions.
5. A Lightening Round with 10 questions.
6. Select a captain for your team. (Team Captain turns in answer sheet to the judge assigned to your team.
7. A “Mulligan” (free space) can be purchased for each round. A “Mulligan” is $5. Only one “Mulligan” allowed per round.
8. After the 6th round you can purchase a “Mulligan” for $6, 7th round for $7, and so on.
9. A question will be read twice and projected on a screen.
10. Correct spelling on the answer sheets is not required, however, answers must be legible and the judges must be able to easily recognize your answers.
11. Immediately turn in your answer sheets before the next round begins to the judge assigned to your team. If your team’s answer sheet is not submitted within the allotted time, the team will receive no score for that round. After all answer sheets are scored, the answers will be read before continuing on to the next round.
12. The use of cell phones, laptops, PDA’s or other media device is prohibited. Please do not leave cell phones on your table. Please leave the room if you must use your phone. You may not return to the Parish Life Center until the current round is complete.
13. Judges will post team scores for all to see at the end of each round excluding the Lightening and Flash Rounds. The judge’s committee has the final say on any disputed answers.
14. Team totals will be posted and/or announced throughout the event.
15. 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold until Round 10 and you can purchase as many or as few as you want. The drawing will be at the end of the night.
16. Keep your team discussions to a low roar unless you want the neighboring team to eavesdrop.
17. In case of a tie, a question will be drawn at random and a question asked to the teams. The team(s) that answer(s) correctly will win or multiple teams will answer another question; as in single elimination.
**ANNUNCING THE**

**St. Monica Ministry of Compassion to the Family**

In a joint effort to advocate for the prevention of Domestic Violence, Saint Elizabeth Seton and Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parishes have formed a new ministry, *St. Monica Ministry of Compassion to the Family*. Our role model St. Monica is someone who understands what it means to be a victim and is turned to by many looking for support and encouragement. She is known to be a “compassionate companion” for those who suffer abuse of any kind; victims of abuse, those troubled with addictions, difficult marriages, verbal abuse, etc.

This new ministry is open to all who have a calling to help prevent Domestic Violence through awareness and promotion of available services.

Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity of this new ministry is encouraged to attend our upcoming event:

**Domestic Violence Awareness and Training**
**Saturday, Oct. 7, 9am-1pm**
**St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Life Center**
**9250 W. 167th St., Orland Hills.**

Reservations are required as space is limited. Please register by Tuesday, Oct. 3, by contacting either St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 708-403-0101 or St. Stephen Church, 708-342-2400.

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**Cardinal Cupich Mass in Cathedral to Focus on Domestic Violence**

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 5:15pm, at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash, Chicago. Everyone is invited. The Cardinal will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families. A reception in the Holy Name Cathedral Parish Hall will follow the Mass. For more information please contact Jan Burdulis at 773-841-3956 or JMBurdulis@gmail.com.

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**NEAT REPEATS ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

Neat Repeats Resale is accepting woman’s, men’s, and children’s clothing, housewares, books and misc. items. New and gently used items are always welcome during business hours at either store:

- **Orland Park**
  - 9028 W. 159th St. 708-364-7605
- **Worth**
  - 7026 W. 111th St. 708-361-6860

All sales at Neat Repeats Resale benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a local non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter and other services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence. Volunteers are always needed.
Orland Hurricane Relief Effort
The Village of Orland Park is collecting to help those affected by the recent hurricane devastation. Three village facilities will accept donations:

- Frederick T. Owens Village Hall
  14700 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park
- Sportsplex
  11351 W. 159th St., Orland Park
- Orland Park Health and Fitness Center
  15430 West Ave., Orland Park

Items requested: (NO CLOTHING PLEASE) new baby items, unopened baby food, toiletries, wipes, new blankets, diapers, formula, batteries, battery operated lights, bottled water, first aid supplies, flashlights, non-perishable/non-expired food, ready-to-eat items (applesauce, fruit cups, fruit snacks, granola bars, etc.), sports drinks, paper products, personal hygiene products pet supplies (bowls, pet food, leashes). For day/times for donation drop off please visit www.orlandpark.org.

