



SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

ORLAND HILLS, IL

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3



Saint Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

*Congratulations to our
Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish*

2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS Sunday, April 30, 2023

*Most Reverend Kevin Birmingham
Reverend William T. Corcoran, Pastor*

Marc **Marc** Adanza
Madison **Theresa** Antone
Grace **Elizabeth** Augle
Saul **Michael** Ayala
Mya **Cecilia** Beers
Keira **Katherine** Blaisdell
Samantha **Julianna** Boertlein
Lauren **Francis** Cech
Chase **Francis** Czerwonka
Kaitlyn **Catherine** DeSalvo
Braiden **Michael** Dutko
Carter **Philip** Geiger
Mia **Mary** Goewey
Nathan **Joseph** Green
Matthew **Jerome** Hallberg
Margaret **Katherine** Hastings
Juliette **Dymphna** Hinojosa
Margaret **Mary** Kavanaugh
Francesca **Patricia** Kissane
Ethan **John Paul II** Krueger
Jack **Paul** Luna
Jack **George** Manzella
Lucas **Sebastian** Matykiewicz
Lilian **Karolina** McCarthy
Mary **Dominic** McClain

Ian **Jerome** McGrath
Casey **Casimir** Mikrut
Elizabeth **Elizabeth** Moloney
Fiona **Teresa** O'Connor
Sara **Dymphna** Ocampo
Nora **Katherine** Oliver
Yazhi **Elisabeth** Paguntalan
Sandra **David** Pala
Kaya **Elizabeth** Pawlak
Esmeralda **Francis** Paz
Brayden **Drogo** Pfeiffer
Cara **Gemma** Pluhar
Izabella **Elizabeth** Quirk
John **Michael** Reicher
Josef **Vincent** Reicher
Nathan **Francis** Schmidt
Megan **Camila** Shirley
Renzo **Hubert** Talusan
Jayden **Martin** Thomas
Isabella **Caroline** Van Alst
Ava **Monica** Venable
Ryan **Oscar** Wolf
Dayna **Guadalupé** Zastawny
Lucas **Nicholas** Zukowski

IN GRATITUDE

*Sincere gratitude to the parents, sponsors, family, friends, priests and parishioners who supported our Confirmandi on their journey. A very special thank you to those who helped prepare them for the sacrament, especially to catechists: **Dr. Patricia Panelli** and **Mr. Bruce Hall**, and to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin teachers: **Mrs. Tracy Cokinos** and **Ms. Kristin Roy**.*

*Mrs. Diana Barracca, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mrs. Mary Vlaming, Coordinator of Religious Education*

CORCORAN'S CORNER

Celebrating Confirmation . . .

We celebrate the great Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, and welcome **Most Rev. Kevin Birmingham**, who is the confirming bishop. This sacrament completes a candidate's full initiation into the Catholic Church. What was begun in Baptism, and strengthened by First Eucharist, is now brought to full completion.

Our Eighth Grade candidates have prepared for this moment for the past two years. Through both Seventh and Eighth Grade they have studied the faith, practiced the faith by acts of service, and prayed with our community. Now we ask that God send the Holy Spirit to them to be with them for their lives ahead. We are glad that they will be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit throughout their lives.

At our past two weekend Masses, we had four students from our Religious Education Program read the letters that they wrote to me in the course of preparing for the sacrament. They were good letters, from good candidates. In my reading all of the letters from this class, I am struck by how the Christian witness of family members and friends inspire these young women and men to grow in faith. Our faith is truly caught, as well as taught.

Our Creation Care Art Show . . .

This weekend as we celebrate Earth Day, we are conscious of our role as being good stewards of all of Creation. In our church Narthex, we have on display 45 art pieces — both traditional and digital — created by youth, teens and adults. Prior to this exhibit they have been stored in the parish office in the room located directly across from my office. I have thoroughly enjoyed going over and taking them all in. They are wonderful. They are lively, imaginative, and left me thinking. We had a jury of artists view and judge the works for modest prizes. Later in this bulletin the winners are announced.

This entire project has been a joy. It has spurred our parish artists to think and create "out of the box". The show engages our parish community to think in more meaningful means about our stewardship in the world. One picture is worth a thousand words, and this show speaks volumes. The show closes following the Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday afternoon.

First Holy Communion . . .

This coming Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 AM, in our church, we will celebrate the holiest day of the year [according to a priest friend of mine], the First Holy Communion of our Second Grade parishioners.

