

FEAST OF ALL SOULS DAY

November 2, 1012 7pm

In Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
from our parish for whom we celebrated the
Rite of Christian Burial this past year. We pray for...

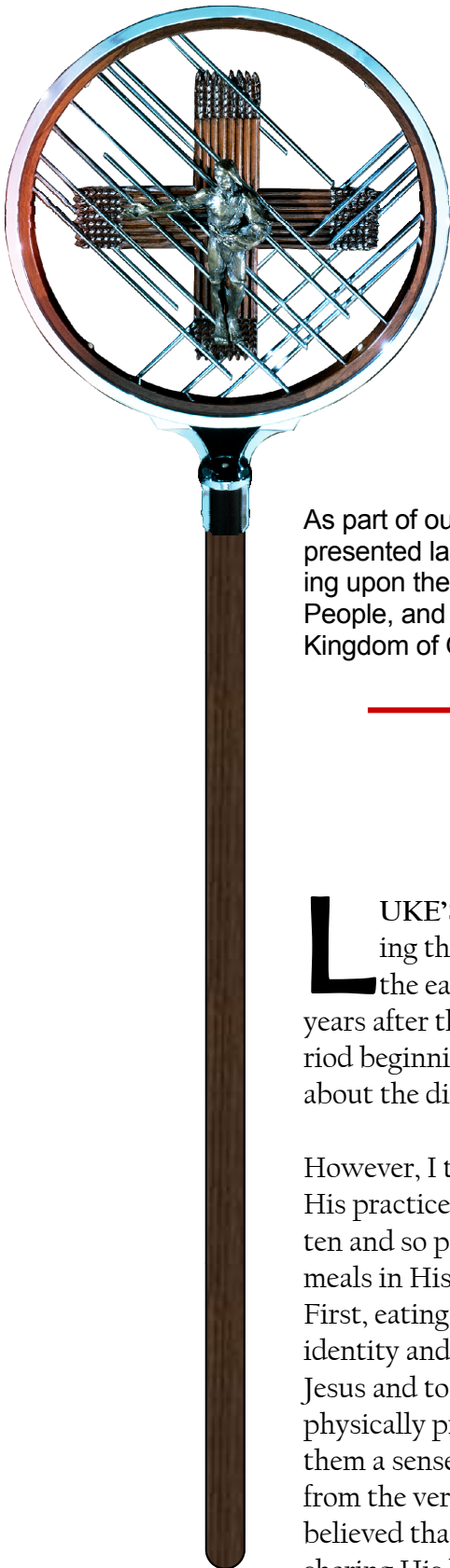
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*"May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you
to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem."*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



Sharings

From Father Rich Homa

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO is in the middle of a pastoral program aimed at the renewal of peoples' understanding of and commitment to their Catholic faith through a focus on a few important aspects of our Church. Last year the focus was on the youth of our Church, and this year has been named the "Year of the Eucharist", where in various ways the parishes are trying to help people better understand and appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist, which is the heart of our faith life.

As part of our focus on the Eucharist, I will be using this column to re-run a series I presented last year before the official incorporation of the new Roman Missal. Building upon the thoughts I've previously shared about the prayer meals of the Hebrew People, and the importance of Jesus' table fellowship as a teaching tool about the Kingdom of God, I'd like to focus today on the Last Supper.

Continued from last week...

LUKE'S GOSPEL CONCLUDES THE LAST SUPPER WITH JESUS saying the familiar words, "Do this in remembrance of Me." But just what did the early followers of Jesus do? Paul didn't write his Epistles until some 25 years after the Last Supper, and the writing of the Gospels spanned a 25-year period beginning some 15 years after the Epistles, and none of these writings talked about the disciples' post-Resurrection meal sharing.

However, I think it's safe to assume that the earliest followers of Jesus continued His practice of table fellowship. Having encountered Jesus and His message so often and so powerfully at meals, it would be natural for them to continue to share meals in His absence, and these meals would have served a number of purposes. First, eating meals together is a natural form of bonding, of giving them a sense of identity and of purpose. Second, it would be natural for them to share memories of Jesus and to discuss His teachings at these meals, and even though Jesus wasn't physically present at these meals, talking about Jesus at these meals would give them a sense of His spiritual, His resurrected, presence among them. And third, from the very earliest times, they recalled Jesus' words at the Last Supper, and they believed that when they shared bread and wine at these meals they were truly sharing His body and His blood.

SECOND, THE EARLIEST FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CONSIDERED THEMSELVES to be good Jews, so they would have continued in the practice of the prayer-meals of the Jewish faith. However, over a few decades before 100 A.D., Jewish followers of Jesus were increasingly excluded from participation in Jewish synagogue services and temple worship, and so the table fellowship they took part in which focused on Jesus gradually took a form similar to the Jewish prayer-meal and became the main form of their prayer and worship. The importance of this Jesus-centered prayer-meal was reinforced with the growing number of gentile Christians who had no previous experience of the Jewish prayer-meals.