ST. BERNARD CLASS OF 1957
Looking for classmates from St. Bernard School, 65th and Steward, Chicago who would have attended St. Bernard School and graduated in 1957. Contact Jacky (Harasek) Magafas at 708-612-3243 or jacky_magafas@msn.com. Reunion being planned.

ST. BEDE CLASS OF 1972 REUNION
St. Bede the Venerable School (83rd and Kostner, Chicago) Class of 1972, will hold their 45th Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 7. For more information please contact Michele Nemec Fonte at 708-263-7957 or mfont84@yahoo.com.

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Join us for the 8th Annual CJB Swinging for the Students 9 & Dine Golf Outing
Thursday, Oct 5 – 3 pm
Ruffled Feathers Golf Course
Golf - Dinner – 80’s Trivia
www.cjbgolfouting.org

CARE OF THE EARTH: AN INTERFAITH CELEBRATION
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2-4pm  Fee: $20 (children free)
St. Francis of the Woods Motherhouse Auditorium
9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL

You are invited to a very special event Join us as a panel of speakers representing Islam, Judaism, and Christianity discuss how each faith Cares for this one Earth we all share. Panel members are: Ernie Ratowitz, Mohammed Nofal, and Marilyn Renninger, OSF. The afternoon begins with good food and conversation as we learn how we each, though different, find common ground in our quest to nurture our planet. The afternoon will continue with music, prayer, and a procession to bless and dedicate our new Interfaith Butterfly garden. All are welcome.

To register:
Call 815-464-3880 or info@portforprayer.org or visit www.portforprayer.org
2017 PARISH MINISTRY FAIR
TWO WEEKENDS: OCTOBER 7/8 AND OCTOBER 14/15
After all Masses in our Church Narthex

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Come Follow Me
We are all blessed with gifts and talents.
Is God calling you to share your faith, time and talents with others?

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

Education Ministry Groups and Clubs
SES Religious Education Program — Susan Matthews, DRE
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School — Mary Iannucilli, Principal
Baptism Preparation — Deacon Frank Gildea
Marriage Preparation (PreCana) — Deacon Dennis Cristofaro
Sacred Space — Sister Liz Pardo
Scripture Study (Adult) — Father Bill Gubbins, Mary Vlaming
Book Club — Claudia Nolan, Liturgy Director
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) — Father Bill Corcoran
Divorce and Beyond — Deacon Joe Truesdale

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

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

To reach a Parish Ministry contact person please call the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Office at 708-403-0101.

Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8:
Parish Life Ministry Groups/Clubs
and Spiritual Life Ministry Groups

Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15
Education Ministry Groups/Clubs
and Human Concerns Ministry Groups

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

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

***New members can join at any one of the monthly meetings or in the parish office. Cost is $15 per member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING IS OCT. 3
THANKSGIVING COMES EARLY FOR SOS—NOV 7!
Luncheon tickets catered by Jack and Pat’s will be on sale at the October meeting. Cost is only $8 for a delicious meal of roast turkey and all the trimmings.

Just a Reminder!
Bring your date book AND your checkbook to the meetings. You don’t want to miss out on the wonderful trips and activities that have been planned for the new year! Parish Life Center opens at 9:30am. Entertainment provided by Harmony Guaranteed. This quartet will have you tapping your toes and singing along.

UPCOMING TRIPS

The following trips sponsored by Seniors of Seton and Festival of Friendship are filling up quickly. Make your reservation ASAP. All the following trips require reservation with payment in full by Oct. 3 meeting or dropped off at the parish office before Oct. 3. Name/phone must be on all reservations. Questions? Contact Anna at 708-532-6731. Flyers available at monthly meetings and in the parish office for all trips listed.

MISERICORDIA HOME—OCT. 18—WEDNESDAY
with Buffet Luncheon
Bus tour to visit the 31-acre campus and have a delightful buffet lunch at their Green House Inn. There will be time to visit the gift shop and bakery. Cost is $50 per person. Bus departs promptly at 10am from the west lot.

