



**SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH**

ORLAND HILLS, ILLINOIS

# **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 7, 2023**



**“I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.  
If you know me, then you all also know my Father.”  
— Jn 14:6-7**





*Congratulations and Blessings to our 2023*  
**SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS**

*MAY 6, 2023*

*Rev. William T. Corcoran Ph.D., Pastor*

*Jackson Aldworth  
 Kaiden Ayala  
 Max Bednarek  
 Angelo Bernabe  
 Teresa Betts  
 Arianna Chirillo  
 Jameson Christy  
 Bridget Clarke  
 Matthew Contreras  
 Angel Correa  
 Mateo Correa  
 John DuBois  
 Andrew Fransen  
 Chloe Gaj  
 Mia Giuliani  
 Emma Goewey*

*Ximena Gonzalez  
 Bridget Hastings  
 Marshall Homerding  
 Julia Janachowski  
 Emilia Jara  
 Noah Kelly  
 Sarah Madden  
 Peter Malec  
 Louis Matz  
 Brayden Mauceri  
 Carly Mauceri  
 Leland Moloney  
 Cameron Morgan  
 Holly Para  
 Annabelle Patterson  
 Keith Piekarz*

*Jackson Rauch  
 Grace Rose  
 Stella Sinars  
 Chloe Thomas  
 Franklin Thompson  
 Molly Utz  
 Mairin Wagner  
 Emmett Wochos  
 Ella Mae Wong  
 Marigold Wong  
 Addison Zaker  
 Clara Zaker  
 Alivia Zawada  
 Michael Zulevic*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, family members and friends for encouraging and supporting these children along their faith journey. We are grateful to our priests: Fr. Bill Corcoran, Fr. Kevin McCray, and Fr. John Zurek (2nd grade chaplain); our deacons: Dcn. Robert Velcich, and Dcn. John Sobol, Director of Liturgy; our catechists: Laurie Coe, Ashley Keel, Janet Scellato and Frank Scellato; our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School teachers, Julie Martin and Michelle McGinnis; and our Director of Music, Ilya Vanichkin. Many thanks to our volunteers who share their time and talent with our children.

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

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

DO THIS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



LUKE 22:19

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

## CORCORAN'S CORNER

### Celebrating Confirmation . . .

Last Sunday our parish celebrated Confirmation with **Bishop Kevin Birmingham**. It was a wonderful experience. Everyone was very relaxed, with a wonderful, positive feeling emanating from our church. The Confirmandi were very ready. Thanks to all who made the occasion so wonderful. The students prepared well for the day, with their parents and sponsors assisting them along the way. Our catechists, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School teachers, and our Religious Education staff kept things moving forward. Our choir, musicians, and music director, lifted our hearts in prayer. Our deacon, priests, and master of ceremonies made the liturgy prayerful. It was a true celebration, and God was given great praise. Thanks to all.

### Mother's Day Next Weekend . . .

Next weekend, on Sunday, May 14, our nation celebrates Mother's Day. We remember our moms, grandmothers, godmothers, and those women who have had nurturing roles in our lives. We will offer these women in our community a special blessing at all of our Masses next weekend.

Mother's Day weekend is always a wonderful time to pause, remember, thank, and pray for those who offered tender nurturing to us throughout our lifetime. We flourish under such tenderness and care. Our mother figures are our cheerleaders who believe in our better selves. They are our nurses who care for our health, tend our wounds, and spur on our growth. They are our gentle task masters who urge us forward. They give us our roots and our wings. We are all most grateful to these figures of grace in our lives.

### May Crowning . . .

As part of our Mother's Day Weekend Celebration we will bestow a crown on our statue of *Mary, Seat of Wisdom* at Masses. We are asking multigenerational families to represent all of us in this crowning. We remember the Blessed Mother's example of discipleship, courage, faithfulness, and tenderness. We remember how she — to this day — draws others to our Lord. We pray that we will follow Mary's example of drawing others to the Lord, as she shows us how to bring others to heaven.

