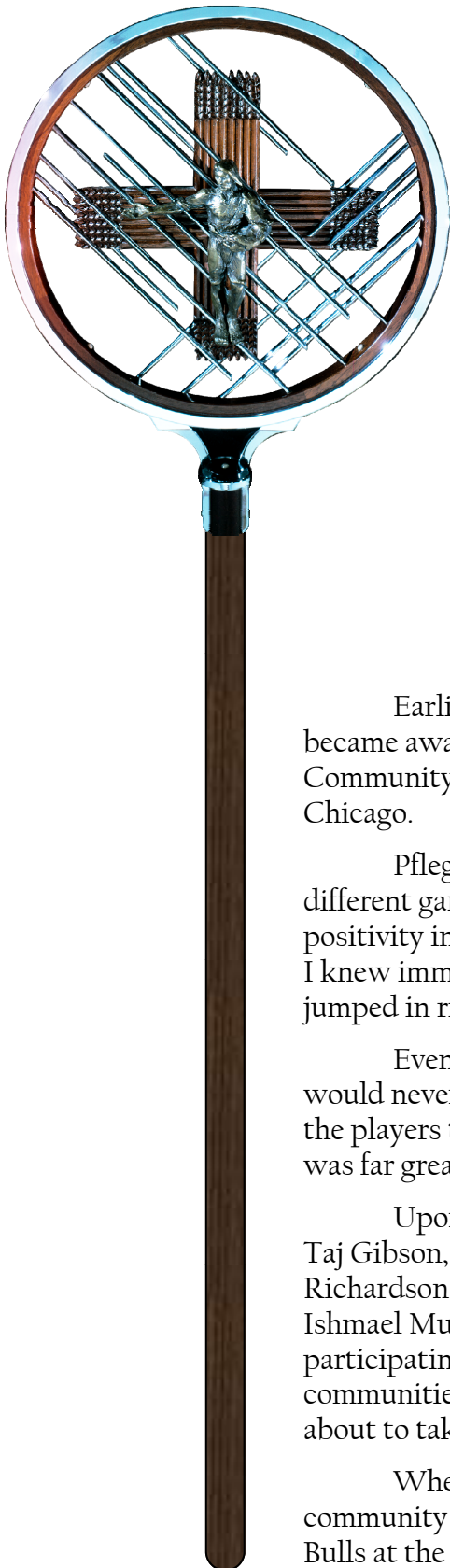


A photograph of a paved path leading through a dense forest. The path is made of light-colored paving stones and is flanked by lush green trees and foliage. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled shadows on the path. The overall atmosphere is bright and natural.

**Come
and
follow
me**



Sharings

From Father Rich Homa

RECENTLY, I READ ABOUT AN EVENT which struck me as a great experience of church, community building, social action, ecumenism, and evangelization, without ever mentioning any of those words explicitly, and happening in the most unexpected of places, a basketball tournament! Here are excerpts from an article about that tournament, written for the *Sun-Times* by **Joakim Noah** of the Chicago Bulls:

SLAM DUNK

By Joakim Noah

Earlier this summer, I was introduced to Rev. Michael Pflieger, and I became aware of his involvement in the community through his church, Faith Community of St. Sabina, and of his tireless efforts to stop the violence in Chicago.

Pflieger had an idea to host a basketball tournament, where members of different gangs could come together to play ball to promote peace and bring some positivity into the neighborhood. This idea evolved into the “Peace Tournament.” I knew immediately that this was something important to be involved with, so I jumped in right away with my foundation, the Noah’s Arc Foundation.

Even though there were many doubters who thought something like this would never work, I felt really positive about the tournament and expected all of the players to cooperate. However, what I came away with at the end of the day was far greater than I could have ever imagined.

Upon arrival at St. Sabina’s, a group of us – Fr. Pflieger, my Bulls teammate Taj Gibson, assistant coach Ed Pinckney, the Orlando Magic’s Quentin Richardson, retired NBA star Isaiah Thomas, promoter Asa Powell and Rev. Ishmael Muhammad of the Nation of Islam – had a discussion with the participating players. The kids spoke about the various issues affecting their communities and schools, but also voiced their excitement about what was about to take place.

When we walked into the gym with the kids, the love from the community gave me the same butterflies I get when I suit up for the Chicago Bulls at the United Center.



The kids felt the energy, too, and put on a great show for the crowd. Taj Gibson, Derrick Rose, Quentin Richardson and I each coached one of the teams. In the end, Quentin's Red Team beat Taj's White Team in the "championship" game. Overall the whole day went smoothly.

After the game, all of the participants gathered in a room to discuss what we had done. What was expected to be a brief final recap of the day turned into an open forum among the tournament's players. One after another, they shared messages about "waking up" and getting on the right path, understanding the importance of brotherhood, and finding legitimate jobs to get off the streets. These guys were speaking from the heart, and it was not easy to fight back tears while listening to them.

What was beautiful about Saturday was that people from all walks of life came together to work for one common goal: peace in our communities. For example, watching Pflieger work in partnership with the Nation of Islam, which did a wonderful job of handling security for the event, was incredibly inspiring.

What I witnessed was different gangs, different religions and different kinds of people joining forces to address the problems that affect a community they all share. I felt we accomplished our goal on a micro-level for that one day, and hopefully the effects will stretch far beyond. I am completely humbled to have been a part of the Peace Tournament, and am even more inspired to continue to find ways that we can help these neighborhoods.

May all parishes work so hard and so creatively to bring people together in God's name!