NIGHT CLUB IN THE AFTERNOON
NOV 6—MONDAY—with Buffet Luncheon
Bus tour to Starved Rock Lodge for a “Night Club Afternoon.” Enjoy a musical salute to the most famous night club performers along with a scrumptious buffet lunch. There will be time for shopping afterwards, weather permitting. Cost: $72/person. Bus departs at 9am from west lot.

A VALENTINE EXTRAVAGANZA—FEB. 4—SUNDAY
Bus tour traveling to Theater at the Center in Munster, IN, and spend an entertaining afternoon with published cook book author and professional chef, Phil Potempa. Enjoy a fabulous Champagne Brunch prior to show. Sit back and watch as chef prepares 7 courses of favorite recipes. Prizes and give-aways at the show. Due to popularity of the event, reservation/payment due by Oct. 3 meeting or in the parish office by Oct. 3.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

John Henry Newman, the 19th-century’s most important English-speaking Roman Catholic theologian, spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian in both Churches.

Born in London, England in 1801, he studied at Oxford’s Trinity College, was a tutor at Oriel College, and for 17 years was vicar of the university church, St. Mary the Virgin. He eventually published eight volumes of Parochial and Plain Sermons and two novels. His poem, Dream of Gerontius, was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar.

After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church’s debt to the Church Fathers and challenged any tendency to consider truth as completely subjective.

Historical research made Newman suspect that the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church that Jesus established. In 1845, he was received into full communion as a Catholic. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by St. Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London and was rector of the Catholic University of Ireland.

Before Newman, Catholic theology tended to ignore history, preferring to draw deductions from first principles. After Newman, the lived experience of believers was recognized as a key part of theological reflection. Newman eventually wrote 40 books and 21,000 letters that survive.

When Newman was named a cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto “Cor ad cor loquitur”–“Heart speaks to heart”. He died in 1890. Three years after his death, a Newman Club for Catholic students began at the University of Pennsylvania. In time, his name was linked to ministry centers at many public and private colleges and universities in the United States. Pope Benedict XVI beatified Newman in 2010. at Crofton Park. Benedict noted Newman’s emphasis on the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society, but also praised his pastoral zeal for the sick, the poor, the bereaved, and those in prison.

COMMENT

John Henry Newman has been called the “absent Father of Vatican II” because his writings on conscience, religious liberty, Scripture, the vocation of lay people, the relation of Church and State, and other topics were extremely influential in the shaping of the Council’s documents.
**NEXT WEEK: ADMITTING WRONG, SAYING “YES”**

One of the hardest things for us to do is to admit we’ve been wrong. But when we do, we often open our lives to much affirmation.

**FIRST READING**

When the wicked turn from their wickedness they commit and do what is right and shall live (Ez 18:25-28). The ways of God are not like our ways. Our actions have consequences. We cannot presume upon the mercy of God, doing whatever we feel like and believing that God will then forgive us. If we choose sin, then we must live with the effects of sin. Thus, we have to make a choice between life and death. God wants us to choose that which is good and live. But if we choose that which is evil, then we will have to live with the consequences.

**SECOND READING**

Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Paul enumerates five benefits of God’s love that have been given us through Christ’s Paschal Mystery: encouragement, solace, participation in the Spirit, compassion and mercy. But we should not glory in having such great benefits at our disposal. We should imitate Christ, who despite being God, did not cling to his godliness. He surrendered the prerogatives of his guidelines to assume our humanness. Paul then exhorts us to be “united in heart” and “thinking one thing.” We are to avoid sinfulness or vainglory and look out for the interests of others. In a word, Paul urges all Christians to have the same attitude as Christ.

**GOSPEL**

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

This parable concerns those who do the will of God and those who do not. Jesus speaks of a man with two sons. Their father tells them to go out to the vineyard. One says that he will go, but does not. The other says that he will not go, but does. Jesus asks his listeners which son did the father’s will. His listeners answer: the son who said not but then did it. Jesus tells them this is the example of the Last Judgment. Religious people will say they will do the Father’s will, but they do not. Prostitutes and tax collectors say they will not do God’s will, but then they end up doing it. They will enter the kingdom of heaven before the so-called religious people. Jesus warned people who are religious that they should be careful, for their judgment would be more severe than that of great sinners.