### Our Creation Care Art Contest and Exhibit . . .

What a great success. Our Creation Care Art Contest inspired artists to create and their works inspired us all to think. We marveled at the creativity and beauty before us. Thanks to all who participated in this great endeavor: the artists, the judges, and the behind-the-scenes people who made this all happen. This was great "thinking outside the box" that inspired our community.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation . . .

On Saturday afternoon, May 6, we joined the First Communicants in celebrating the holiest day in the year for our community: the day of First Holy Communion. I would ask our parish to keep in prayer all of our First Communicants, as well as our Confirmandi (who were confirmed last Sunday). We pray that God may continue the good work that has begun in them.

### Principal Search . . .

Recently, we received sad news that our excellent Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Principal, **Mrs. 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. Spread the word. I am happy to report that parishioners have done so, and I invite more of you to do so. As a community we know very good people.

### Looking Ahead . . .

Yes, there is life after Easter:

■ **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 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!)**

■ **Monday, May 29 — Memorial Day** Mass will be at 9:00 AM, in the church.

We have some great days ahead.

### Our Eucharistic Year . . .

Throughout the world the Church is encouraging all of us to deepen our appreciation of the Eucharist. Our staff is brainstorming on a variety of ways that we can make this happen in the coming months. All thoughts are welcome.

### Save The Date . . .

Our parish will be bidding **Fr. John Zurek**, a most fond farewell after eight years of service to our parish community. The celebration is scheduled for Fathers Day Weekend, June 17/18. Father John will preach at all Masses, with and our 11:30 AM Sunday Mass as the highlight, followed by a luncheon reception in the McBrady Center. Please plan to attend and giving Fr. John your fond wishes. He will remain with us until Friday, June 30. We soon expect to be able to share where he is being assigned.

**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**



*The Women's Centers* of Greater Chicagoland

5116 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60630

Phone: 773-794-1313 [www.GoTWC.org](http://www.GoTWC.org)





## 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.



### THIS WEEKEND! MAY 6/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.

### WELCOME

**Mr. Anthony and Mrs. Erica Gozzi-Messenger**  
(Child **Olivia Messenger**)

### 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**                      **Vickie McCray**  
**Maureen McCormick**      **Tony Alderson**  
**Richard Tropp**

And for our deceased:

**William Buckler**  
**Kathleen Neary** (mother of Patti Coprio and Eileen Neary)  
**Suzanne Hurley**  
**Judi Monti**  
**Denise Staszewski**  
**Dru Worker**

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

### MASS 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**  
Monday, May 8 (9am) **NO INTENTIONS**  
Tuesday, May 9 (9am) **Domenico Iannotta**  
Wednesday, May 10 (9am) **Helen Weinert**  
Thursday, May 11 (9am) **Dee Ulrich; James L. Siepmann**  
Friday, May 12 (9am) **Geraldine Malone**  
Saturday, May 13 (5pm) **Ann Vallort; June Tunelius**  
Sunday, May 14 (7:30am) **Karolyn Hall; Esther Schmeski**  
(9:30am) **Margaret Kapala; The Olsen Family**  
(11:30am) **Karolyn Hall; Janet Mazur**

### STEWARDSHIP

**COLLECTION FOR 4-30-2023: \$15,821.01**

Envelopes: \$11,848.01/E-giving: \$3,973.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**



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on Facebook: **Saint Elizabeth Seton Church-Orland Hills**  
VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: [WWW.STESETON.COM](http://WWW.STESETON.COM)

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY SECOND COLLECTION SATURDAY, MAY 13 / SUNDAY, MAY 14, AT ALL MASSES**

Your support empowers us to help mothers in crisis, while also offering vital longer-term Services that uncover and address the root cause of their challenges, ushering women back to the path of joy and hope. Please donate to help us serve people throughout Cook County.





# Women & Children FIRST



Thank you for giving to help mothers, children,  
and seniors who are hungry, homeless or hurting.



[www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net)

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# STUCK IN TRAFFIC

By Reverend Ronald Rolheiser

There's a famous billboard  
that hangs along a congested  
highway that reads:  
You aren't stuck in traffic.  
You *are* traffic!