May God Bless You,

Jr. Rick Home

Living The Word

Sunday
Reflections for
29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Oct. 21, 2012

Readings for the Week

October 15th-October 20th:

Mon.: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32
Tues.: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wed.: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thurs.: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Fri.: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
Sat.: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

Lord Jesus Christ, you teach us that we will find honor in serving each other, not in seeking positions of superiority or power over others. You came to give Your life as a ransom for "the many" meaning "for all." Give us a share in the spirit of your generous service. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: TO LORD OR NOT TO LORD

The request James and John make of Jesus—to seat them at His right and left when He enters into glory—follows immediately upon Jesus' third prediction of His passion and death. While the rest of the Twelve get upset at the two brothers, Jesus offers yet another lesson in what it means to follow Him.

FIRST READING

If He gives his life as an offering for sin, He shall see His descendants in a long life (Isaiah 53:10-11).

This passage presents the idea that the servant will suffer for the sake of His people. Through His suffering and death, their sins would be forgiven. Furthermore, God will

reward the servant for the fact that He gave up His life by raising him from the dead. This is how He will see fullness of days even though He dies for the sake of our sins.

SECOND READING

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Jesus is our High Priest. He offered up the sacrifice of His own life (He was, therefore, both the priest lifting up the offering and the offering itself). We are filled with confidence, for although Jesus exercised this great office,

He nevertheless was able to identify with our weakness. He experienced everything we do except sin, so He understands us and can empathize with our need.

GOSPEL

The Son of Man came to give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:35-45).

Over these past several weeks we have seen two predictions of the Passion and the numerous examples of how the disciples misinterpreted what Jesus was saying. Jesus spoke of giving up His life in service, while the disciples thought in terms of power and prestige. The Gospel offers an example of

their incomprehension. Immediately before this passage, Jesus has predicted His Passion a third time. James and John respond to this prediction by asking for the favor of sitting on Jesus' right and left. This is comparable to telling your best friend that you are dying, and hearing that person say that it is a shame but could they have your car when you are gone. Jesus speaks of the fate of suffering and dying for others in terms of being baptized and drinking the cup of which He is to drink. This reminds us that both these sacraments (Baptism and Eucharist) are forms of dying to oneself in order to live for and in Christ. He also tells them that the greatest in the kingdom is not the one who is served by others, but rather the one who serves. This is a Gospel of logic that is contrary to the values of the world.

REFLECTION

One of the temptations in having younger siblings is the need to remind them of their place in the family "pecking order," especially when it comes to certain privileges that belong to the eldest sibling(s). Every social, political, or family group has "elders," either by age or rank, who claim certain privileges as their due. Another way to put this is "lording it over others." Jesus works to undermine this approach to community life. He has been teaching His disciples that He must suffer, die, and then be raised to eternal life. He has just finished telling this to them for the third time when James and John come up to claim a seat at His right and left when He comes into His kingdom. After all, they were among the first to be called! No wonder the others were about to throttle them—not because James and John should not have made such a claim, but because they beat the others to it. It's hard to give up "lording" when the opportunity arrives. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus as the great High Priest able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses, similarly tested, yet without sin. This Jesus calls us to service, warning us, as He did the disciples, against lording it over one another and making our authority felt. We too are to follow Him in the way of service and self-giving, caring for our brothers and sisters, humbly and without regard for reward.



**\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!
CAPITAL REPAIR FUND RAFFLE**

**\$1000 EARLY BIRD DRAWING
THIS SUNDAY! OCT. 14TH**
at the Men's Club Chicken Dinner

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
Nov. 11th after 11:30am Mass

TICKETS:
\$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25
Available in the parish office.

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



Come to one of these initial practices:
Wednesday, Oct. 24th
4-5pm
Saturday, Oct. 27th
9:30-10:30am
We will schedule follow-up sessions
after these initial practices.
Fr. Stan Kuca

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 10-7-12:
\$24,114.92
KIDS COLLECTION:
\$36.77

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Michael and Valerie Zulevic
(Children: **Ryne Sternberg** and **Maureen Zulevic**)

WEDDINGS

Please remember in your prayers these couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

Mary Fugger and **Christopher Young**; 10-26
Amy Ronspies and **William Joseph Epley**; 11-3
Kerry Brennan and **Patrick Doran**; 11-10
Emily Dougherty and **Matt Mackanin**; 11-24

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to **Dave** and **Janie Krauss** who will be celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Chuck Roos
Ed Hindman
Laura Muller
Ryan Keeney

And for our deceased:

Kenneth Krueger
Tom Parsley

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct. 13th (5pm) **Jack Yanahan**; **Gilberte Bessette**;
Lawrence J. Hanlon

Sunday, Oct. 14th

(7:15am) **Jennifer Stanek (I)**; **Ita McWilliams**

(8:30am) **Angelo Zambuto**; **Lydia Irwin**; **Sanza Family**;

Joan Sipowicz; **Elizabeth King**

(10am) **Mary Keane**; **Arthur O'Connor**; **Anna Brandt**;

Charlotte Dabrowski

(11:30am) **John and Mary Gombasik**; **Martin Keane**

Mon., Oct. 15th (9am) **Dolores O'Connor**;

Terese Glamba (90th Birthday)

Tues., Oct. 16th (9am) **Florentina Yap**; **Edmund Mirecki**;

Deceased members of Lay Carmelites of the Little Flower

Wed., Oct. 17th (9am) **Greg Sobrych-Chadak**; **Lawrence J. Hanlon**

Thurs., Oct. 18th (9am) **Marion Leo**; **Patricia Sheehy**

Fri., Oct. 19th (9am) **Charles Kibler**; **Gertrude and Lois Brien**



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

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Who's the Real Hoarder?

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.