**Reflection**

Once upon a time there was a student who constantly got into trouble. Teachers even placed bets about how long it would take until he landed in jail. About a decade after he graduated from eighth grade, his sister invited his old teacher (who was an organist) to play for her wedding. After the wedding a finely dressed young man approached the old teacher and asked, “Mr. C, do you remember me?” The teacher replied that he could not forget him and asked him what he was doing with his life. He answered, “I’m a police officer.” The teacher must have looked stunned, because the young man asked, “Surprised?” “Yes,” the teacher said. “You know the other teachers and I placed bets about when you would land in jail.” Laughing the young man said, “I was about to be arrested a third time when the officer said, ‘You have such great skill for getting into trouble, how about learning how to use it to help people stay out of trouble?’” The rest is history. The son in next week’s Gospel who said, “No, no” learned how to say, “Yes, yes.” The troubled youth became a police officer, learned how to turn from wickedness to doing what is right and how to help others do so. Instead of stubbornly refusing to admit his wrongdoing, Joe emptied himself and learned obedience and freedom through what he suffered. Because of that openness he let God guide him to a just and good life thanks to an insightful arresting officer. The tables were turned that day. The former student became an educator by teaching others to have faith in those we have written off, as God has faith in us. God’s ways are not our ways, but they certainly can become our ways.
Help Support Our 2018 Parish Mission

CHRISTMAS CARD/NOTE CARD FUNDRAISER

Speaking of Lent in the Summer and in the midst of the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time, may seem strange but we have exciting news. We not only are planning for this Mission but we are also fundraising with quality “Greeting Cards” depicting two beautiful sacred liturgical furnishings of St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

BOXED CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH OUR VERY OWN SCULPTED FIGURINES FROM OUR CHRISTMAS CRECHE

$15.00 each
(10 CARDS PER BOX)

ABOUT OUR PLANNED MISSION SPEAKER
We will welcome an extraordinary gifted Lenten Mission Speaker, Arthur (Art) Zannoni. Being Italian, Art has a way of telling a story and engaging his audience. He is an award winning free-lance writer, scripture scholar, teacher, theologian, workshop leader and consultant in the areas of biblical studies and Christian–Jewish relations. Art is married and has two adult married children and an 18 yr.-old son and 5 grandchildren. He and his wife Kathy and their youngest son live in the twin cities and they are members of St. Cecilia Parish in St. Paul.

LIMITED QUANTITIES FOR PURCHASE

BOXED NOTE CARDS WITH OUR VERY OWN BAPTISMAL FONT AT OUR EASTER SEASON

$10.00 each
(10 CARDS PER BOX)

Christmas and Note Cards are available to view/purchase in the parish office.
ST. ELIZABETH SETON
PRAYER/OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Social Action Ministry
How we serve: Shepherd’s Table Soup Kitchen in Joliet; Sharing Parish with St. Procopius Church; Pro Life Ministry includes: 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 join in praying of the Holy Rosary. We meet each Tuesday and Thursday in the church, by our statue of the Mary, following the 9am Mass.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Wednesday morning in the church, following the 9am Mass.

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 Lee Junkans at ajunkans@aol.com.

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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. Limited to 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.

9300 West 167th St., Orland Hills, IL
708-403-0101

www.steseton.com
Seton Saints
Boys Basketball
REGISTRATION

Registration will be conducted for Seton Boys Basketball until Friday, September 22, 2017. Registration forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish offices during normal business hours. Any registrations received after September 22 will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee of team placement. A late fee of $25.00 will be charged for all late registrants who are placed on teams. Team placement requests will not be honored as per the guidelines outlined in the Archdiocese Athletic Handbook and the program’s Athletic Handbook. Please carefully read all the information on this registration form. Keep the top portion of this form for reference about the parent meeting.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Open to boys in grades 4-8 who are parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton and active members of the Seton Religious Education program.
- Boys must be enrolled in the Seton Religious Education Program. This is a league requirement.
- Boys must make a serious commitment to the program once practices and games begin. Players will not be allowed to miss practices or games for other sports or activities. Do not register your daughter if you cannot make this commitment.

