

Sharings

From Father Rich Homa

BY NOW YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD THAT I ANNOUNCED LAST WEEKEND that **Cardinal George** has granted my request to take a leave of absence from active ministry for personal reasons, and thus last weekend was my final weekend as pastor of St. Elizabeth Seton, the rule being that should I return to active ministry, it would be a different parish.

IN CASE YOU WERE NOT HERE LAST WEEKEND, allow me to share with you a few things I said at all the Masses:

FIRST, I am not leaving the parish because I'm in any kind of trouble with the Cardinal or the Archdiocese.

SECOND, I am not going away to be treated for any kind of addiction or serious illness.

THIRD, my decision has absolutely nothing to do with the parish or the staff. St. Elizabeth Seton is a terrific parish with a great staff, and I've truly enjoyed being with you and serving as your pastor.

I DECIDED TO MAKE THIS MOVE NOW because I did not want to disturb anyone's Christmas. But St. Elizabeth Seton needs to get on the list of parishes needing a new pastor, since new pastors are named around the first of March, and some preliminary work needs to be done in the very near future.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN HERE AT THE PARISH is that a Priest-Administrator will be appointed to come in and make sure the operation of the parish continues as smoothly as possible until a new pastor moves in around the first of July.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for all the love, friendship, prayers, and support which you've given me in the years I've been here with you. This parish and all of you have been a great blessing in my life. Please pray for me as I try to follow the call of God in my life, and I promise to pray for all of you each day.

May God Bless You,

Fr. Rich Homa



Cards or Letter for Fr. Rich Homa

If you wish to share a card or a letter with Fr. Rich Homa, you may place it in the designated box located on the counter in the Narthex or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you.

Living The Word

Reflections for
Third Sunday In
Ordinary Time
Jan. 27, 2013

Lord God, You have given us Your revealed word as spiritual food to nourish Your people, and to strengthen Your Church as the Body of Your Son Jesus Christ. May we recognize and partake of this food when we gather at the Table of the Word. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: GOD'S WORD ENLIVENS THE SPIRIT

"Word" is a static reality, merely sitting there, waiting for someone to breathe life into it. But, in these readings, "word" is something that brings life to mind and heart, soul and body.

FIRST READING

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

This reading is a description of the proclamation of the law of the Lord to the people of Israel. This is something that had to happen periodically in the history of Israel. The people would slowly drift away from the ways of the Lord and adopt the practices followed by their pagan neighbors. This is why God would send a prophet or a leader who would lead

his people back to the law. The law is not a series of ordinances that robs people of their freedom. Rather, it is the word of God. It teaches the people what God really wants from them. This is liberating, for they could now be what God called them to be. They would no longer have to be slaves to their passions, but could be good and righteous.

SECOND READING

You are Christ's body and individually parts of it (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27).

Saint Paul is reminding the members of the community in Corinth that none of us is autonomous. We depend upon each other, and the Spirit has given each of us gifts to share with one another. This passage is one

of the sources for the development of the idea of the mystical Body of Christ, the idea that the Spirit unites us to form a manifestation of the presence of Christ in the world.

GOSEL

Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

St. Luke claims that he is writing for a certain Theophilus. It is unclear if this is a royal official, rich patron, or a symbolic name. The Greek word "theos" means "God" and "phileo" means "to love," so this could be a symbolic name for anyone who loves God (hence, any

Christian). The second part of the Gospel is taken from the passage that describes Jesus' preaching in the synagogue of Nazareth. Jesus speaks of His being anointed by the Spirit to proclaim a tremendous liberation from the forces of evil. The Jewish people celebrated every 50th year as a Jubilee Year, a time of favor to the Lord. Debts were forgiven, slaves were set free, property was given back to its original owners, etc. Jesus is saying that He is the fulfillment of everything that the Jubilee Year was supposed to be. One does not have to wait for 50 years. Jesus, by His very presence, calls us to experience His love so that we might be liberated from all that enslaves us. He also wants to share that liberation with those who most need it.

Readings for the Week

January 21st-January 26th:

Mon.: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tues.: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Wed.: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thurs.: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Fri.: Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18
Sat.: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 3:20-21

REFLECTION

Sometimes the Sunday scripture readings pass by barely noticed. The words read don't get inside, perhaps because we are preoccupied or worrying over something. But every so often the reader and the words read become one in a way that enters into our heart. One such moment is recorded in the first reading. This scene took place over 500 years before the time of Jesus. The reader was Ezra the priest, who was standing up on a platform in an open place in the city of Jerusalem. The magnificent temple built by Solomon had been destroyed in 587 BC and the people had been taken off into exile in Babylon. In 538 they had been allowed to return, and now, for the first time, they were gathered to hear the priest Ezra read to them the book of the law, the Torah. This book taught them that God had saved them and how God wanted them to live. The people listened for hours, tears running down their faces, as Ezra read and explained to them the meaning of the words for their lives. These words fell upon the hearts of the listeners, penetrating the thick and hardened covering that exile had created, eventually causing their tears to flow. The word of God had done its work, bringing them back to life. Sometimes rebirth happens gently, at other times, God's word functions as shock therapy.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TAX LETTERS FOR THE 2012 YEAR WILL BE READY ON JAN.22, 2013

Parishioners can pick them up or they can be mailed to you. Please call the parish office at 708-403-0101.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

The St. Elizabeth Seton parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Adult Greeters Needed...