**G**ood wit, good insight!  
How glibly we distance  
ourselves from a problem,  
whether it is our politics, our  
churches, the ecological  
problems on our planet, or most  
anything else.

We aren't, as we want to  
think, stuck in a bad political  
climate wherein we can no  
longer talk to each other and  
live respectfully with each  
other.

**R**ather we ourselves have become so rigid,  
arrogant, and sure of ourselves that we can no  
longer respect those who think differently than we  
do. We are a bad political climate and not just stuck in  
one.

Likewise for our churches: We aren't stuck in churches  
that are too self-serving and not faithful enough to the  
teachings of Jesus. Rather we are Christians who too  
often, ourselves, out of self-interest compromise the  
teachings of Jesus. We aren't stuck in our churches, we  
comprise those churches.

The same is truly relevant to the ecological challenges  
we face on this planet: We aren't stuck on a planet that's  
becoming oxygen-starved and a junkyard for human  
wastage. Rather it's we, not just others, who are too  
careless in how we are using up the earth's resources  
and how we are leaving behind our waste.

Admittedly, this isn't always true. Sometimes we are  
stuck in negative situations for which we bear no  
responsibility and within which, through no fault of our  
own, we are simply the unfortunate victim of circumstance  
and someone else's carelessness, illness, dysfunction, or  
sin. We can, for instance, be born into a dysfunctional  
situation which leaves us stuck in a family and an  
environment that doesn't make for easy freedom. Or,  
sometimes simple circumstance can burden us with  
duties that take away our freedom. So, metaphorically  
speaking, we can be stuck in traffic and not ourselves be  
part of that traffic, though generally we are, at least  
partially, part of the traffic we're stuck in.

Henri Nouwen often highlighted this in his writings.  
We are not, he tells us, separate from the events that  
make up the world news each day. Rather, what we see  
written large in the world news each night simply reflects  
what's going on inside of us.

When we see instances of injustice, bigotry, racism,  
greed, violence, murder and war on our newscasts we



*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
You have faith in God;  
have faith also in me.  
In my Father's house  
there are many dwelling places."*

rightly feel a certain moral  
indignation. It's healthy to feel  
that way, but it's not healthy to  
naively think that it's others, not  
us, who are the problem.

When we're honest we have  
to admit that we're complicit in  
all these things, perhaps not in  
their crasser forms, but in  
subtler, though very real, ways:  
The fear and paranoia that are at  
the root of so much conflict in  
our world are not foreign to us.  
We too find it hard to accept  
those who are different from us.  
We too cling to privilege and do  
most everything we can to  
secure and protect our comfort.  
We too use up an unfair amount  
of the world's resources in our  
hunger for comfort and  
experience. As well, our

negative judgments, jealousies, gossip, and bitter words  
are, at the end of the day, genuine acts of violence since,  
as Henri Nouwen puts it: Nobody is shot by a gun that  
isn't first shot by a word. And nobody is shot by a word  
before he or she is first shot by a murderous thought:  
Who does she think she is! The evening news just  
shows large what's inside our hearts. What's in the  
macrocosm is also in the microcosm.

And so we aren't just viewers of the evening news,  
we're complicit in it. The old catechisms were right  
when they told us that there's no such a thing as a  
truly private act, that even our most private actions  
affect everyone else. The private is political. Everything  
affects everything. The first take-away from this is  
obvious: When we find ourselves stuck in traffic,  
metaphorically and otherwise, we need to admit our  
own complicity and resist the temptation to simply  
blame others.

**But there's another important lesson here too.**

**W**e are never healthier than when we are  
confessing our sins; in this case, confessing that  
we are traffic and not just stuck in traffic. After  
recognizing that we are complicit, hopefully we can  
forgive ourselves for the fact that, partially at least, we are  
helpless to not be complicit. No one can walk through life  
without leaving a footprint. To pretend otherwise is  
dishonest and to try to not leave a footprint is futile. The  
starting point to make things better is for us to admit and  
confess our complicity.