Coaches will keep record of player attendance each week. Excessive or unexcused absences/ tardiness from practice or games or a pattern of conduct that demonstrates an obvious lack of commitment to the Seton athletic team will reduce some playing time of the participant in the next game or result in other consequences.

Also in an effort to help coaches in the planning in the scheduling of practices that is best for themselves and their team, we are asking for potential conflicts of days and time that players may have. There is no guarantee that the conflicts will be avoided but it will assist the planning of the practice schedule. Please put potential conflicts on the registration form below in the space provided.

**League/Season:** Our 4th - 8th grade boys will compete in the South Suburban Basketball League. The season runs from November 26, 2017 through March 1, 2018. League games will be played primarily on the weekend but weekday games maybe scheduled.

**Practices:** Practices should be starting in early November. Practice schedules will be set once all coaches have been selected and approved. Practices will be conducted during the week after school, in the evenings and possibly on the weekends at the discretion of the volunteer coach and his/her schedule. Practices maybe scheduled at an off-site facility. Unexcused absences from practices/games will not be tolerated. Practices are closed to parents and other spectators.

**Fees:** The fee to play will be $185.00 that includes the league fees, uniform and offsite gym rental fees. Payment will be due at registration. Make checks payable to Cardinal Bernardin Athletics. All fees and the registration form should be submitted to the CJR or Seton office. No refunds will be issued after teams are selected. **Please note that if a uniform is not needed, you may deduct $25 from your registration fee as mentioned above.**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: ___________________________ Grade (Fall '17): ___________________________

Address: ________________________ Town: ________________________ Zip: __________

Phone: ____________________ Age: ________ Date of birth: __________

Father’s Name: ___________________ Mother’s Name: ___________________

Email: __________________________ Possible Conflicts (Days / Times): __________

New or Returning Player: __________ Uniform Needed: Yes or No (order form on 2nd page)

Amount Enclosed: __________________ Check or Cash

Check #: _______________________

Interest in Coaching (head or assistant)?: __________________________

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I authorize my son to participate in the Seton Boys Basketball program. I understand that this program is very competitive, not recreational, and will require him to regularly attend scheduled practices and games. I understand and accept the policy that unexcused absences and behavior issues could result in decreased playing time for her. I also understand and accept that the number of registrants is the determining factor of the number of teams we have along with the number of players per team. I understand and accept that late registrants will only be accepted to fill existing rosters. I understand and accept that late registrants have no guarantee of team placement.

Signature of parent/guardian: ___________________________ Date: __________

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Parent Meeting: There will be a short parent meeting for ALL NEW athletes on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00pm in the PLC. *** ALL NEW athletes and at least one parent must be present at this meeting. ALL new athletes will not be permitted to practice with their teams if they do not attend this meeting. Personal information sheets, waivers, medical authorization forms and handbook guidelines will be handed out. Athletes will try on sample uniforms at this meeting. Policies regarding excused and unexcused absences will be discussed at this meeting.

Uniforms: Our uniforms will be the same design as last year. Athletes should inspect their uniform from last year and order the appropriate size for this year. If your uniform is in good condition, it will be your decision if you want to order a new one or not. Samples of the uniform will be available on Thursday, September 28, 2017 from 6:00pm until 7:00pm in the Parish Life Center (this is prior to the parent meeting for new players). Athletes can try on uniforms at this time. All athletes are encouraged to do so. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact the Athletic Director to arrange for a time to try on the uniforms. UNIFORMS WILL BE ORDERED ON October 10, 2017.

Once the order has been placed, no changes will be made. Athletes, who wish to make changes to their uniform once ordered, will be referred to the supplier. Additional fees charged by the supplier will be the responsibility of the athlete and his family.