**For Saturday at 5pm Mass
And Sunday at 7:15am Mass**

What Does A Greeter Do?

A greeter helps to provide a sense of hospitality and welcome. Some of the duties of greeter are: Coming about 20 minutes early to Mass to welcome people at the door; give people the liturgy aid or song sheet; give registration forms to new parishioners; usher people forward for Communion; pass the basket for the offering; help seat people before Mass. Greeters are scheduled to serve for one month and be off for the next. Children younger than 8th grade can help their parents who are greeters.

To Volunteer...

Please call Claudia Nolan at 708-403-0101.

STEWARDSHIP

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TO-DATE:

\$133,329.26

JANUARY 13, 2013:

\$27,642.21

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

\$76.21

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Gayle Gleespen
(Children: Rhea and Ryder)
Mark and Lisa Messaglia

WEDDINGS

Please pray for those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Karen Gacgacao and Nicholas Simonian; 2-16

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Valane Ocenas
Gemmo Reyes
Blake Donegan
Judy Edenburn
Cindy Nowak
Joan Hallstein
Anthony Paluch
Sylvanna Chaacellor
Danuta Todter
Alice Boland
John Meyer
Joan Elliott

And for our deceased:

Betty Zerego
Margaret Kapala
Lois Green

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 19th (5pm) **Josephine Tarantino; Frank Smith III;**

Betty Suffern; Dorothy Gorechi; Beverly Perkowski

Sunday, Jan. 20th

(7:15am) **Scott Staszak; Ann Cristofaro**

(8:30am) **Sophie Petrick**

(10am) **William Dyer; Michael Shebelski; Donald Laakson;**

Zig Karowski; Thomas Michaels; Robert Laakson; Bernice Laakson;

Family of Anne Ginty-O'Brien

(11:30am) **Catherine and Mike Kocher; Lois and Bill Clayton;**

Betty Zerega

Mon., Jan. 21st (9am) **Frank Gasper**

Tues., Jan. 22nd (9am) **James Paul**

Wed., Jan. 23rd (9am) **Donna Thompson**

Thurs., Jan. 24th (9am) **Jack Squires**

Fri., Jan. 25th (9am) **Scott Jostes; Jack Yanahan**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.*

JOHN 2:1-11, L66C

*A reflection by Joyce Ann Zimmerman C.P.P.S.,
Kathleen Harmon S.N.D. de N. and Christopher W Conlon S.M.
LIVING LITURGY*

SOME CHANGES ARE SELF-INITIATED, for example, we stop smoking, resolve to exercise daily, watch less TV. Other changes are generated by an outside catalyst, such as a natural disaster or the loss of a job because of a bankrupt company. What brings us to embrace change? A closed bridge might bring us to find a new route to work. Sickness might bring us to lead a healthier lifestyle. Falling in love might bring us to an unprecedented self-giving. What brings us to embrace belief? *When we open ourselves to God's actions within us, the most life-changing transformations occur.*

The very last sentence in today's Gospel is the most critical: "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him."

Thus does John's Gospel mark the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. But as beginning, it also contains a preview of the end and purpose of his ministry. The abundance and worth of the water made into wine announce the age of the Messiah when messianic abundance will be evident. This abundance reveals the glory of God, leads us to believe in Jesus, and invites us to become his intimate friends.

Jesus' epiphany—the revelation of his glory—did not end with the sign he performed but with the

belief to which his followers came. Not only does Jesus change water into wine, but he transforms his disciples from being mere companions to becoming those who believe in him. They move from fellowship to the intimacy of belief and their lives will never be the same. *He changed them. He will change us. And our lives will never be the same.*

The *intimacy of belief is not passive.* This is Jesus' true glory and his whole ministry: not only turning water into wine but spending himself for the good of others. His total attentiveness and response to others is the model for our own active believing, the way to sustain intimacy with him, and is the promise of our own glory. This kind of active believing changes us into those who do as Jesus did. We spend ourselves for others.