So the next time you're stuck in traffic, irritated and  
impatient, muttering angrily about why there are so many  
people on the road, you might want to glance at yourself  
in rearview mirror, ask yourself why you are on the road at  
that time, and then give yourself a forgiving wink as you  
utter the French word, *touché*.



### Affirming Confirmation Joy!

Our 49 St. Elizabeth Seton Confirmandi were welcomed and celebrated with the same joy and happiness that genuinely radiates from our Seton pastoral ministry and Seton Religious Education staff pictured above. Bottom row [l-r]: Denise Buschman, Diana Barracca, Bishop Kevin Birmingham, Mary Vlaming, Fr. John Zurek, and Rev. William Corcoran. Top row [l-r]: Fr. Joe Roccasalva, Fr. Kevin McCray, and Deacon Bob Velcich (not pictured: Deacon John Sobol)



## Men's Club News

### UPCOMING EVENTS

■ **FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR**  
**Wednesday, May 10, in the McBrady Center**  
**Doors open 6:45 pm, Mass at 7pm**  
**MASS/STEAK DINNER/OFFICER INSTALLATION**  
 All men of the parish are invited to join us as we gather in fellowship. We will begin the evening with a special Mass. This is also the night of our Annual Steak Dinner! Please bring your steak knife and a fork unless your fingers are your tools of choice.

We congratulate and will install our new officers:  
 President: **Mike Zulevic**; Vice President: **Tom Wojcik**;  
 Secretary: **Perry Dubish**; Treasurer: **Steve Klean**; and  
 Sergeant at Arms: **Jim Jesonowski**.

## Girl Scout Bake Sale Fundraiser

ADOPTION EVENT

**Saturday May 20 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

**Girl Scout Junior Troop 65538**

**Pet Supplies Plus -Orland Park**

**9430 W 159<sup>th</sup> St, Orland Park 60467**







**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Calling all 5th graders and older  
who would like to be an altar server...**

# **ST. ELIZABETH SETON ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**



**Training classes are one session  
for one hour.**

**If your child is presently entering 5th grade  
this Fall, they are eligible to serve.**

**Times can be set up through Fr. John Zurek.**

**To register for a training class or for questions,  
please e-mail Fr. John Zurek:  
[jzurek@steseton.com](mailto:jzurek@steseton.com)**



## Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage? GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL

Congratulations! The Archdiocese of Chicago invites you to participate in the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, 2:30pm, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State, Chicago.

Please register online by Sept. 15, 2023, at: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding>

## Are you, or someone you know, widowed? JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 24/Sunday, June 25

St. Julie Billiart Church

6767 W. 159th St., Tinley Park

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories. This unique retreat/workshop two-day program (designed specifically for spousal loss) is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome. No overnight available at this site. For more information call: 708-354-7211, e-mail us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com). Visit: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).

## Creation Care Corner



*"Praise be to you my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us..."*

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION: Plant Trees.

They clean our air, protect our drinking water, provide food and habitat for animals. Studies show they even improve our mental health. Trees also absorb the CO<sub>2</sub> that contributes to global warming and release oxygen back into the air. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced by a car driven 26,000 miles.

Planting trees also helps prevent soil erosion, increases land fertility and can add value to your property. Trees that provide shade can also significantly reduce your energy bills. When selecting trees, choose native types to support local wildlife. Spring and fall can be good times to plant.

For more information:  
[www.arboday.org/trees](http://www.arboday.org/trees)

## ST. ELIZABETH SETON WOMEN'S CLUB

Next Meeting:

A 50's Party!

MAY 16, 2023

MCBRADY CENTER

7 PM (doors open 6:15 pm)

MENU:

Hamburgers/hot dogs/ice cream  
Ladies! Join us for our Dancing,  
Hula Hoop Contest and More!



GUESTS ONLY \$10!

All women 21 and over are invited!

All buffet donations are welcome!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

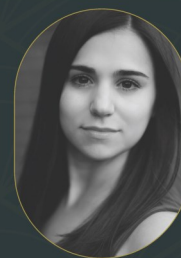
In addition, our Installation of our  
2023-2024 Board Officers will  
take place at this meeting.