This is a memorable day in their lives, and in the life of our community. We join with their families in this joyful celebration.

2023-2024 Men's Club Officers . . .

The votes have been counted and our new Men's Club Officers for 2023-2024 are: President: **Mike Zulevic**; Vice President: **Tom Wojcik**; Secretary: **Perry Dubish**; Treasurer: **Steve Klean**; and Sergeant at Arms: **Jim Jesonowski**.

I am very grateful for these men offering to serve our parish for the coming year. Other men in the club also

ran for office, but as I always tease those with the most enemies present at the meeting win! This is a wonderful group which does so much for our parish community. From our recent successful Fish Fry, to selling tickets for events, to all their work at our parish picnic — these men do a lot for our community. Their meetings are always a hoot. There is wonderful comradery present at them. I look forward to the coming year.

Principal Search . . .

Recently, we received sad news that our excellent Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Principal, **Kelly Bourrell**, will not be returning for the coming academic year. I am very sorry that she has decided not to return. We had an excellent working relationship, and I am sorry to see her leave us. Change is part of life, and we continually live through transitions. We have begun the process of searching for a new principal for the school. I put the word out to all of you, because our parishioners can offer leads to people whom they know. Please spread the word.

Looking Ahead . . .

Yes, there is life after Easter:

- **Monday, May 1** — **Deacon Frank Gildea** celebrates his 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate.
- **Tuesday, May 2** — Our **Seniors of Seton** will meet at 10:00 AM, in the McBrady Center.
- **Saturday, May 6** — First Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:00 AM, in our church.
- **Monday, May 8** — **Deacon Bob [Catherine] Velcich** celebrates his Second Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate.
- **Wednesday, May 10** — Our **Men's Club** closes their season of meetings on with Mass at 7:00 PM, in the McBrady Center. All are welcome.
- **Thursday, May 11** — Our Parish Council meets at 7:00 PM, in the Great Room of the McBrady Center.
- **Saturday, May 13** — **Fr. Bill Corcoran** celebrates his 42nd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.
- **Sunday, May 14** — **Deacon John Sobol** celebrates his 1st Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate.
- **Tuesday, May 16** — Our **Women's Club** will meet at 6:15 PM, in the McBrady Center.
- **Thursday, May 18** — **Fr. Kevin McCray** celebrates his 10th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.
- **Saturday, May 20** — **Deacon Dan Korenchan** will be ordained a priest at Holy Name Cathedral.
- **Monday, May 22** — **Fr. John Zurek** celebrates his 19th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.
- **May 27/28** — The Feast of Pentecost (Wear red!)

We have some great days ahead. Please keep our our First Holy Communicants in your prayers in the days ahead.

Keep Smiling,

Bill Corcoran MS

Mother's Day FLOWER SALE

May 13th & 14th 2023

Proceeds from the sale of flowers help women facing a crisis pregnancy.



Devotion

6 Stems

\$10



Love You More

9 Stems

\$15



Heart Strings

14 Stems

\$20



Lavender Essence

15 Stems

\$25



Mamma Mia

15 Stems

\$30



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Celebrating Mary in May . . .



Our parish will honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13/14, during a May Crowning ceremony at our statue, *Mary Seat of Wisdom*, by presenting a floral crown and floral bouquet (purchased from Mother's Day Flower Sale that supports women in crisis pregnancies). First Holy Communicants and Confirmandi are invited to participate in this special tribute to *Mary, Seat of Wisdom*. Vases are provided to receive your floral tribute.



Photo:
Bernice Benker

We welcomed a new celebrant at 9:30am Mass, last Sunday, April 23! New Beginnings!

Deacon Dan Korenchan (pictured above) will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago, on May 20, 2023. Beginning July 1, 2023, he will step into his first priestly assignment with us as an Associate Pastor at our parish. Father Bill Corcoran invited Deacon Dan to celebrate Mass and greet parishioners after our Masses.

Deacon Dan grew up in Burr Ridge, and attended St. John of the Cross Parish, in Western Springs. He attended the University of Illinois at Champaign, receiving an Accounting degree. He worked at Deloitte and Touche Accounting, prior to his entering the seminary. Please keep him in your prayers as he completes his journey for Priestly Ordination.