IT'S TELLING THAT at the very beginning of his public ministry, Jesus manifests his glory in terms of a sign that brings his disciples to the intimacy of belief. Here is the Good News: *spending oneself for the sake of another is how we actively believe, how we achieve salvation, how we march steadily toward messianic abundance, how we share in Jesus' glory.* By thus spending ourselves do we achieve the fullness of abundance Jesus promises in the age to come. No, our lives will never be the same.

*Lord, whether we are young or old, at the beginning of our life's vocation
or towards the end of it, whether we can look ahead with pure hopes
and youthful enthusiasm or whether we are looking back with many disappointments
and mistakes, we can each sing a new song. You place the words of the Psalm upon
everyone's lips this Sunday: Sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations.*



The St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club invites all to...

Ice Skating Outing
MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
1-2:30 p.m.
Arctic Ice Arena
10700 W. 160th St.
Orland Park

The St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club is hosting an Ice Skating Outing to the Arctic Ice Arena. Ticket cost is \$6.00. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on January 19th and 20th and on the day of the event. Friends and relatives are welcome to skate on their Championship Ice Rink. *And, Skate Rental is only \$1!*

Tickets will be sold after all Masses
Saturday, Jan. 19th
Sunday, Jan. 20th

Reservations can also be made by calling
Maryola Ward at 708-403-1696.



Journey with the Lord and let your heart hear God's Words....

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Can You Think Outside the Box?

When the disciples
met Jesus
on the road,
they were
disappointed
and sad.
He walked with them
and listened to
their story.
Then, by opening up
the Scriptures
He gave them hope!
He helped them see
that they were
not abandoned
or left orphaned,
that God
was with them
and would
always be part
of their journey.

THE CATCH PHRASE TODAY IN BUSINESS IS ‘THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX.’ IT REFERS TO THE ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON SOLUTIONS THAT ARE UNUSUAL AND UNEXPECTED. Employees are encouraged to use their creativity, in brainstorming sessions where everyone gathers and just yells out ideas. They call it ‘throwing things against the wall to see what sticks.’

This plays out in very entertaining ways on a variety of cooking shows, particularly competitions. The biggest mistake a chef can make is to cook an ordinary dish. The number one talent they are to possess is creativity. Just following a recipe and producing something by the book is sure to get one eliminated in the earliest round of the battle.

Another way this plays out is that we have become a society that does not value traditional ways of doing things very much. Following directions or listening to the wisdom of those who may know more than we do is to be avoided. We look for the entrepreneur, the maverick, the rogue, the non-conformist, the next dot.com guy.

This is a 180-degree turnaround from the culture surrounding our gospel of today. At that time there was an accepted way of doing things and to act outside conventional protocol was a breach of etiquette. It just wasn't done. And if it was, it was considered a serious loss of honor. In our story, two events were set into motion that could have been disastrous for the bride and groom. First, they ran out of wine.

Second, a wine superior to what was served initially appears. Each one by itself was embarrassing enough, but both together spelled real trouble.

Luckily for them, Mary was there. And even luckier, Mary was a woman ahead of her time. She was a woman who was ‘thinking outside the box.’ We're not told what happened, only that she became aware that the wine had run out. She approached Jesus and simply said, “they have no wine.” She didn't worry about convention, she wasn't concerned that she was out of line, or whether or not she was overstepping her bounds. She saw a need and just went with the idea that somehow her son could help.

NOW, WE ALL KNOW HOW THE STORY TURNS OUT. But, for me, today, the real focus is the courage and creativity that Mary exhibited. I look at my own actions when I see a need or a lack in someone's life and how often I fail to be even half as creative (and courageous) as Mary in seeking a solution. I look to the usual and ordinary ways of helping by quickly writing out a check. I never think of organizing my neighbors, or instituting a chain e-mail that asks the recipient to send \$5.00 to Catholic Charities and pass it on, or any other thing that would be ‘thinking outside of the box.’ (If this was a cooking contest, I'd be out on the first round!!) My promise to myself is to emulate Mary when I see a need. If I can make thinking outside the box my usual way of doing business, maybe I can become the next dot.com guy!!



Newborns in Need

The Seton Sowers Chapter of Newborns in Need will be meeting Monday, Jan. 21st at 9:30am in the downstairs meeting room. If you knit, crochet, or sew, we can use your skills to make clothing and blankets for newborn babies who need to spend time in the

hospital. If you made a New Years resolution to do some charity work, we would love to have you join us. We can also use donations of yarn and fabric. For more information, call Carol Dimer at 708-479-6994.

St. Stephen Church and CJB School

Comedy Night FUNdraiser

Saturday, Jan. 26th at 6pm, Orland Chateau. Bill Brady's Comedy Capers featuring Bob Jay (Man of 999 Voices) and Brian Hicks (National Comedian). Tickets: \$35 dinner/show. For tickets contact 2013comedyntnight@gmail.com or call 708-342-2400 or find the event on Facebook.