Save the dates!  
SESWC Vendor/Craft/ Bake Sale  
September 9 and 10  
Call Lori Stanfa, 708-257-5466

St. Michael's Concert Series  
Presents:

DMITRI MAKHTIN, VIOLIN  
JULIA SICILIANO, PIANO



MOZART: Violin Sonata in A major, K. 526

BEETHOVEN: Violin Sonata No. 6 in A major, Op. 30 No. 1

BRAHMS: Violin Sonata No. 3 in D minor, Op. 108

Saint Michael's Parish  
14327 HIGHLAND AVE  
ORLAND PARK, IL 60462

MAY 6TH, 2023 AT 6PM



CJB is a cutting-edge, regional Catholic school sponsored by the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, and St. Elizabeth Seton. In addition to these four parishes, we also welcome children from other parishes or households whose parents are seeking a Christ-centered, excellent educational environment. Our address is 9250 W. 167<sup>th</sup> Street in Orland Hills. We are adjacent to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. [CONTACT US FOR A PRIVATE TOUR!](#)

**“OPEN REGISTRATION” for new students is happening NOW!**

Our online application is available at [www.cjbschool.org](http://www.cjbschool.org). Submit the online application, then mail or drop off an *original* birth and baptismal certificate (*originals will be returned*), and a one-time family registration fee of \$250. For Grades 1-8, include a copy of the 2022-23 first semester report card and standardized test results. Questions may be directed to the Enrollment Director, Cynthia Devlin, at 708-403-6525 ext. 127... or via email at [cdevlin@cjbschool.org](mailto:cdevlin@cjbschool.org).

**“THE LETTER”**

***Matinee and Sister-Neighbor Chat, May 21***

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart invite you to a Matinee/Chat about Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’ movie, “The Letter,” from 3-4:30pm. Register by Monday, May 15 at [fssh.net](http://fssh.net). Come for the event, stay for a stroll on the grounds!

***Event held at St. Francis Woods,  
9201 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort  
Reservations at [fssh.net](http://fssh.net)***

**WOMEN’S MORNING OF REFLECTION**

***Wednesday, May 17, 10am-1:30pm***

School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King invite all women to a morning reflection that includes prayer, meditation, and time for sharing. Continental Breakfast/lunch served. Suggested \$30 donation. Mount Assisi Center, 13860 Main St., Lemont. RSVP by May 12, to Carrie Peters, 630-257-7844, x223, [carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net).

**NEAT REPEAT STORES  
NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Share your compassion, talents, and time by giving five hours/wk and make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. Join the Neat Repeats team, develop new skills, and make a difference in your own community. All sales at the store benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit domestic violence agency. Contact Michelle McCarthy 708-429-7255 or [mmccarthy@crisisctr.org](mailto:mmccarthy@crisisctr.org).

**THE MASS  
INTENTIONS  
BOOK  
FOR 2024  
IS OPEN!**

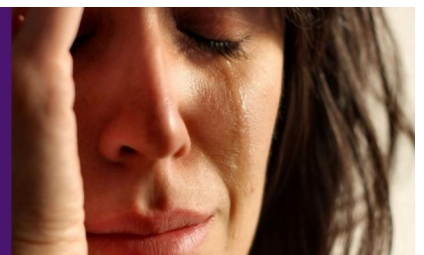
For those wanting to offer the intention of a Mass for the 2024 calendar year, stop into the parish office, M-F, 9am-1pm, or Sunday, 8am-1pm. (\$10 suggested donation).