WELCOME

Michael and Allison Jebens
(Child: **Isla Jebens**)

WEDDINGS

Please pray for **Stephanie Williamson** and **Steven Carrabotta** as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage on May 20, 2023.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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

Pasita Cruz	Toney Alderson
Bobby Book	Kathleen Neary
Vickie McCray	Tere Pecson
Tony Alderson	Bill Herzke
Baby R.J. Mora	Bobby Book
Marie Rinella	Maureen McCormick
Sylvia Arcos	Richard Tropp

And for our deceased:

Rosalinda Reyes (mother of **Wilhelm Reyes** and **Mayrose Reyes**)
Mary Ellen Foley
Andrea Swistek
Barbara Lewis

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29 (5pm) **Raymond Hebert; Zofia Slawinski**
Sunday, April 30 (7:30am) **Marion O'Connor; Irene Kordecki**
(9:30am) **Patrick McGinty; James Cafferkey**
(11:30am) **Mary and Frank Schweiger; Phyllis Kazmierczak**
Monday, May 1 (9am) **Ruth Sroka; Jim and Janet Dubina**
Tuesday, May 2 (9am) **Jean Mierzwa; Gilberto Perez**
Wednesday, May 3 (9am) **NO INTENTIONS**
Thursday, May 4 (9am) **NO INTENTIONS**
Friday, May 5 (9am) **NO INTENTIONS**
Saturday, May 6 (5pm) **Lucille Bulow; Esther Schmeski**
Sunday, May 7 (7:30am) **Gilberto Perez; Daniel Paska**
(9:30am) **Jay McLaughlin; Therese Manka**
(11:30am) **Bernadette Gallagher; Mary and Tom McGinty**

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 4-23-2023: \$14,089.50

Envelopes: \$11,121.50/E-giving: \$2,968.00

Thank you for your generosity.



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VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STESETON.COM

Saint Elizabeth Seton Church

CREATION CARE

2023 ART CONTEST WINNERS



Art contribution: Kevin Cuasay

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*: On Care for our Common Home, puts a bright spotlight on the importance of Creation Theology: that is, God's Creation of the natural world and our duty to be stewards of that great gift.

But Francis notes how we've fallen short on that obligation and how we're not living in either a just or sustainable fashion. On this subject, he followed his predecessors Pope Benedict and Pope John Paul II emphasizing the importance of Creation Care. The Church is very clear—Care for Creation is a requirement of our faith, a way to respect the Creator, and a social justice issue. Caring for Creation is Care for our Common Home—the earth, all living things in it and all things that support that life. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis says to Care for Creation we have to address both the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

To help advance efforts towards ACTIVE Care for Creation, our parish launched the Creation Care Art Contest, inviting Cardinal Joseph Bernardin (CJB) School, Providence High School, Carl Sandburg High School, Victor J. Andrew High School,

and St. Elizabeth Seton Religious Ed students — as well as any adults who heard about it—to participate. Cash prizes were offered to First Place (\$150) and Second Place (\$50) winners in Youth, Teen and Adult categories. Both traditional and Digital Art categories were offered. Our winners are listed below.

OUR CREATION CARE ART CONTEST allowed our parish to keep messaging on the need and importance of Creation Care in the spotlight for an extended period so parishioners can reflect on it. Ecological Education is one of the goals of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform, which our parish is enrolled. The idea was to use the contest as a platform to educate a broader audience on the meaning of Creation Care: to think about what Creation Care means to that artist; then to challenge the artist to think about what the world needs to see from their art to get people to be inspired to act for a more sustainable future.

Youth Digital Category

1st Place: **Lilly Reiter**, CJB
2nd Place: **Noah Van Alst**, Seton RE

Teen Digital Category

1st Place: **Jillian Zarobsky**
2nd Place: **Lauren Cech**, CJB
3rd Place Honorable Mention: **Liam Kissane**, CJB

Adult Digital Category

First Place: **Edvin Mertdogan**
Second Place: **Kevin Cuasay**
Third Place Honorable Mention: **Caroline Lang**, CJB
Curator Honorable Mention — Artistic Excellence:

Evan Kelm, Seton RE
Curator Honorable Mention — Thematic Excellence:
Magdalena Budzinski, CJB
Yuri Paguntalan, Seton RE

Teen Traditional Category

First Place: **Rowan Tone**, Providence HS
Second Place: **Daphne Arispe**, Providence HS
Third Place Honorable Mention:

Ella Phelps, Providence HS
Curator Honorable Mention — Thematic Excellence:
Evangelina Gabrisko, Providence HS

Adult Traditional Category (18 yrs.-older)