St. Julie Greeting Card Recycling

St. Julie Church, 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park is collecting all-occasion cards for the St. Jude Ranch for Children. Cards are "recycled" into special new cards. Drop off cards at St. Julie's by Feb. 15th.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Share

Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd and says unforgettably, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10 NRSV). In sharing himself, he

shares the fullness of life with us. Every Mass expresses this divine generosity in the sharing and self-giving of Jesus to us, his people. We can only stand before this gift in utter amazement and gratitude.

As Jesus shares with us in the Mass, we share with one another. His generosity is contagious. We bring our voices, our hopes, and our uplifted hands to share with others in the Mass. We each fulfill and share a ministry at Mass from celebrant, to servers, to readers, to ministers of Communion, to musicians, to ushers, and to the singing and praying assembly. Our sharing continues after the Mass and into the world, when we are told, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO + STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLAN
YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH**



Parish Vocation News

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the same Spirit.
There are different forms of service,
but the same Lord."*

How can you serve the Lord in your own way? Men 22 to 40 years old are invited to participate in the INSEARCH Priesthood Discernment Program. If you feel called to the priesthood, INSEARCH will help you gain clarity around the call you feel. For information contact Fr. Brian Welter at bwelter@archchicago.org or call 312-534-8298 or visit www.ChicagoPriest.com. For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at eramirez@archchicago.org, or call 312-534-5240, and for the Permanent Diaconate Program, contact Deacon. Bob Puhala at bpuhala@usml.edu or 847-837-4562.

VOCATION CROSS PARTICIPANT
Wednesday, January 23rd
Maggie Hattar

Vocation Cross Participants Needed

Participants are presented the Vocation Cross at the 9am Mass on Wednesday and pray for Vocations for the week. The cross is returned the following Wednesday for the 9am Mass. Sign up in the parish office.

PRIESTS WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

- 1-20 Rev. Neil E. Fackler, STL
- 1-21 Rev. Walter A. Yepes
- 1-22 Rev. Bogdan Olzacki, OSPPE
- 1-23 Rev. Tadeusz Olzacki, OSPPE
- 1-24 Rev. Thulani D. Magwaza
- 1-25 Rev. Michael L. Pflieger
- 1-26 Rev. Benedict O. Ezeoke

Christmas Flower Memorials

Antonio Aban, Jr.
 Antonio Aban, Sr.
 Arthur Aban
 Generosa Aban
 Orland Lopez, Sr.
 Adamik Family
 John and Mary Tonhaiser
 Jerome Allen and Family
 Miserendino Family
 Ronald Joseph Alo
 Yaverski Family
 Jeffrey J. Anderson
 Patricia Ann Jones
 Asta Family
 Izzo Family
 Judy Stec
 Jim and Vera Auberry
 Florence Bialek
 Walter and Mary Bialek
 Earl Landgraf
 William and Elsa Landgraf
 Stella and Tony Okoniewski
 Mary Bahrey

Henry and Mary Matick
 Steve Jorgovan
 Joe Jurgovan
 Steven Jurgovan
 Anne Kundrat
 Justinas Glamba
 Ignas and Ray Miliauskas
 Juska Family
 Kruzikas Family
 Kavaliunas Family
 Bakaitis Family
 Praninskas Family
 Brian Balsavich
 Bush Family
 Banko Family
 Chehy Family
 Seibert Family
 Sullivan Family
 Schirra Family
 Josephine Barcikowski
 John Misniakiewicz
 Jean Taylor
 Edmond Baron
 John Baron
 Nancy Bric
 Edward Bric
 Stanley and Eva Bartniczak
 Baumann Family
 DeJonge Family
 Walters Family
 Charles Baxter
 Gregory D. Beeson Family
 Elder H. Wolff Family
 Carlinda Berardi
 Caroline Behnke
 Edward and Marie Belinski
 Timothy Benker
 Bessette Family
 Durbin Family
 Frank and Lillian Bestrick
 Vincent A. Biegel
 Mary A. Biegel
 Veronica M. Biegel
 Bernice Biegel