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## Fourth Annual Multi-Parish MISSION PROJECT



Building Partnerships • Building Relationships • Building Community

Building Homes

**"Let Us Build A House  
Where Love Can Dwell"**

**June 23-24, 2023**

**on the campus of  
St. Stephen Church**

HOSTED BY THE PARISHES OF

St. Elizabeth Seton

St. George

St. Julie Billiart

St. Michael

St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

St. Francis of Assisi

Incarnation St. Terrence

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
DONATIONS NEEDED!**

Information/Registration Forms

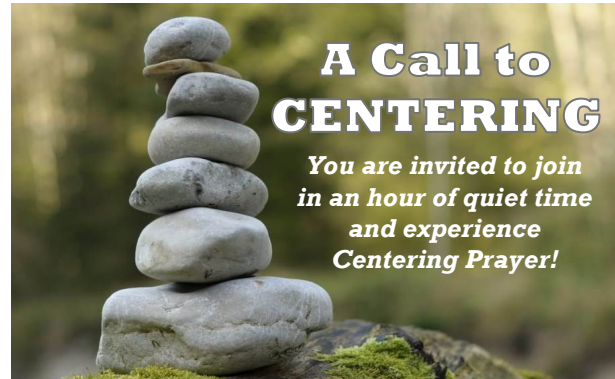
**AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND!**

**in the Narthex (on the table located  
by the parish office doors)**

**Contact:**

**Maryola Ward, 708-906-0297**

**Mike York, 708-910-4040**



*"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."*

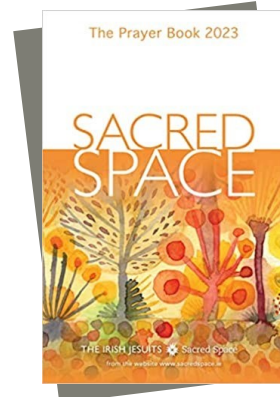
*John O'Donohue*

### **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  
**SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**LIVING  
the  
WORD**

**Sunday,  
May 14, 2023  
NEXT WEEK'S FOCUS:  
THE SPIRIT'S JOY**

*The Holy Spirit promised by Jesus gives us our purpose: to go out on the joyful mission of spreading the good news of salvation.*

■ **FIRST READING**

*The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).* In this reading we hear that the gospel would spread from Jerusalem to Judea to the very ends of the earth. Philip, one of the seven called to the diaconate, shares the gospel with the Samaritans. The Samaritans were considered to be a type of heretical Jew, for they had mixed elements of the Jewish faith with paganism. By having the gospel reach the Samaritans, it was now reaching beyond the Jewish people. The next step would be for the gospel to reach the pagans, first in Israel and Asia Minor and then slowly to the ends of the earth (Rome). The Samaritans accept the gospel with great joy. Peter and John pray over them, and the Holy Spirit descends upon them.

■ **SECOND READING**

*Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18)*

Saint Peter is very pastoral in his instructions and encourages us to share the source of our joy with others: our faith in the Lord Jesus. Once does not have to be aggressive. Peter invites us to be gentle and to act with reverence. Thus, we will not be trying to force others' compliance; we will be inviting them to share a gift we have received from the Lord. If, after sharing our faith, we receive taunts and other forms of subtle persecution, we should view it as an honor. Jesus suffered for us. If we

suffer with hope, we will give an important message to those who persecute us. We, like Jesus, will be putting the flesh to death so that we might live in the Spirit.

■ **GOSPEL**

*I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21).*

We hear Jesus promise that he will send another Advocate. Note that the Advocate being sent is "another Advocate." Jesus is the first Advocate, for he interceded for us with the Father. The Greek word used in this Gospel for "Paraclete" is a very ambiguous word. It could mean advocate or advisor or counselor or one who gives consolation. All of these meanings are true and all of them are used in the passages that speak about the "Paraclete." The Spirit of truth will help us to remember and to understand what Jesus taught. That Spirit will give us courage to bear witness to our faith and also will provide us with the words we need to defend ourselves when we suffer for our faith. The sign that we are in the Spirit is that we obey the Commandments.