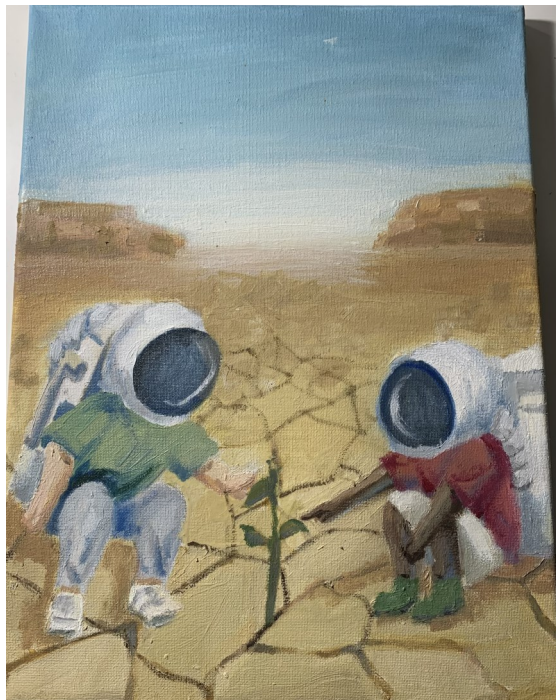
First Place: **Alexandria Perkins**, Providence HS
Second Place: **Isabella Tellez**, Providence HS
Third Place Honorable Mention: **Andrea Fox**
Curator Honorable Mention — Artistic Excellence:
Susanne Dubel
Frank Sanchez

Curator Honorable Mention — Thematic Excellence:
Marisa Lang
Julia Joos

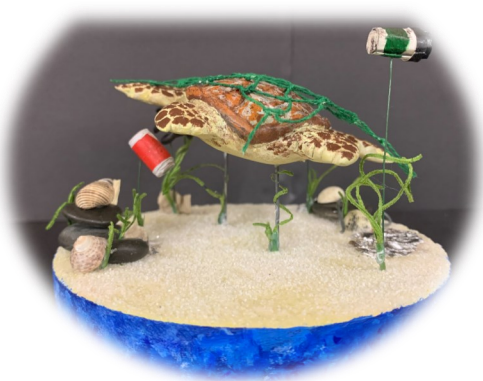
Over 45
pieces of art
are displayed
in our
Narthex this
weekend

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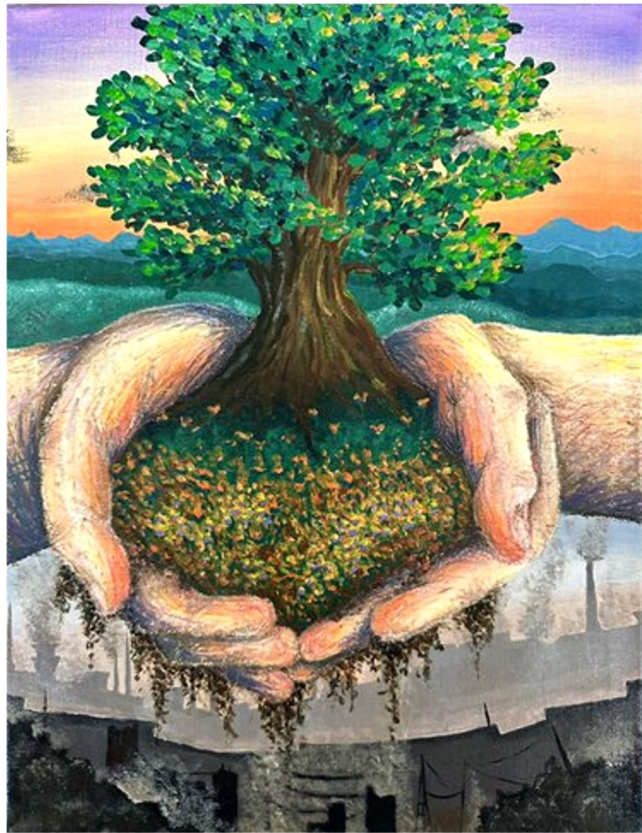


Creation Care Artist Designation:
(Left page, top right) Kevin Cuasay
(Right page, top right) Andrea Fox
(Right page, bottom right) Alyssa Musial
(Right page, top left) Daphne Arispe
(Right page, bottom left) Lilly Reiter



Creation Care Artist Designation:

(left page, top center) Alexandria Perkins
(left page bottom left, above) Isabella Tellez
(left page bottom left, below) Simone Hilbert
(left page, bottom right) Marisa Lang
(right page, top right) Rowan Tone
(right page, top left) Jillian Zarobsky
(right page, bottom center) Edwin Mertdogan