Physicals: All athletes must have a current physical on file with the school in order to participate in the Seton athletic programs. The Archdiocese requires that all athletes have a current physical on file authorizing them to participate in sports programs. The physical must cover the entire term of the sports season. Our winter sports program runs from November 1, 2017 until April 1, 2018. A current physical is one that is dated from December 1, 2016 to the present date. Physicals are due by November 1, 2017. Copies of the physical form should be turned into the Parish Office or the Athletic Department. **Athletes that do not have a current physical on file will not be allowed to participate in practices or games.** If you need a physical form, please contact the athletic director.

Additional Requirements: All players will be required to show proof of insurance.

Team placement: Depending upon registration, certain grade levels may have multiple teams. Teams at the 4th and 5th grade level will be balanced. Teams at the upper grade levels will be placed in divisions that are comparable to their skill level. The teams will be placed at the appropriate level of competition based on input from the coaches, league officials, and outside sources. If multiple teams exist at any grade level(s), a skill assessment will be conducted for all grades. Players and parents will be notified of the day and time if a skill assessment is needed. The skill assessments will be done in late September or early October. All decisions on team placement will be final. Rosters may be capped at the discretion of the Athletic Director. Team placements should be completed by October 20, 2017 or sooner.

***Important Information: Depending on registration numbers Seton players could be combined with school teams. If there are not enough players to form Seton teams players will be placed on CJB teams.

Coaching: Anyone interested in coaching please contact the Athletic Director. The phone number and email address is listed below.

Questions? Call the Athletic Director Bob Myjak at 708-403-0101, x 149. Email: rmyjak@steseton.com

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UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Basketball Jersey: Youth sizes: YS YM YL Adult sizes: AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Basketball shorts: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Number requested: *

Although we cannot guarantee jersey numbers, we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Mailing address: St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 9300 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487. ATTN: Bob Myjak. Office hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Seton Saints
Girls Volleyball
REGISTRATION

Registration will be conducted for Seton Girls Volleyball until Friday, September 22, 2017. Registration forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish offices during normal business hours. Any registrations received after September 22 will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee of team placement. A late fee of $25.00 will be charged for all late registrants who are placed on teams. Team placement requests will not be honored as per the guidelines outlined in the Archdiocese Athletic Handbook and the Athletic Handbook. Please carefully read all the information on this registration form. Keep the top portion of this form for reference about the parent meeting.

REQUIREMENTS:
- Open to girls in grades 4-8 who are parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton and active members of the Seton Religious Education program.
- Girls must be enrolled in the Seton Religious Education Program. This is a league requirement.
- Girls must make a serious commitment to the program once practices and games begin. Players will not be allowed to miss practices or games for other sports or activities. Do not register your daughter if you cannot make this commitment.

Coaches will keep record of player attendance each week. Excessive or unexcused absences/ tardiness from practice or games or a pattern of conduct that demonstrates an obvious lack of commitment to the SES athletic team will reduce some playing time of the participant in the next game or result in other consequences.

Also in an effort to help coaches in the planning in the scheduling of practices that is best for themselves and their team, we are asking for potential conflicts of days and time that players may have. There is no guarantee that the conflicts will be avoided but it will assist the planning of the practice schedule. Please put potential conflicts on the registration form below in the space provided.

League/Season: Our 4th - 8th grade girls will compete in a league sponsored by the St. Alexander Parish. The season runs from December 3, 2017 through March 10, 2018. League games will be played on Saturdays.

Practices: Practices should be starting in early November. Practice schedules will be set once all coaches have been selected and approved. Practices will be conducted during the week after school, in the evenings and possibly on the weekends at the discretion of the volunteer coach and his/her schedule. Unexcused absences from practices/games will not be tolerated. Practices are closed to parents and other spectators.

Fees: The fee to play will be $175.00 that includes the league fees, uniform and offsite gym rental fees. Payment will be due at registration. Make checks payable to Cardinal Bernardin Athletics. All fees and the registration form should be submitted to the CJB or Seton office. No refunds will be issued after teams are selected. ***Please note that if a uniform is not needed, you may deduct $25 from your registration fee as mentioned above.