Lee Lambert
 Dave Kase
 Robert Handzik Family
 Eileen Vaughan Biel
 Marge Dolce
 Josephine Blaine
 Boe Family
 Mastela Family
 John Goelitz, Sr.
 Marilyn Boersma
 James and Mary Buffer
 Zachary Boersma
 Bohula Family
 Styka Family
 Barbara Bosco
 Stanley and Frances Gill
 Marvin Bremer
 J. Robert Broadwell, Sr.
 Raymond P. Durkin
 James Lonergan
 Edward and Ann Kadziela
 Vence, Ed, and Eugene Broton
 Thomas Brugman
 Joseph Brzegowy
 Helen Weinert
 Joan Mancari
 Piech Family
 Buczek Family
 Jack Burback
 Elizabeth Burback
 Jim Hofbauer
 James S. Burke
 Stella Bukowiecki
 Edward H. Burke
 John and Hazel Chesney
 All Chiarito/Ippolito Famiglia
 John and Anna Camealy
 Donald Schlessler
 Ray Durkin
 Patrick and Hattie Durkin
 Jack and Agnes Campabello
 Christa Johnson
 Florence Zoladz
 Catherine Carbray
 Paul Carrabotta
 William and Alyce Kwasny
 Leona Carrabotta
 Marianne Carrabotta
 Rita Cechura
 Daisy Cechura
 Frankie Cechura
 Victoria Cechura
 Rosie Cechura
 Lillian Warren
 John Warren
 Otto Krause
 Jim Marousek
 Gene Ceglarski

George and Mary Oliver
 Joseph and Stella Celebucki
 Joseph and Regina Kudzeja
 Edward Chianelli
 Earl Hoffman
 Irene Hoffman
 Kocher and Clayton Families
 Ray and Corinne Gillis
 Ceil Clark
 Jundul Family
 Clemente Family
 Mr. and Mrs. John Maslan
 Mr. and Mrs. Valerian Hejnar
 Bernidene Cole
 Charles Maslan
 Edward J. Crilly
 Cheryl A. Kowal
 Dorothy Kowal
 Ted Kowal
 Crowley and O'Toole Families
 Frees Family
 Curran Family
 Kapsch Family
 Rhoades Family
 Sterbenc Family
 Studniarz Family
 Mulcahy Family
 Eiermann Family
 Ronald Jordan
 Rose Czajka
 Joseph and Helen Sledz
 Harold Mysker
 Czarnecki Family
 Jaclyn D'Adam
 Alphonse and Emily Powarzynski
 Joseph and Estelle Dakewicz
 John Stanger
 David Stanger
 Debbie Daly
 Nora Danaher
 Marie Edwards
 Raymond Danielczyk
 Oscar and Mary Flores
 Edward and Lillian Davis
 Pat DeMarco
 Kiaulakis Family
 Mladinov Family
 Rita Stancik
 Jim and Cecelia Vodvarka
 Eleanor Morrison
 John M. Morrison
 Theresa Galassi
 Emil Galassi, Sr.
 Emil Galassi, Jr.
 Mary Lucarelli
 Louise Elsroad
 Grace Metus
 Pius Metus

Christmas Flower Memorials

James F. Morrison
 Helen Denton
 John P. DeSalvo
 Leah Donnelly
 Marion and Edward Vasil
 Caitlyn Dorigan
 Kathryn E. Dresden
 Anna Dresden
 John J. Dresden
 Sylvia Elgar
 Pam Young
 Gerry Young
 William A. Eglar
 Geri Engraffia
 Frank Einfeldt
 Mary Rose Jones
 Serafini Family
 Paul Spiewak
 Mark Hoffman
 Misty
 Mark Hoffman
 Paul Spiewak
 Mary Rose Jones
 Frank "Ike" Einfeldt
 Erin Ernst
 Paul Ruane
 Catherine Kocher
 Michael Kocher
 Elizabeth Hogan
 Mary Kocher
 George Mansfield
 Christine Mansfield
 Martha Gahan
 Joy Thompson
 Cora Fernandez
 Ferrell Family
 Galvin Family
 Marberry Family
 David A. Finatri
 Fitzpatrick and Healy Families
 Elizabeth Flores
 Tony Perez
 Estelle Sosnowski
 Henry Gontarek
 Garcia Family
 Orozco Family
 Richard Gaskey
 Patricia Gaskey
 Frank L. Gasper
 John Gaura
 Gail M. O'Neil
 Ann and Gene Golden
 Walter Gronowski
 Putz Family
 Hallstein Family
 Harmata Family
 Margaret Tarulis
 Warren Hattendorf

Joseph and Pauline Regan
 Marty Regan
 James and Susan Havlin
 John and Angie Ostarello
 Adeline and Louis Ronzani
 Irma and Frances Hartley
 Herman Family
 John Houtsma
 Raymond and Berenice Howe
 Omer and Winifred Woods
 Humes and Lekavich Families
 Chris Iacopelli
 Lydia Irwin
 Russ Vargo
 Matt Iwan
 John Iwan
 Frank Sanek
 Wally Simak
 Gerard (Jerry) Simak
 Alethea Kiaser
 Agnes and Ludwic Patzin
 Tom Patzin
 Ed Pietrzyk
 Rose Skudrna
 Alex and Alexandra Szymakowski
 John Matysik
 Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kosman
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matysik
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Testolin
 George Lazarz
 Walter S. Krol
 Rita Lenz
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kyler
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom York
 Sally Schwartzenberger
 Kelliher and O'Sullivan Families
 Lucille Kellner
 Jane Kozlowski
 Orozco and King Family
 Edward Kirn
 Josephine Kirn
 Raymond Klomes, Sr.
 Kmiotek/Putyra Family
 Suzanne Koran
 Elsie Tufo
 Diane Krauss
 Dorothy Russell
 Frank Krofel
 Joseph Kufta
 Sophie Kufta
 Robert Petrie
 Helen Kurek
 LaBanca Family
 Lofrano Family
 John Malko
 Richard Malko
 Chester Labus
 Peyton Labus