Please help support the Seniors of St. Elizabeth Seton Church of Orland Hills at our Spring Fundraiser



Raise a slice
**FOR A
GOOD
CAUSE**

SENIORS OF SETON

DATE

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

LOCATIONS

Lou Malnati's New Lenox

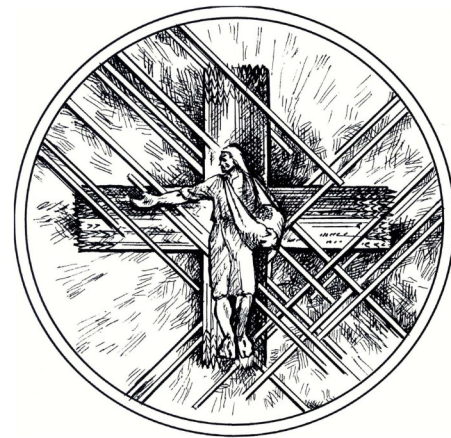
4:00pm - 10:00pm
2510 E. Lincoln Highway
(815) 900-7450
Carryout or Delivery Only

Lou Malnati's Tinley Park

11:00am - 11:00pm
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14150 S Bell Rd, Unit B
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FOR QUESTIONS

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(708) 738-8423
dber708@aol.com

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to your organization (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received from Dine-In, Carryout or Delivery (within zone).

Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your phone order or when dining in.

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PLEASE NOTE

- Must mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser
- Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager. For online orders, it will be indicated after you enter the promo code.
- For questions or concerns please email fundraising@loumalnatis.com



SPEAKERS FORUM



Addressing Stereotypes About our Faiths

Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives

DATE:

Sunday, April 30, 2023

TIME:

3:00pm-6:00pm

LOCATION:

St Francis Center for Religious Ed
(Next to St Francis of Assisi Church)
15050 Wolf Rd, Orland Park

**SUNDAY
APRIL
30**

SPEAKERS:

Muslim Perspective

Imam Abdul-Malik Ryan

Jewish Perspective

Rabbi Jenny Steinberg-Martinez

Christian Perspective

Pastor Adam Malek

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"SWIFT South West
InterFaith Team"

Creation Care Corner



*"All of us can cooperate
as instruments of God
for the care of Creation."*

— Pope Francis

Managing Runoff with Rain Gardens

Managing stormwater runoff in our yards and communities is challenging but important. Left unchecked, stormwater carries pollutants from roofs, chemically treated lawns, driveways and roads into streams and waterways. Increasing ways for water to be absorbed through landscaping makes for healthier land and water for all.

One home solution is the "rain garden." Rain gardens are shallow depressions filled with perennial native plants which temporarily collect a few inches of rain. Plant roots then slowly filter out pollutants and allow the water to percolate into the surrounding soil. Up to 30% more water is absorbed into the ground. Besides alleviating problems associated with flooding and drainage, rain gardens can beautify yards, recharge the ground water supply and provide habitat and food for wildlife, including birds and butterflies. For more information, pictures and "how to" instructions, <https://tinyurl.com/rgrdn>.

PIANO RECITAL THIS SUNDAY

You are invited to a piano recital at St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, this Sunday, April 30, at 3pm. Michael Finlay, an internationally acclaimed concert pianist and chamber musician, will perform Beethoven—Piano Sonata in D Major Op. 10 No. 3; Prokofiev—Sonata No. 4 in c minor Op. 29; Chopin—Barcarolle Op. 60; Ravel—Gaspard de la Nuit. He is the 2022 prizewinner of The American Prize Ernst Bacon Memorial Award. An avid chamber musician, Finlay has performed with members of the Cleveland, Chicago, and Montreal Symphony Orchestras as well as with members of the atalyst, Kontras, and Koerner quartets. His recent concert with cellist Jean Hatmaker was hailed as "sensitive and commanding" by WFMT, Chicago classical radio station. He was most recently invited to perform at the Dame Myra Hess series in Chicago. Free will donation accepted.



SATURDAY, MAY 6/SUNDAY, MAY 7 Distribution in the Narthex after all Masses

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

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

If you would like to pick up a shawl for yourself or someone you know, please visit our display in the Narthex on May 6/7. Please share the first name of the eventual shawl recipient so we can inscribe it in our Prayer Intentions Book. There is no charge for the shawls, however, donations are gratefully accepted. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Reserve your space now!