AFTER MY HUSBAND AND I WERE MARRIED, I moved into a home he already owned. It was across town from my parents, but only a block and a half from his parents. For the first several years, after my son was born, my mother-in-law more often than not would come to my house because it was easier for her to travel than for me. Once Jimmy was old enough to go to school, however, our routine changed. I would walk Jimmy to school for his morning session of kindergarten. Then, I would double back and go to my mother-in-law's home for a little coffee klatch until it was time to walk back to get Jimmy. I have to tell you that I found those visits extremely enjoyable. She regaled me with story after story of my husband as a child and I would reciprocate with stories of my own growing up years.

As time went on, our conversations covered a wide range of topics. It was uncanny how often our tastes were the same. We both liked to crochet, to sew, and to bake so we shared recipes and patterns on a daily basis. In fact, I recall one time that I mentioned to her that I ran across a recipe for making Madeleine cookies but you needed a special pan to bake them in. She said, "hold on" and ran downstairs. I heard her rummaging about and soon up the stairs she came, Madeleine pan in hand!! I was amazed, but, it turns out, I shouldn't have been. Over time, I began to discover that her basement held the most awesome things!! Besides having enough toilet paper and paper towels to last until the Millennium (this was 1975 remember), she had all sizes of pots, pans, dishware, canning equipment, and the most unique odds and ends you could imagine.

It didn't take me long to realize that my husband came from a family of hoarders!!

Once I was past my initial surprise, however, I began to observe that we are all hoarders in one way or another. My husband, an avid modeler, kept every tube of used paint, just in case he needed a tiny bit to do a patch job. My dad kept jars and jars of screws, all sizes, all types. My mother, who liked to sew, kept buttons and pieces of leftover fabric and laces. And I had bags full of partially used skeins of crocheting yarn leftover from every afghan I have ever made. We all hang on to 'things' just in case...

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS TELLS US that we must let go of things in order to store up treasures of a different sort. I'm sure we all absolutely agree with that. After a lifetime of hearing the Gospel message over and over, we indeed have an understanding that our goal is not to accumulate earthly possessions but to work toward possessing the gift of eternal life. But when it comes to the practical level, the emotional level, can we let go of all these bits and pieces of our lives that give it meaning? Think of any time you had to clean out a closet or a storage space. How difficult was it to let go of that bassinet your babies slept in? Or their high chair? Or your son's Cub Scout shirt with all his badges that you had sewn on? Or the first set of dishes you and your husband bought? Not very easy, I'll bet, and not without many tears.

No wonder the Gospel says that this is hard to do; especially, when you consider that Jesus was telling us that we must give up *everything* in order to gain eternal life. Our only consolation has to be that when it comes to hoarders, we've got nothing on God. Because in the end, it is US that God wants to hoard in his basement.

ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary.

NEXT WEEK IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the “Good News” of our Lord’s great love for us, and the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

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BOW

We bow when we want to honor someone.

Sometimes, we bow in

submission before forces beyond our control. And we may even bow before an audience to receive their applause and recognition. Our lowered head or our bended bodies make a bow for many reasons. And when we bow our heads or bodies at Mass, we do so—not surprisingly—for different reasons as well.

In the Creed, we bow at the words “ . . . and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” We humbly and gratefully bow to the Eternal Word who humbled himself to come among us as one like us in all things but sin. We bow before receiving Holy Communion, a gesture of deep reverence before the mystery of the Body and Blood of the Lord. At the end of Mass before a solemn blessing, we bow our heads when we hear, “Bow down for the blessing.” In that moment, we submit ourselves to all the good and gracious gifts God wants to give us. Reverence, submission, and gratitude—all this in a simple gesture.

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

✠ MEMORIAL MASS ✠

JUNE TUNELIUS

Saturday, Oct. 20th

10am Mass in the church

Light refreshments to follow in the church hall.



...But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, Then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy...

Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? For more information contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org or visit their website: 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, call Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4562 or email bpuhala@usml.edu.

VOCATION CROSS PARTICIPANT

Wednesday, Oct. 17th
Jay Preston

Wednesday, Oct. 24th
Bobogutra Wilk

Wednesday, Oct. 31st
Christina Sotrych

Please join in prayer...

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

HOLY SPIRIT, eternal Spring of joy and peace, it is You who open the heart and the mind to the Divine Call; it is You who make effective every impetus towards good, towards truth, towards charity. Your “inexpressible groans” rise up to the Father from the heart of the Church, which suffers and struggles for the Gospel. Open the hearts and minds of young people so that a new flowering of holy vocations may show forth the fidelity of your love, and all may know Christ, the true light of the world to offer to every human being the sure hope of eternal life. AMEN.

Join us as we joyfully celebrate together

SPECIAL MASS WITH FR. RICK FRECHETTE
of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Haiti
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012
11:15am
St. Elizabeth Seton Church

*Reception with light refreshments to follow in the
 Parish Life Center. For more information
 please call Liz Wisnasky at 708-614-6475.*



Fr. Rick Frechette at a funeral service (using burial pall).

MANY PEOPLE HAVE ASKED WHAT GIVES US THE STAMINA TO CARRY OUT OUR MISSION, in the face of ongoing and relentless tragedy. I always answer easily that it is the friendship among us as we share the burdens together, the sense of humor we cultivate as a wonderful balm for anguish, and the power of prayer, that keep us going.

Since you all know what friendship and laughter are, let me share with you the power of a prayer of our Judeo-Christian heritage. It is a prayer we have recited over and over again for the many dead we bury each day. It is as much a prayer for the survivor as it is for the dead. The most amazing aspect of this prayer for the dead is that it doesn't mention death. The Mourner's Kaddish (literally Orphan's Kaddish from

the Aramaic) instead focuses on the Greatness of God. In this prayer, we also pray for peace between nations, peace between individuals, and peace of mind.