Giuseppe Latorraca
 Wisnasky Family
 Lefler Family
 Ellie Murphy
 Pat Lichenstein
 Dr. Kelly Ludwig
 Mary Eileen McAuliffe
 Mary Lu McCormack
 Russell and Gail McElhaney
 Ann McDonough
 Al McCoy
 McGlashan Family
 Raymond L. Peterson
 John and Marion McNicholas
 Sullivan and McWilliam Families
 Perry and Bertha Viggiani
 Edmund and Helen Mahoney
 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew H. Maise
 Mr. John A. Summers, Jr.
 Carmeline and Vito Malone
 Bruno Marszalek
 Elaine Radke
 Tony Mazzuca
 Dorothy Moisan
 Frank and Angeline Moulton
 Adam and Lottie Pikul
 Bob and Diane Murphy
 Peggy O'Neill
 Kenneth Nemeck
 John J. Nolan
 Alice M. Noonan
 Anna Noonan
 Henry O'Neill
 Paluch Family
 Schott Family
 Andrew and Mathilda Paolisso
 Louis Paolisso
 Albie Parra
 Edward Parra
 June Pearson
 Bill Pearson
 Partyka Family
 Payonk Family
 Jacob Palagi
 Michael and Josephine Penn
 Otto and Yolanda Politano
 Arnold and Marie Skibinski
 Stanley and Eleanore Rosiak
 Camille Rosiak
 Helen and Andrew Skurka
 S. Powarzynski Family
 Robert A. Renkor, Sr.
 Tony Plucinski
 Jan and Augie Ruf
 Stella Sanza
 John Sanza
 Violet Ross
 Tom Ross

Michael and Gert Safka
 Salas and Ulrich Families
 Phil Serafini
 Joseph and Cecelia Wydra
 Helen Shedor
 Marion Simnick
 Mr. and Mrs. Rogdon Shaat
 Mrs. Soltes
 Dr. Francis Soltes
 Talley Family
 Turro Family
 Oscar E. Torres
 PFC Omar E. Torres
 Lottie Zoller
 Robert J. Zoller
 Traube Family
 Alfred and Anna Trautsch
 James Wohler
 Harry Wohler
 Roy Trumblay
 Anna and Peter Vallort
 Robert and Cecilia Zmuda
 Bondi and Luschisi Family
 Pearson Family
 Kennedy Family
 Gorski Family
 Shea Family
 Roche Family
 Ziegler Family
 Slaninka Family
 William A. May
 Mary Biechnar
 Pat Winston
 Mary Madej



FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO

"Love Never Fails!"

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the great privileges I have as Archbishop of Chicago is the opportunity to meet so many different people from parishes in every part of our Archdiocese. If I am asked to offer advice, I sometimes mention that in reaching out to others — even when we ourselves are struggling or suffering — God will often move in our lives. I assure them that God's love never fails and that, despite the trials we face, God is always present. It is in loving others that love often is returned to us.

The theme of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians — Love never fails. I hope that the Appeal will lead us to better understand God's love and express our own love of the Church by supporting initiatives that serve those in need.

Consider, for example, some ways that the Annual Catholic Appeal makes God's unfailing love real in the world: aid to Catholic schools, parishes, religious education programs and ministry formation, initiatives to foster respect for life, as well as those that make the world more just, peaceful and loving. Through its support of Catholic Relief Services, the Appeal serves people worldwide, without regard for religious affiliation, whose lives are devastated by natural disasters, illnesses and famines.

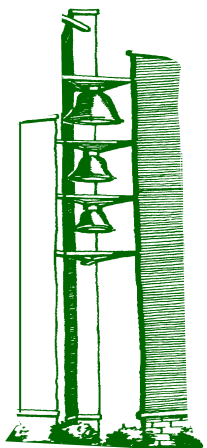
I would be grateful if you would consider joining me in making a generous gift this year. Support for the Annual Catholic Appeal means loving support for real people in real need. Any funds raised are carefully spent; it is money for God's work, and we use it accordingly. Your contributions make a real difference in the lives of many.

May God bless you and those you love. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

2013 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL HAS BEGUN. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

Board meeting to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 22

JAN. 24TH — GAELIC PARK

6119 W 147th St. Oak Forest.

Doors open at 11am.