■ **REFLECTION**

**MISSION:** The word evokes exotic places and visiting priests or nuns telling hair-raising stories. Many people of faith still interpret "mission" as something someone else does somewhere else. What is expected is to give money to the "missions." Yet mission also means "purpose." Researchers tell us that a personal sense of purpose leads to greater well-being. A famous saying is, "The two most important days in your life are the day that you were born and the day that you find out why." Where does Christian purpose come from? Why are we here? Jesus promises that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with us always. As we are washed with that indwelling tender Spirit, we in turn fall in love. Daily life is no longer the same. We may be fishermen or computer programmers, students or professionals, preachers or lay ministers, parents or grandparents—when we encounter the friendship of the living God, we are changed. We are filled with radiant joy. Mission is not just something someone else does somewhere else. Mission is what we do, right here, right now. It doesn't matter so much what we do in daily life, but how we do it. The Holy Spirit's joy gives us purpose. As Pentecost approaches, we can prepare to be empowered and sent out into our ordinary lives to be extraordinary people. This is our calling, our obligation. This is also our delight. We are to be an enthusiastic people of purpose, with determination, resolution, drive, tenacity, and commitment to living Jesus' joy-filled way of life. To live for Jesus—is that your joy or obligation—or both?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK [May 8-14, 2023]**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21



## SENIORS OF SETON



### THANK YOU!

SOS would like to thank everyone who participated in our Lou Malnati's Pizzeria Fundraiser. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

### NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 10AM MEMBER'S APPRECIATION LUNCHEON INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Installation of new SOS officers will take place followed by a light Members' Appreciation Luncheon. Tickets may be purchased in the parish office for \$5 p/p. Deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, May 30 (in the parish office).

### 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, [rhjp01@AOL.COM](mailto:rhjp01@AOL.COM) or Carol Pjosek, [caramiary@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 [rhjp01@aol.com](mailto:rhjp01@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 [rhjp01@aol.com](mailto:rhjp01@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 [rhjp01@aol.com](mailto:rhjp01@aol.com).

## SAINT[S] OF THE WEEK

### SAINT JAMES AND SAINT PHILIP

*Saints Philip and James share a feast day because their relics were brought to Rome together in May.*

**JAMES, SON OF ALPHEUS:** We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

**PHILIP:** Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida, Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote" (Jn 1:45). Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (Jn 6:7).

John's story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus's voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, "I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him" (Jn 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (Jn 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9a).

Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus's reply in John's Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now his "hour" has come, that in a short time he will give his life for Jew and gentile alike.



## SHOPPING & GIFTING MADE EASY

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### April Showers Bring May Flowers!

May 2023



You know who loves flowers? Moms love flowers! **Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Let the moms in your life know how much you appreciate them by picking up a bouquet at **Hearts & Flowers** or giving live plants from **Alsip Nursery**. Scrip has gift cards for **World Star Nails** and **Mario Tricoci** so you can pamper her and you can take her to dinner with **Frankie's**, **Gatto's**, **Bonefish Grill**, and many, many more. May is also the time to get outside and plant your gardens and flowerpots. Don't forget to grab some **Home Depot**, **Menards** or **Lowe's** to get started on the great outdoors. You will earn valuable rebates to use toward your Catholic tuition, supporting your parish or cash back to you.

### Vendor Updates

Rebate change:

- Dunkin' Donuts – increase from 1.5% to 1.75%

Discontinued vendors:

- Bed, Bath & Beyond
- Little Joe's Pizza

Remember to use any Bed, Bath & Beyond cards you already have by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kohl's is changing their participation with Scrip. We will still carry Kohl's cards but as June 23<sup>rd</sup> or when our current cards run out, you will no longer be able to pay your bill with Scrip cards.

### Calendar Notice

There is no school on **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Backpacks and parish couriers will be filled on **Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Our summer hours begin on **Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation is not the end!



Just because your last child may be leaving CJB, you don't have to leave Scrip. You can continue to use Scrip and help support Cardinal Bernardin School. You can use your rebate for Catholic High School or you can receive your rebate back in cash. We have many alumni families that continue to use the Scrip program through high school and beyond!



### New Uniforms for Next School Year

You can use **Schoolbelles** Scrip in the store and online to get your children ready for next school year! We also have **Lands' End** gift cards if your child prefers their uniform pieces.



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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](http://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](mailto:music@steseton.com).

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

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

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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

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

**ROSARY: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30am**

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesdays, 9:30am**