"May there be abundant peace from heaven," says the Kaddish. Peace in the time of cholera? How does that happen? Even without cholera, how does one find peace in a world of poverty and despair? When we consider the difficult plight of so many members of our human family, the world understands fully what it is to do "your best", and pardons "partial response according to ones means." God does not understand this. God expects us to go far beyond just our best, even to the laying down of our own life if necessary, to help those in trouble. God expects us to count on the huge strength we have when we stand together, united and interwoven, and the wonders God works among us through the simple miracle we call sharing: sharing the sorrow, the sweat, the heat of the day, our dreams, and our resources.

Those suffering from the humiliation of poverty, sickness and disaster, cannot go on without help. "Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted," is His name says the Kaddish. We can't exalt God by pretending those who need us most are not really there. The Haitian people are *not* known for being knocked down and *not* getting up again. They are *not* known for cursing the day they were born and preferring death to the precious gift of even a battered life. Songs and hymns rise to the heavens constantly in this land. The Haitian spirit is a beacon of hope.

Let there be peace between us, individually. Let there be peace among our nations. Let there be peace in the hearts all of us who, though scattered around the world, are committed to building a better world. The God who is above "all the praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world," will help us find a way together.

Fr. Rick Frechette, CP , National Director, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) Haiti

Are You Hurting From Abortion?

You are not alone. Many women who have had an abortion feel the need for forgiveness and healing but don't know where to look for how to start. The Archdiocesan Program *Project Rachel* is beginning a Bible-based support group for post-abortive women. Groups will meet mornings and evenings for 12 weeks. Confidentiality stressed. Call Project Rachel at 312-337-1962.

Have You Lost A Child?

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 15050 S. Wolf Rd., OP, invites all who have lost children of any age to join them on Wednesday, Oct. 17th at 7pm for a special Mass honoring their memory and prayer for eternal peace.

Knowledge and Prayer Series

Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, invites you to their Knowledge and Prayer Series on Thursday, Oct. 25th. Bishop John R. Gorman will present "A Theology of Religious Freedom" after their 8:30am Mass and repeated at 7pm in their Hospitality Room. Visit www.ourladyofthewoods.org.

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.

BEYOND DIVORCE: *Divorced and Hurting?*

Divorce is painful and often shattering, changing every aspect of a person's life. St. Francis of Assisi Church, 15050 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park, is offering a 10 session study/discussion group starting Sunday, Oct. 14th at 7pm (Great Room). Future meeting TBD. Call Deacon Joe Truesdale at 708-614-0286 to reserve your space.

Volunteers Needed at Neat Repeats

Volunteer in a boutique atmosphere! Give five hours/week and make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. Volunteer Recruitment Day is Thursday, Oct. 18th at 9028 W. 159th St, Orland Park, or 7026 W. 111th St., Worth. Come in, enjoy a tour, meet other volunteers. Call Orland Park at 708-364-7605 or Worth 708-361-6860. All sales benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia is a non-profit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

Please join us at a special Mass with Fr. Rick Frechette next Saturday, Oct. 20th at 11:15am at St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

Burial Pall Workshop *UPDATE*

Burial Pall Workshop/Clothing dates:

- (pall) Monday, Oct. 15th from 6-8:30pm; St. Dennis Church, 1214 Hamilton St., Lockport
- (pall/clothing) Thursday, Oct. 18th from 10am-12:30pm; Zion Lutheran Church, 171st and 70th Ave., Tinley Park
- (pall) Friday, Oct. 19th from 6:30-9pm; St. Damian School, 5300 W. 155th St., Oak Forest

Thank you Seton Angels for your generous donations. Pillowcases are needed, along with flat sheets, matchbox cars and beanie babies. It is the Seton Angels who keep this project growing. Your donations can be dropped off in their St. Elizabeth Seton parish office.

STORAGE SPACE NEEDED!

We are in great need of a permanent storage location to keep our supplies and hold our boxes for our shipment pickups. Call Liz at 708-614-6475.

Help Sew From Home!

(Sewing Kits in the parish office)

Sewing kits come in three types: Diaper; Dress; Pants. Each kit contains cutout fabric/sewing notions, directions on how to assemble the item. As you sew, please say a prayer for the child who will receive your gift of love. Kindly return your completed work to the parish office. Each item you make will make a difference in a child's life.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry will be hosting a

FAIR TRADE EVENT!

Saturday, Nov. 17th

Sunday, Nov. 18th

in the downstairs church hall

Thousand Villages, one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade organizations, creates opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn income by bringing us their products and stories in an effort to alleviate poverty through trade rather than aid, and maintains a long-standing relationship with the people who make the product.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Life Matters: Conscience Protection in Healthcare

By Joxel Garcia, MD, MBA, with Terry Michael Rauch II

AS A MEDICAL STUDENT I WAS AMAZED by the experience of great beauty and love when a baby is delivered. In fact, one of the main reasons I became an obstetrician was for the privilege of helping a mother welcome her child into the world and into the life of her family. I wanted to share in those precious moments when the miracle of life and the grace of God can be felt in an incomparable way. So I decided to seek a residency program in obstetrics and gynecology.

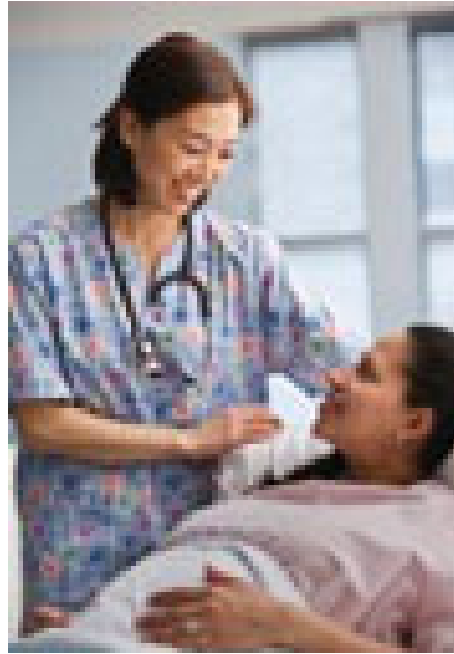
In the months before graduation from medical school, students go through the residency interview process, one of the most exciting, and also career-defining, periods in one's professional life. It's the time when students visit various hospitals to learn more about their training programs and to be interviewed for the residency slots available. My excitement turned to dismay as three training programs in New York and New Jersey offered me residency positions, but only on condition that I would learn to perform abortions during my training, despite my having informed them multiple times that performing abortions was against my Catholic faith and values. When I stood up for my beliefs I was told that I would not be eligible.