Dinner served at 12:15pm.

FEB. 18TH — BUS TRIP—

ST. MARTHA—MORTON GROVE

Departing St. Elizabeth's parking lot at 10am. Family-style lunch at White Eagle to include soup, salad, vegetables, pasta, pirogue, chicken, beef, Polish sausage, sauerkraut, pastries, coffee. Visit St. Martha's Church for a presentation on the relics and Mass with Fr. O'Neal. Return about 4pm. Reservations will be taken at the February meeting or call Anna Talley at 708-532-6731. Cost is \$60/person.

FEB. 5TH MEETING

We will be collecting for the March luncheon.



2013 Golden Opportunities Books Are Here! Only \$20 in the parish office!

Golden Opportunities Coupon books offer favorite local restaurants offering discounts of 50% off or 2-for-1. In addition, great savings at movies, grocery stores, sporting events, and more! Many coupons valid once a month.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

BURIAL PALL WORKSHOPS

Burial palls, diapers, dresses and boys pants are needed. Volunteers are needed to help. Please join us at a workshop on Friday, Jan. 25th at St Damian School from 6:30-9pm. Community service hours can be earned. Please call Liz Wisnasky at 708-614-6475.

VOICES NEEDED TO CHEER VETERANS

We are looking for smiling faces to cheer veterans on Thursday, Jan. 31st at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno. We sing old songs and visit with our heroes. We leave at 8:30am; return at 1:30pm. Please call Liz Wisnasky at 708-614-6475.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT SEBASTIAN

c. 257?-288?

ALMOST NOTHING IS HISTORICALLY CERTAIN ABOUT ST. SEBASTIAN EXCEPT THAT HE WAS A ROMAN MARTYR, was venerated in Milan even in

the time of St. Ambrose (December 7) and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350AD.

The legend of St. Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee. One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.

Another legend describes Sebastian's effectiveness in bolstering the courage of those in prison. Two men under sentence of death seemed about to give in to their captors. Sebastian's impassioned exhortation to constancy not only confirmed the two in their original convictions but won over many other prisoners in the jail. Again, this particular story may not be historically accurate. But it is true that all saints witness to Jesus both by word and action.

COMMENT:

The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. As has been said, legends may not be literally true. Yet they may express the very substance of the faith and courage evident in the lives of these heroes and heroines of Christ.

PATRON SAINT OF ATHLETES

**JANUARY 23RD
IS NATIONAL
PIE DAY!**



The St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club will be selling Bakers Square Gift Cards in the Narthex this week, Saturday, Jan. 19th/Sunday, Jan. 20th

\$10 for fruit pies \$12 for cream pies

**GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE
IN THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND!**

Stop by and pick up pie gift cards to celebrate National Pie Day! Purchase a pie coupon and pay no sales tax! Simply take the coupon to Baker's Square and trade it for your most favorite fresh pie! Certificates expire 12/31/13.



Building Trust, Restoring Hope

The VA and the Catholic Church have partnered to heal Veterans and their families...

On Wednesday, Jan. 30th at Catholic Theological Union, 5401 S. Cornell Ave., Chicago, you are invited to a panel discussion with clinicians regarding post traumatic stress disorder, brain injury, and suicide prevention. There will also be a panel discussion with Veterans. The group will gather at 8am for a continental breakfast. The day begins at 8:30am and ends at 4pm. Lunch is provided and the cost is free. Please RSVP by Monday, Jan. 21st to Jennifer Vimunc at jwimunc@archchicago.org or call 312-534-5262.

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 (A.A.) in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall on Thursdays from 7:30-8:45pm. Alcoholics Anonymous 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

If your life has gone astray due to living with someone who has a substance abuse problem, consider attending Families Anonymous on Mondays from 7-8:30pm at Palos Hospital, 123rd and 80th Ave., Palos Heights (Ambulatory Care Center, Rm. 1, enter Emergency Room to elevator to the Lower Level). For information call Warren, 708-429-2507 or Therese at 708-269-9853.

Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

■ **SUNDAY, JAN. 20TH**
TEEN MASS AND OPEN GYM
5:30-8:30PM

Teen Mass will start at 5:30pm in the Stations section of the church followed by Open Gym. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

■ **SATURDAY, JAN. 26TH**
MOVIE NIGHT (TBD) 6:30-9:30PM

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

The 2013 Teen Mission Trip is scheduled for July 14-20 to Kansas City. If you'd like to join us, we still have room for two teens; those entering eighth grade through graduating senior are eligible. The cost is approximately \$350. Fill out form in the parish office and submit a \$75 check made out to St. Elizabeth Seton to reserve a spot.

Have any questions about Seton Branches Teen Group activities? Call co-adult leader Bruce Hall at 708-403-7834.