Classic Italy Pilgrimage

October 17 - 28, 2023

visiting: Venice, Florence, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rome and more!

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**Only a few
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Don't delay!
Register
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**INFORMATION
MEETING!**
Monday, May 1, 7pm
in the Great Room
(above the McBrady Center, enter
through CJB school doors)

hosted by:

Fr. Kevin McCray

*St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
Orland Hills, IL*

Fr. Paul Seaman

*St. George Catholic Church
Tinley Park, IL*

Brochures with detailed itinerary available on the tables in the Narthex

SENIORS OF SETON

TRIVIA

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 2, 10AM

Doors to McBrady Center open at 9:30am (following the 9am mass) and not beforehand. Split-the-Pot tickets may be purchased PRIOR to the start of the meeting. 2023-2024 Elections for SOS club officers held at this meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT: TRIVIA SHOWDOWN

with host: LOREN GENT

Trivia buffs get ready! After the general meeting, entertainment will be "Trivia Showdown" hosted by Loren Gent. Loren is an entertainer, singer, DJ, and game show host. This game is both fun and educational.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trip flyers w/details available in the parish office and at monthly meetings. Reservation w/completed form and full payment can be dropped off for SOS in the parish office. Make checks payable to Seniors of Seton unless noted otherwise. Email Judy Gula, rh01@AOL.COM or Carol Pjosek, caramiary@sbcglobal.net.

■ MACKINAC ISLAND BUS TRIP—MAY 22-26 TRIP IS NOW OPEN TO NON-SOS MEMBERS

Bus leaves at 8AM. \$525/pp dbl. occupancy. The trip is five days/four nights and includes transportation, lodging, eight meals, sightseeing, guided tours, carriage ride and boat ride through the locks. Checks payable to Diamond Tours at booking. Optional travel insurance for purchase. Contact Judy, 708-261-6767, or email rh01@aol.com.

■ SCENIC ROUTE 66 DAY TRIP—SEPT. 13

Cost: \$120 pp. Checks payable to SOS. Bus departs at 8am, returns at approx. 6pm. Author/historian, John Weiss, will join us for an eight-hour informative day on "America's Mother Road." Visit town such as Wilmington, Gardner, Dwight, Odell and Pontiac. Trip includes transportation, snacks, family-style lunch and ice cream at the Polk-A-Dot Diner. Questions? Email Judy Gula at rh01@aol.com.

■ SAVANNAH, JEKYLL ISLAND, AND BEAUFORT, SC TRIP—OCTOBER 22-28

Bus leaves at 8AM. \$769/pp double occupancy (Add \$254 for single occupancy). Trip consists of seven days, six nights and includes transportation, lodging, 10 meals, sightseeing, evening show at Famous Savannah Theater, and guided tours of Savannah, Beaufort, SC, St. Simons Island, and Jekyll Island. \$75 due upon sign up. Final payment due by August 15. Make check payable to Diamond Tours at time of booking. Optional travel insurance available for purchase. Contact Judy Gula, 708-261-6767, or email rh01@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE

LOU MALNATI'S PIZZERIA FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

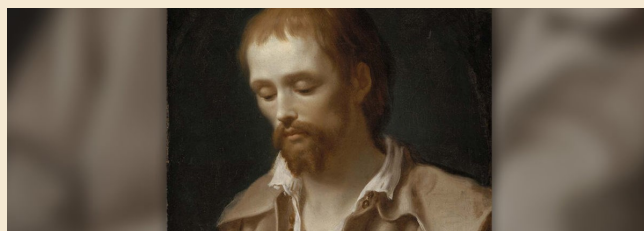
Fundraiser is open to parish and community.

Must mention fundraiser at time of order.

Use code FUNDSOS23 for online or app ordering, also.

Enjoy a lunch or dinner without the prep and clean-up!
See details in this bulletin.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE

1748-1783

Saint Benedict Joseph Labre lived a poor life in the ruins of the Colosseum. To the uneducated eye, he appeared to be a pitiable figure, but the people of Rome saw him as a saint. He was known as the beggar of Rome.

BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE WAS TRULY ECCENTRIC, ONE OF GOD'S SPECIAL LITTLE ONES.

Born in France and the eldest of 18 children, he studied under his uncle, a parish priest. Because of poor health and a lack of suitable academic preparation he was unsuccessful in his attempts to enter the religious life. Then, at age 16, a profound change took place. Benedict lost his desire to study and gave up all thoughts of the priesthood, much to the consternation of his relatives.