Several of my medical school friends encountered similar situations at other medical residency programs, but we didn't know what to do or what legal protection we had. Fortunately, I was successfully matched to a residency program that did not ask me to violate my beliefs.

Years later I learned that federal law prohibited those institutions from forcing medical personnel to perform abortions and other procedures against their conscience and faith. When I became the 13th United States Assistant Secretary for Health, I worked with numerous professionals and legal experts at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help defend the constitutionally-protected rights of conscience of the many healthcare providers who are discriminated against because of their beliefs and ethical values. Over the years, I've met countless numbers of students, nurses, doctors, pharmacists and other healthcare providers who were or who are today confronted with the same dilemmas.

Catholic Health Care

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS have been leaders in the delivery of care in the United States and across the globe. There are over 600



Catholic hospitals in the United States alone. Catholic community hospitals represent one out of every eight hospitals and one-sixth of all patient admissions in the United States.¹

The establishment and growth of Catholic health care has a rich history beginning in 1823, when Catholic sisters first began staffing hospitals. These women manifested their love of God in the midst of their own hardships and suffering, while leading others to discover the love of Christ in suffering. Thus, they sought to integrate their care for the sick and dying with their spirituality.²

Catholic faith-based health care has been and remains an integral part of our nation's health delivery system.

Need for Conscience Protection in Law

IT IS INCREASINGLY EVIDENT that there are efforts in our country to force medical providers to either perform actions against their personal conscience or leave the profession completely. Faith-based professionals are being driven out of medicine, which in turn will also limit access for patients.

Only robust legal protection of conscience rights will ensure the continued services of many Catholic medical professionals who are working tirelessly to heal and prevent illness.

The Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v Wade* decision gave new meaning for the need for conscientious objection. Following this decision many physicians, particularly Catholic doctors, refused to take in procedures that would violate their moral or religious convictions.

Recognizing this real problem, Congress passed the Health Programs Extension Act of 1973, which included the Church Amendment. Named after, and introduced by, Senator Frank Church, this amendment was the first federal legislation establishing a conscience clause in health care. It states that public officials may not require individuals or organizations who receive certain public funds to perform abortion or sterilization procedures, or to make facilities or personnel available for the performance of such procedures, if this "would be contrary to religious beliefs or moral convictions" (42 USC 300a-7). It remains in law today.

Complementing the Church Amendment, the Coats Amendment was passed by Congress in 1996 to amend the Public Health Service Act. Named after Senator Dan Coats (R-IN), this amendment maintains federal funding and legal status of medical institutions that do not offer or refer for

abortion training, and protects individuals who decline to receive such training.

A third federal conscience clause provision is the Weldon Amendment, named after Congressman Dave Weldon (R-FL). Signed into law in 2004, the Weldon Amendment prohibits federal agencies and programs, as well as state and local governments, from discriminating against healthcare entities because they do not offer abortion services or provide coverage or referral for abortions. The Weldon Amendment covers a diverse group of healthcare entities, including physicians and other healthcare providers, hospitals, provider-sponsored organizations, HMOs, insurance plans and any kind of healthcare facility, organization or plan.

It is also widely accepted, and guaranteed in law, that physicians, nurses and prison employees have a right to refuse to participate in executions for reasons of conscience.

Conscience Protection Creates Better Medical Professionals

CONSCIENCE PROTECTION also has critical implications for the performance of medical professionals.

As physicians and medical professionals we constantly confront moral dilemmas in our practice. Our work environment exists in an increasingly complex healthcare system with economic pressures as well as physician and nurse shortages. Emerging moral stressors associated with proposed changes to our profession may have drastic repercussions on the level and quality of care we are able to provide. Several studies have shown that it is important that caregivers work in accord with their moral convictions.

A 2009 descriptive study explored the relationship between moral distress and the performance and retention of medical professionals. The study concluded that moral distress played a significant role in whether a medical professional intends to continue practicing.³ A 2004 study found that emotional exhaustion is significantly related to moral distress.

Finally, a Swedish study in 2008 examined factors related to stress and conscience in healthcare. It found that stress increased from not being able to follow one's conscience or deal with moral problems at work. In order for conscience and moral sensitivity to become an asset instead of a burden, healthcare employees need to be able to express their moral concerns.

Conclusion

WHAT THE SECOND VATICAN Council declared in *Dignitatis Humanae* is as true for medical professionals as it is for all of us:

All are bound to follow their conscience faithfully in every sphere of activity so that they may come to God, who is their last end. Therefore, the individual must not be forced to act against conscience nor be prevented from acting according to conscience, especially in religious matters. The reason is because the practice of religion of its

*very nature consists primarily of those voluntary and free internal acts by which human beings direct themselves to God. Acts of this kind cannot be commanded or forbidden by any merely human authority.*⁵

As medical providers we do our very best to provide care and medical advice according to our knowledge and conscience to ensure that the patient is receiving appropriate care.