See additional information on reverse side of this page

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _______________________________ Grade (Fall ’17): ________________
Address: ___________________________ Town: ______________________ Zip: __________
Phone: ____________________ Age: _______ Date of birth: ____________
Father’s Name: ___________________ Mother’s Name: ______________________
Email: ____________________________ Possible Conflicts (Days / Times): ______________
New or Returning Player: ______________ Uniform Needed: Yes or No (order form on 2nd page)
Amount Enclosed: _______ Check or Cash
Check # : __________________________
Paid via GiveCentral.org : ___________ (write “yes” if you paid using this option)
Interest in Coaching (head or assistant)?: _______________________________

I authorize my daughter to participate in the Seton Girls volleyball program. I understand that this program is very competitive, not recreational, and will require her to regularly attend scheduled practices and games. I understand and accept the policy that unexcused absences and behavior issues could result in decreased playing time for her. I also understand and accept that the number of registrants is the determining factor of the number of teams we have along with the number of players per team. I understand and accept that late registrants will only be accepted to fill existing rosters. I understand and accept that late registrants have no guarantee of team placement.

_______________________________ Date
Signature of parent/guardian
A FINAL THOUGHT FOR YOUR WEEK

The Holy Abandon of Love

By Loretta Pehanich, Celebration Publications

In the passage just before this reading, the rich young man went away sad, his question answered. The apostles ask “Who then can be saved?” Jesus responds, “What’s impossible for people is possible for God.” Jesus tells them that they will sit on thrones and judge Israel. Any who gave up parents, children, or land for him will receive 100 times more (Matthew 19:26-29).

In today’s parable, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to a person: a living, breathing, decision-making landowner who gives to everyone equally. Are the apostles being called to be this kind of judge? Are we? Jesus is teaching the flipped-on-its-head rules of the kingdom. He did it often before: Wash each other’s feet. Take last place. Practice humility.

Jesus reminds us that God is free to do whatever God likes.

God’s response to workers hired at dawn reminds me of God’s conversation with Job, “Who do you think you are?” Or, as Scripture says, “Who then dares stand before me?… Everything under heaven is mine” (Job 41:2-3).

Am I envious because God is generous to someone else?
Do I resent people who seem to be less deserving or have what appears to me to be less skin in the game?
Which workers do you most relate to?

Isaiah talks about mercy in the first reading. A forgiving, relenting God. Do any of us deserve this kingdom from this God of compassion and loving-kindness? God is generous, even if it seems to me that some people deserve less. Today’s parable isn’t about what I am worth. It’s about what she’s worth — Does she deserve the kingdom?

Lord, you are always near to us, yet your overwhelming graciousness and kindness seem to separate you from our selfishness and sternness. Yet, you are truly near to all who call upon you. Let us persevere in this truth.

God invites us to imitate divine generosity: the extravagant God, who gives and forgives without limit.

Imagine for a moment that you are one of the people hired in that final hour. What’s your reaction to seeing the ones who worked all day get the same pay as you? What was God thinking to pay you first? Why not pay those hired at dawn first, and let them leave, and more privately lavish generosity on you? Was God showing off? But what if everyone hired in the Gospel is in one family? The second reading calls us “brothers and sisters.”

The landowner promises to pay what is just, but on a pay-scale we don’t anticipate, or use ourselves: God is good to all; generous to a fault. Extravagantly merciful, allowing rain on the good and the bad (Matthew 5:45).

Today’s readings are an invitation for us to go looking for God’s forgotten ones. To treat them not with a human standard of fairness, but with a holy abandon of love, compassion and un-earned generosity.

Why? Because we have seen the effects of bottomless compassion — thoughts very much unlike our own.
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Maintenance Staff
Raymond Yanowski, Director of Maintenance
Laurie De Mik-Renn, CJB Day Maintenance Supervisor
Marie Makuch, Staff
Joseph Shake, Staff
Dan Kosty, Staff

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
Monday-Friday:
9:00 am
Saturday
5:00 pm
Sunday:
7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am