He became a pilgrim, traveling from one great shrine to another, living off alms. He wore the rags of a beggar and shared his food with the poor. Filled with the love of God and neighbor, Benedict had special devotion to the Blessed Mother and to the Blessed Sacrament. In Rome, where he lived in the Colosseum for a time, he was called "the poor man of the Forty Hours devotion" and "the beggar of Rome." The people accepted his ragged appearance better than he did. His excuse to himself was that "our comfort is not in this world."

On April 16, 1783, the last day of his life, Benedict dragged himself to a church in Rome and prayed there for two hours before he collapsed, dying peacefully in a nearby house. Immediately after his death, the people proclaimed him a saint.

Benedict Joseph Labre was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1881. His liturgical feast is celebrated on April 16. He is a patron saint of the homeless persons.

COMMENT

In a modern inner city, one local character kneels for hours on the sidewalk and prays. Swathed in his entire wardrobe winter and summer, he greets passersby with a blessing. Where he sleeps no one knows, but he is surely a direct spiritual descendant of Benedict, the ragged man who slept in the ruins of Rome's Colosseum. These days we ascribe such behavior to mental illness; Benedict's contemporaries called him holy. Holiness is always a bit mad by earthly standards.



**Saint Elizabeth Seton Church
Vacation Bible School 2023**

WIN WITH JESUS

Monday, June 12 / Tuesday, June 13

9:00 am–12 Noon, in O'Mara Hall

Cost: \$25 per child



A non-refundable \$25 payment (cash/check) is due in full at registration.
Please complete one registration form per player.

PLAYER'S NAME: _____ **AGE** _____ **GRADE** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (Street/City/Zip): _____

Cell Phone: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Food Allergies: _____

In Case of Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____ **Relationship to Child:** _____

Fourth Annual Multi-Parish MISSION PROJECT



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Building Homes

**“Let Us Build A House
Where Love Can Dwell”**

June 23-24, 2023

**on the campus of
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St. Elizabeth Seton

St. George

St. Julie Billiart

St. Michael

St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

St. Francis of Assisi

Incarnation St. Terrence

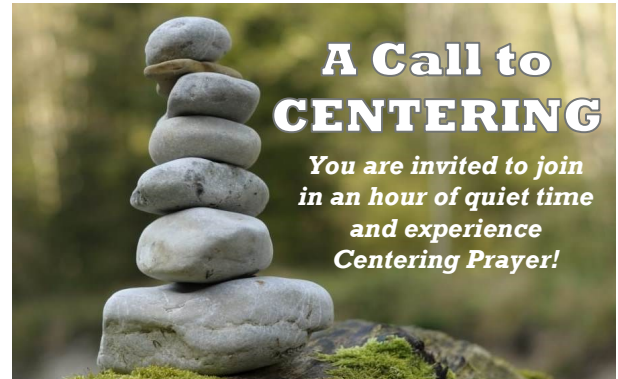
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
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**Information/Registration Forms
AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND!
in the Narthex (on the table located
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“May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the facade of your life there is something beautiful, good, and eternal happening. May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride, and expectation with which God sees you in every moment.”

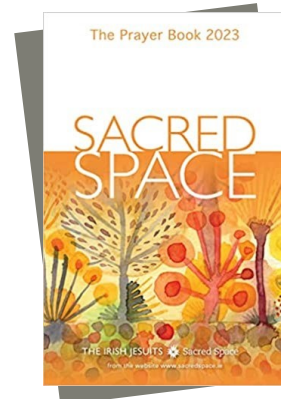
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NEXT CENTERING PRAYER MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 8, 10 AM

Gubbins Center for Faith Formation (167th & 94th Ave.)

Centering Prayer is simply sitting in silence, open to God's love and your love for God. This prayer is beyond thoughts, emotions, or sensations. Like being with a very close friend or lover, where words are not required, Centering Prayer brings your relationship with God to a level deeper than conversation, to pure communion.

Father Thomas Keating sometimes suggests choosing a sacred word, with one or two syllables, "as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within. When you become aware of thoughts, return ever-so-gently to your sacred word."



Sacred Space PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, May 10, 10am
Gubbins Center for Faith Formation (167/94th Ave.)

We will focus on the readings from April 12-May 10.