As a Catholic physician I have a spiritual obligation as well as a legal right to offer and perform clinical services that do not violate my ethical, moral, personal, or religious convictions or beliefs—in short, my conscience. As a doctor the freedom to practice based not only on scientific knowledge but also on my faith and conscience allows me and all physicians and healthcare providers to offer the best quality of medicine possible. As a patient, I want my doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers to offer the same type of care. The moment we allow our conscience to be replaced by a government “conscience,” we begin to lose our freedom.

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⁴ Lilia S. Meltzer and Loucine M. Huckabay, “Critical care nurses’ perceptions of futile care and its effect on burnout,” *American Journal of Critical Care* 13:3 (2004) 202-8.

⁵ Second Vatican Council, *Declaration on Religious Liberty (Dignitatis Humanae)*, no. 3, in *The Basic Sixteen Documents: Vatican Council II: Constitutions, Decrees, Declarations*, ed. Austin Flannery (Northport, NY: Costello Publishing, 1996).



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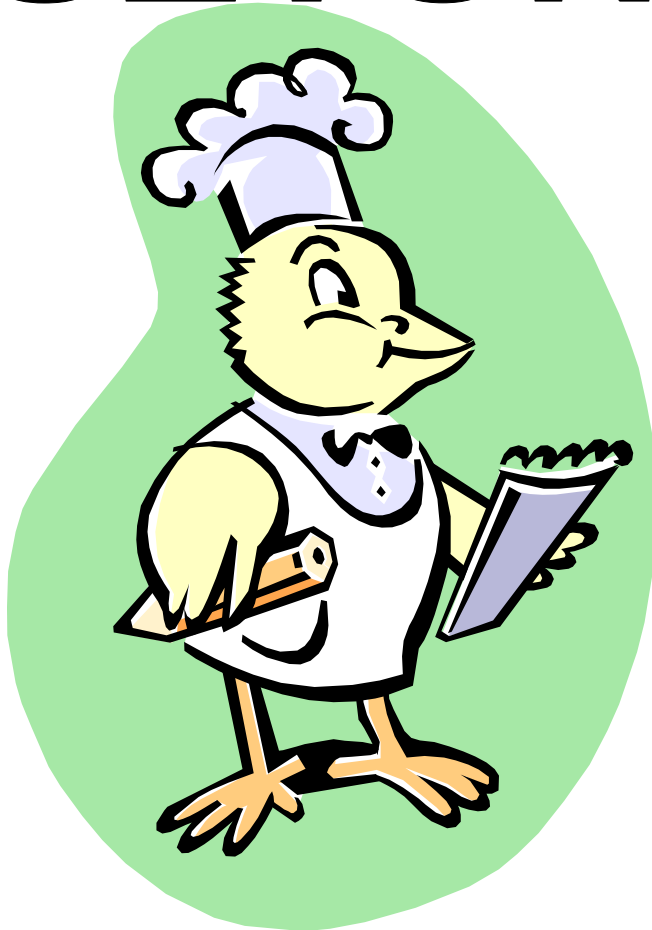
Men's Club 12th Annual
**BROASTED
CHICKEN
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SUNDAY, OCT. 14TH

Parish Life Center
3PM-6PM

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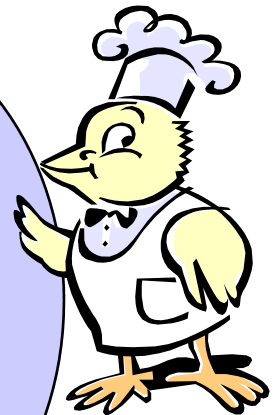
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-  *Mostaccioli*
-  *Potatoes*
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-  *Hot Vegetables*
-  *Bread*
-  *Soda/Coffee*

**Save
a dollar
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TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF FOUR ARTICLES prepared by the Catholic Bishops of Illinois to provide guidance and reflection points for Catholics exercising their right to vote in the upcoming 2012 election. These articles are based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) publication, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* www.faithfulcitizenship.org. More information about specific policy issues addressed by your elected officials can be found on the Catholic Conference of Illinois (CCI) website at www.ilcatholic.org.



Election 2012
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This is the third of four bulletin inserts to offer guidance and reflection points from Illinois' Catholic Bishops in preparation for the elections of November 6, 2012. The first insert was an introduction to this effort. The second insert discussed the expectations of a well-formed conscience. (Go to www.ilcatholic.org for a copy of the first and second insert.)

“Christ...fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear.”
—*Gaudium et Spes*, 22

As followers of Jesus Christ, we understand the human person in light of the mystery of the Incarnation. HUMAN DIGNITY flows both from our origin (being created in the image and likeness of God) and from our ultimate destiny, which is communion with God. Legitimate concern for the material well-being of all must never eclipse our concern for their spiritual and moral well-being. [Matthew 10:28]

The preciousness of every human being demands our concern for well-being of all, beginning with those closest to us for whom we bear the greatest responsibility, and with a special concern for the weakest and most vulnerable among us and for future generations.