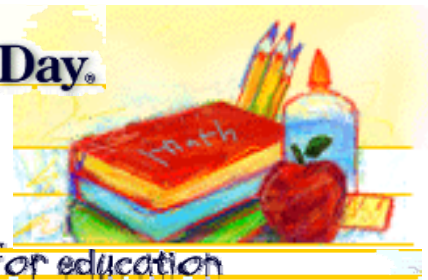
Visit Branches on Facebook for updates/added events!



Market Day

**PICKUP
IS THIS
WEDNESDAY**

raising funds for education



Pickup is Wednesday, Jan. 23rd from 5:30-6:30pm in the Church Hall. Pay by credit card online or pay with cash or check at the sale. We look forward to seeing you! Please call Jen Krueger (708) 873-1387 or Linda Nemecek (708) 429-1583 if you have any questions.

**Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School
is a Nationally Recognized
Blue Ribbon School of Excellence**



OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 27, 2013
1p-3p

1:15p – Pre-K Programs Presentation
1:45p – Kindergarten Presentation



Who is eligible to attend Cardinal Bernardin School ... and where is it located?

Located at 9250 W. 167th Street in Orland Hills (adjacent to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish), CBJ is a regional Catholic school welcoming children (3Pre-K through Grade 8) baptized as Catholics. We also welcome children from other Christian households whose parents are seeking a Christian educational environment for their children. As the parish school for St. Francis of Assisi, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Elizabeth Seton, children qualify at an “in-parish” rate. Practicing Catholics of other parishes and non-Catholics are eligible at an “out-of-parish” rate.

Where and when may I get registration materials?

Registration packets will be available at our January 27 Open House. After January 27, please see Mrs. Devlin in the school office Monday through Friday from 7am until 3pm.

How do I register?

To register, mail or drop off completed paperwork, along with *original* birth and baptismal certificates (*originals will be returned*), and the *one-time* family enrollment fee of \$250. For Grades 1-8, please provide a copy of the 2012 first semester report card as well as standardized testing.

What is the tuition ... are there additional fees?

Tuition for 2013-14 will be finalized after budget meetings in March. In-parish tuition for 2012-13 for Kindergarten through 8th Grade was \$4,340. There are NO mandatory fundraisers and NO additional book fees. Half-day, four-day 4-year-old Pre-K tuition is \$2,228. Half-day, three-day 3-year-old Pre-K is \$1,750.

What are school hours?

The school day (full day classes) begins at 7:40am and dismisses at 2pm. (AM Pre-K runs from 7:40am until 10:40am. PM Pre-K runs from 11am until 2pm. 3Pre-K half-day is Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. 4Pre-K half-day is Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. **And, we are proud to introduce FULL DAY 4Pre-K Monday-Friday beginning August 2013.**

Is there a “Before and After School” Program?

Yes! The Extended Day Program opens at 6:30am and closes when the school day begins; it re-opens at 2:00pm and closes for the night at 6:00pm. The hourly-rate (\$4/hr for one child; \$6/hr for two children) is invoiced monthly.

When may I register?

Registration for new families takes place during the month of February and we will continue to accept registrations until all spaces are filled.

Additional questions may be directed to the Director of Enrollment, Cynthia Devlin,
at 708-403-6525 ext. 127 or via email at cdevlin@cardinaljbschool.com

1/26 & 1/27	5:00PM	7:15AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
GREETERS Attention All Ministers! Ministers schedules available at: www.steseton.com Then visit: Music and Liturgy	R. Gaskey J. Gaskey C. Labus S. Labus M. Pahl K. Pahl G. Roy C. Roy G. Roy K. Roy M. Roy	E. Briette R. Dickover J. Esposito C. Esposito M. Foley B. Hill B. Majer D. Meyers J. Niemiec	L. Allen D. Biallas J. Biallas J. Biallas S. Biallas M. Crance R. Cubalchini M. Cubalchini S. Giovanazzi C. Bannon	D. Ahern W. Bric K. Bric J. Driscoll J. Grant J. Keller D. Keller B. Keller M. Pfeiffer L. Pfeiffer R. Warja/S. Warja J. Warja/N. Warja	M. Hattar S. Ivey R. Ivey S. Klean R. Mitchel B. Mitchel S. Potts T. Waters J. Waters
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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

- **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 Pastoral Center early. We are limited to six children per Sunday.
- **Baptismal** 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 his/her child's 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. Please call the Pastoral Center for more information.
- **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 encouraged to make arrangements at least 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.
- **Moving?** Please call the office at 708-403-0101.

HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY:

DOMESTIC ABUSE 24-HOUR HOTLINE: 708-429-SAFE

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE: 888-4-HOPE-4-1

HURTING FROM AN ABORTION?: 888-456-HOPE