Something To Think About

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation. The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expression in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life — and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

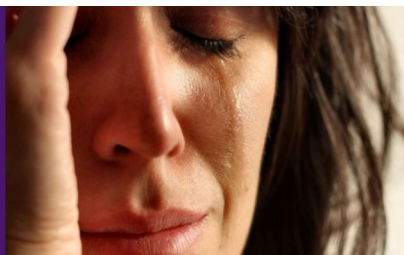
Our active witness is to the life and values of Jesus in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbor can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of God. In the movements of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out our vocation. we are doing God's will! — *By Donal Neaey SJ*

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Scripture Reflections for FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIVING the WORD

**MAY 7, 2023
GROWING PAINS**

Like every other aspect of our lives, our spiritual lives go through times of growth and change, times that are not always easy. As the Church did from the beginning, we need to keep the Lord near.

■ FIRST READING

They chose seven men filled with the Spirit (Acts 6:1-7). The money that had been collected by the community of the early Christian Church was collected to help widows and orphans. The money was being distributed to the Hebrews but not to the Hellenists. There were complaints, and the apostles turned to God for discernment. They chose seven Hellenists for charity within the community. This service is called “diaconia” in Greek, hence we call these seven the first deacons

■ SECOND READING

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:4-9). Jesus is the living stone upon which the Church has been built; a sure foundation, never shaken. We are the stones that will be built into a holy temple of the Lord. Jesus is the image and promise of what we are to become. If we do not follow him then the rock (Jesus) causes us to stumble. We will be convicted by his example. He has taught us the Truth of God, and we will have chosen that which is false if we do not follow him. It is not so much Jesus who condemns us as we who will have chosen our own condemnation. He offered life, and we have chosen to reject it. God has not called us for failure, but for dignity. We are a chosen race, entered in a royal priesthood through our Baptism.

■ GOSPEL

I am the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:1-12). Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure and speaks of the fact that he must go away so that he might prepare a dwelling place for them with the Father. They could not understand why this was not an abandonment. Jesus explains to the disciples that he is the way to the Father. We cannot know God except through him. This is why he was born in this world, to reveal to us who the Father is and how much he loves us. If we have known Jesus, then we have also known the Father. Likewise, if we have not known Jesus, we cannot really say that we have known the Father. He is the visible revelation of who God is. Jesus insisted all throughout his ministry that he could do nothing except through the Father. Jesus has revealed the Father to us, and we can do the works that Jesus has done. We are his disciples because we follow him and represent him on earth.

■ REFLECTION

Have you experienced life’s growing pains? Jesus prepares the disciples for His return to the Father. They experience growing pains and need his reassurance. Jesus tells them they know the way. He had shown it to them. They continue to show it to each other by living what Jesus taught them. The early Church experienced growing pains when Gentile and Jewish Christians were treated differently. The community prayed, asked the Spirit’s guidance, and seven were called forth. Through the laying on of hands in the power of the Holy Spirit a new ministry, that of deacon, developed. Peter reminded the community that they are a “chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own.” They announce the praises of the One who called them out of darkness into a wonderful life (1 Peter 2:9). Growing pains. We experience growing pains in our lives of faith. Certainty can be followed by wonderment. We ask, “Is God near? Does our faith make any difference at all?” We need to remember that Jesus is our Cornerstone. We’ve seen him in those who make his presence known. He has chosen us as his own people and made us a holy priesthood to give God praise and worship. When in doubt, turn to God in prayer. Call on the Holy Spirit and let Jesus, our Way, our Truth, and our Life, be your guide.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK [May 1-7, 2023]

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14	Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

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ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

■ **New Parishioners** We welcome all to participate in the life and mission of the parish. A complete listing of parish services/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: www.steseton.com.

■ **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is on Saturday, between 4:15-4:45pm

■ **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated twice monthly at 1pm. Reserve your time by calling the parish office early. Limit of two children per Sunday.

■ **Baptismal Preparation** Couples preparing for the birth of their child should contact

the parish office to register for a one-night seminar, focusing on a parent's role in faith development. Session is mandatory prior to the Baptism.

■ **Anointing of the Sick** 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 of Adults

Adults 18/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. Call 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 Parish Office at 708-403-0101 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 Parish Office at 708-403-0101 for assistance.

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

■ **Wedding Workshops** offered throughout the year, provide engaged couples with guidelines/suggestions for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. The workshop covers topics on readings, music, flowers and video taping.

■ **Adult Choir** sings at Sunday Mass/special liturgies. Please contact Music Director at music@steseton.com.

■ **Teen Choir** sings at the 11:30am Sunday Masses. Please contact our Music Director at music@steseton.com.

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

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Monday-Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

ROSARY: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesdays, 9:30am