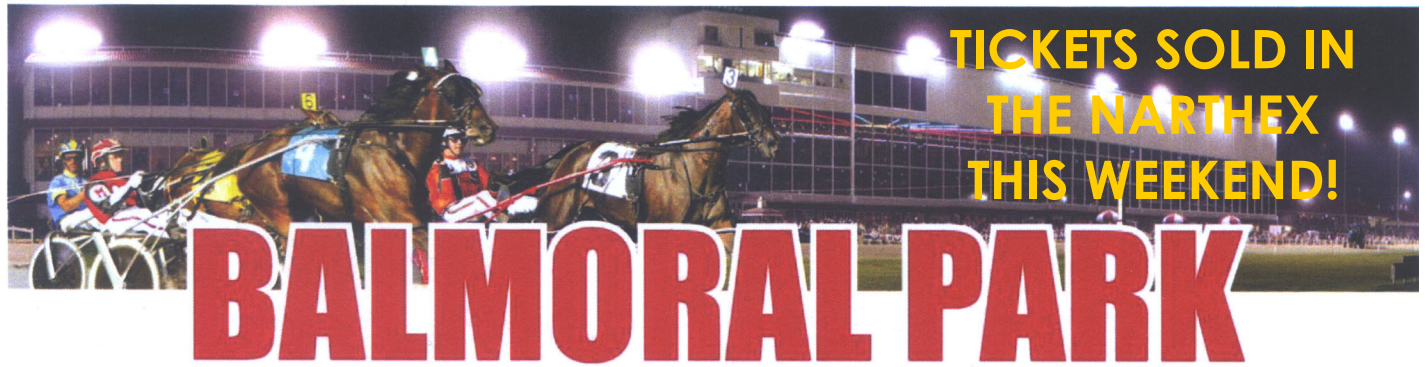
The moral imperative to respond to the fundamental needs of our neighbors—needs such as food, shelter, basic health care, education, and meaningful work—is universally binding on our conscience, but may be legitimately fulfilled by a variety of means. These responsibilities cannot be simply delegated to the State.¹

As the *Catechism* reminds us, “It is not the role of the Pastors of the Church to intervene directly in the political structuring and organization of social life. This task is part of the vocation of the lay faithful, acting on their own initiative with their fellow citizens.”² Relying on well-formed consciences, Catholic citizens must use prudence in responding to these needs and serving the COMMON GOOD.

While there may be many legitimate ways to address the needs of our neighbors, there are some actions which are always and everywhere immoral. As Catholics, we must recognize that not all issues carry the same moral weight. The continuing slaughter of innocent children through legal abortion—to take the most appalling example of such “intrinsic evil”—is a grave offense against God and our own human dignity, and cries out for justice. Accordingly, “the moral obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions.”³

Those who knowingly, willingly and directly support public policies or legislation that protect and perpetuate such injustice cooperate with that grave evil. Candidates who promise to support the common good, while at the same time glossing over their support for intrinsic evils such as abortion, perpetrate a lie. Catholic candidates who do so are also a cause of scandal among the faithful.

Finally, two other issues of particular importance in this election year demand our attention. The first is marriage: the permanent, faithful relationship of a man and a woman as husband and wife is the root of a family and the foundation for all of society. The decline of marriage in our culture has already inflicted untold spiritual and material costs upon society and individuals alike. Attempts to redefine marriage are contrary to the natural and moral law and only serve to further erode this fundamental institution. The defense of marriage is a matter of social justice. The second issue—which is of such pressing importance that the final insert, beginning on October 28th, will address it specifically—is religious freedom. Additional information can be found on the Catholic Conference of Illinois website, www.ilcatholic.org or at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.



BALMORAL PARK

Welcomes

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Sunday, October 21, 2012

Please come join us for an exciting night of Fun and Friendship at
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Your special evening will include:

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- Complimentary Official Racing Program
- Two hours of an all you can eat buffet, including: Create your own pasta station, specially prepared chicken & fish entrees, salad bar with a variety of cold salads, homemade soup du jour, vegetable of the day, potato or rice, a dessert table & Unlimited coffee, soda & tea.
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- Special Race Dedication for St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
- Group Photo in the Winner's Circle

**DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 14TH**

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Dining Room opens at 6:00 pm
Buffet runs from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm & Desserts available until 9:00 pm
First Race at 7:10 pm



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(708) 672-1414
www.balmoralpark.com



Women's Club News

UPCOMING EVENTS

■ **Wednesday, October 17th 7:15pm**

General Meeting

Game Night

Have a "howling" good time at this month's Women's Club meeting. Join in on the Bingo games or a game of your choice during our Game Night. Pizza will be provided for all the ghosts and goblins attending.

If you haven't joined our club yet...

there is still time — whatcha waitin' for?

Doors open at 6:45pm with short meeting at 7:15pm, before the games begin! If you have any questions please contact AJ Kunde at 563-357-7135.



Newborns In Need

The Seton Sowers chapter of Newborns in Need will be meeting Monday, Oct. 15th 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. We will be providing red and green yarn as we get ready for Christmas. We can always use donations of yarn and fabric. For more information, call Carol Dimer at 708-479-6994.

Mount Assisi Academy Open House

Sunday, Oct. 21st from 1-3pm at 13860 Main St., Lemont, with tours every half hour. Mount Assisi Academy prepares high school girls to be the next generation of Catholic women leaders. Our gorgeous 60-acre campus is quiet, safe and picturesque. Cutting edge technology throughout our curriculum with each girl working on their own laptop with digitizer. Visit us at 3860 Main St., Lemont. Visit us on the web at www.mtassisi.org.

Mount Assisi Vendor Fair/Alumni Reunion

Calling all Mount Assisi Alumni and friends in the community! Please join us for a fun day of shopping at the Mount Assisi Academy Vendor Fair and ALL-Alumni Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 27th from 9am-3pm at 13860 Main St., Lemont. Bring the family to shop, for a bite to eat, win a cake in the cake walk, or just come to enjoy the day.

St. Rita High School Open House

All are welcome to attend an Open House at St. Rita of Cascia High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago on Sunday, Oct. 21st from 12 Noon-3pm.

Exposition of Sacred Relics

Sacred Relics will be on display at St. Ann Parish, 3010 Ridge Rd., Lansing, on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd at 7pm with a presentation by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. All are welcome to learn more about these amazing artifacts.

Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

Mission Trip 2013 Info Meeting

This Sunday at 6pm!

Did you miss the Oct. 3 informational meeting for Mission Trip 2013 but would like to find out more about this year's trip? We're having a make-up meeting Sunday, Oct. 14th at 6 pm in the Cornerstone. Parents are encouraged to attend. You do not need to attend if you were at the Oct. 3rd

meeting or have the registration form and the info you need. Teens, feel free to stick around afterward for Branches Soul Survivor from 6:30-8:30 p.m., an evening of challenging activities, group discussion, music, socializing, prayer, and Scripture.

■ SUNDAY, OCT. 14TH

SOUL SURVIVOR 6:30-8:30 PM

Join us in the Cornerstone building (167th and 94th Ave.) for our first Soul Survivor of the year. It's "Election Night 2012" but you won't find Obama or Romney on the ticket, just four of our own teens (Morgan, Jonathan, Ayo, and "Alphonse") are running for President, so come hear their "platforms," and decide who has the best ideas for running our country. You'll get to grill them, too, to find out how their views line up with your own. You can bet this won't be a boring debate.

■ SUNDAY, OCT. 21ST

TEEN MASS 5:30PM

OPEN GYM 6:30-8:30 PM

Your family and friends are invited to join us for our monthly Teen Mass in the church Narthex starting at 5:30pm, and keep your friends with you for two hours of volleyball, basketball, kickball, Spud, and other open gym activities.

■ SATURDAY, OCT. 27TH

MOVIE NIGHT OR TBA

For those of you who can't make Sunday night meetings, mark this date on your calendar for a special Saturday night activity. We will try to do these the fourth weekend of every month. Stay tuned for more details.



Go to the Branches Facebook group page for all the latest or to post a question.

*Come join us for a
FUN FOR
ALL AGES
Evening!*

*On a Haunted
Hayride with
Bonfire*



Saturday, Oct. 20th 7:30pm

Tickets: \$12 per person

*(Includes: Hayride, bonfire, hot dog,
chips, and pop)*

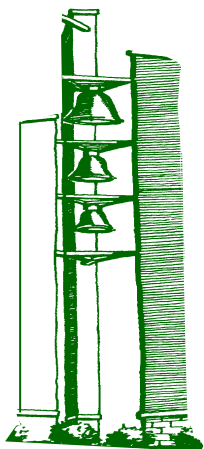
Tickets will be sold after all of the Masses on Saturday, Oct. 13th and Sunday, Oct. 14th. You can also make a reservation by calling Maryola Ward (708-403-1696 by Friday, Oct. 19th to reserve your spot.

**At: Forestview Farms
16717 S. Lockwood
Oak Forest**



*P.S. Don't forget to dress for
the weather, Rain or shine!*

**Sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club
For more information or reservations call 708-403-1696.**



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

**OCTOBER 21ST —
BALMORAL PARK**

Tickets available in the Narthex this weekend and in the parish office.

**NOVEMBER 28TH
CHRISTMAS
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Keep this date open for the Denny Diamond and the Family Jewels appearing at the Silver Lake Country Club. Dinner and show will be \$34. Call Phyllis for information and reservations at 708-478-0471.

DECEMBER 11TH — ST. THERESE'S SHRINE

Mass, tour and lunch will be served for \$18. Transportation is on your own.

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Tinley Park Boy Scout Troop 911 To Host Trivia Night

Tinley Park Boy Scout Troop 911 is sponsoring a Trivia Night at the Tinley Park American Legion Post 615, 17423 67th Court on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012. All are welcome! Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia game begins at 7pm. Grab your friends and family and come out for a fun-filled evening of brain teasing trivia! Come alone or with a group! Cost is \$10 per person. Cash bar, snacks and Salina's Pizza available throughout the evening at a nominal fee. This is a 21-over event please. Make your reservations with jabojung@comcast.net or contact Janeen at 708-641-1613 for additional information.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church.

ISAAC JOGUES (1607-1646): As a young Jesuit he was a man of learning and culture, teaching literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World. In 1636 he and his companions, under the leadership of John de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years Fr. Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several fingers had been cut, chewed or burnt off. Pope Urban VIII gave him permission to offer Mass with his mutilated hands: "It would be shameful that a martyr of Christ be not allowed to drink the Blood of Christ." Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months he sailed for his missions among the Hurons.

In 1646 he and Jean de Lalande, who had offered his services to the missionaries, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18 Fr. Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded.

JEAN DE LALANDE was killed the next day at a village near Albany, New York.

RENÉ GOUPIL was the first of these to be martyred was who, with Lalande, had offered his services as an oblate. In 1642 he was tortured along with Isaac Jogues, and was tomahawked for having made the Sign of the Cross on the brow of some children.

JEAN DE BRÉBEUF (1593-1649): A French Jesuit who came to Canada at 32 and labored there for 24 years. He went back to France when the English captured Quebec (1629) and expelled the Jesuits, but returned to his missions four years later.

Although medicine men blamed the Jesuits for a smallpox epidemic among the Hurons, Jean remained with them. He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron, and saw 7,000 converted before his death. He was captured by the Iroquois and died after four hours of extreme torture at Sainte Marie, near Georgian Bay, Canada.

FR. ANTHONY DANIEL, working among Hurons who were gradually becoming Christian, was killed by Iroquois on July 4, 1648. His body was thrown into his chapel, which was set on fire.

GABRIEL LALEMANT had taken a fourth vow—to sacrifice his life to the Indians. He was horribly tortured to death.

FR. CHARLES GARNIER was shot to death as he baptized children and catechumens during an Iroquois attack.

FR. NOEL CHABANEL was killed before he could answer his recall to France. He had found it exceedingly hard to adapt to mission life. He could not learn the language, the food and life of the Indians revolted him, plus he suffered spiritual dryness during his whole stay in Canada. Yet he made a vow to remain until death in his mission.

These eight martyrs of North America were canonized in 1930.



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

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