In those days, when the Gospels were being written, you wouldn't go to Mass or to the Eucharist, because those terms weren't being used yet, and you wouldn't go to a church because there weren't any churches. A very early non-biblical document describes the early Christian community's ritual prayer-meal in this way: Early in the morning on the first day of the week, to commemorate when Jesus rose from the dead, followers of Jesus would gather at the home of a wealthy member of the community. (Later Church historians would call these places "House-Churches.")

Upon entering, people would greet each other with the most important wish they felt for each other: "May the Lord be with you," to which the other responded, "And with you also," or "And with your spirit." Then there was a time of reconciling differences and forgiving transgressions, for they understood that true unity in Christ could not happen in the midst of unresolved tensions.

Next, in the style of the synagogue Word-sharing, they would gather in a room to talk about Jesus. Memories of Jesus would be shared, teachings of Jesus would be discussed, and Old Testament passages which they believed referred to Jesus' identity and mission would be shared. This sharing about Jesus could take a significant amount of time, and in the course of their discussions there was a growing sense that Jesus was truly present among them in spirit as they talked about Him and His message.

Then the people moved to another room which was set up very simply with a table in the middle, on which was placed a loaf of bread and a cup of wine. People stood around the table, as the posture of reverence at that time was standing. Someone from the community was chosen to preside that day, and in the tradition of the Jewish prayer-meals, the presider praised and thanked God for many different things, and especially for sending His Son Jesus, and for the salvation won for them through His Passion, death on the cross, and Resurrection. Next the presider recalled Jesus' words at the Last Supper, that the bread and wine they shared was His body and blood, and that they were sharing His body and blood in His memory. The presider would then break the loaf into pieces and would share it with them. Each person would take a piece in their hands and eat it. Then the presider would pass the cup. Each person would drink, and then pass the cup to the next person. As with the sharing of the Word, there was a strong sense of Jesus' spiritual presence as they shared of this bread and cup in His memory.

FINALLY, FOLLOWING SOME PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS, the people were dismissed with the admonition that they go forth, taking Jesus with them, living as He called them to live, and sharing Him with others through their love, compassion, and forgiveness. This prayer-meal in Jesus' name became known as the "Table of the Lord's Supper," or simply "The Lord's Supper."

To be continued...

May God Bless You,

Jr. Rick Homa

Living The Word

Sunday
Reflections for
31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Nov. 4, 2012

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: HEAR THE LAW OF THE LORD

As we draw close to the end of the Church year we return to one of the basic lessons the Bible has to teach us: What is most important among the many commandments God has given to us for living a good life?

FIRST READING

Hear, O Israel! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

This reading gives the Old Testament citation of the first great law. This passage was prayed each day by Devout Jews for it is the "Shema Israel" (a Hebrew title that means, "Hear, O Israel"). The rabbis said that to love the LORD with all one's heart meant to love the LORD with one's intellect (remember that

in the Bible one thinks with one's heart). To love the LORD with one's soul meant to love the LORD even to the moment that they separate soul from body during persecution. To love the LORD with one's strength meant to love the LORD with all one's material possessions.

SECOND READING

Because He remains forever, He has a priesthood that does not pass away (Hebrews 7:23-28).

This reading contrasts the priesthood of Jesus to that of the priests of the Old Testament. Those priests did not live forever. There were many of them, one after another. Jesus, on the other hand, lives forever. This letter was influenced by Greek philosophy. In Platonic philosophy, the one is better than the many. The one perfectly expresses the idea being communicated, but the many are many

because each one of them fails to fully communicate what is intended. Thus, Jesus is the perfect high priest while the priests of the Old Testament always fell short—they were sinners. When they sacrificed they had to do so for themselves and for the people. Jesus, being sinless, could offer sacrifices for us alone (for He did not need them for Himself).

GOSPEL

Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbor (Mark 12:28b-34).

The Pharisees and scribes had been trying to trap Jesus in order to have charges that they might bring against Him. We can assume that

this was what the scribe was trying to do when he approached Jesus with the question of which was the greatest of the commandments. Jesus gives the scribe the simple answer that to love God and love neighbor are the two greatest of the commandments. What seems to have begun as a test ends in the form of mutual admiration, for the scribe acknowledges the wisdom of Jesus' answer, and Jesus acknowledges the honesty and integrity of the scribe's acknowledgment. Jesus refuses to play their game. He answers with simple honesty.

REFLECTION

As a child, we learn the Ten Commandments, the six precepts of the Church, the seven

sacraments, the seven gifts and the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit. Having memorized these, we feel a sense of accomplishment. But can you imagine having to memorize the 613 laws found in the Torah? The Torah was the foundation of the covenant God made with the people of Israel. If you go online and do a search for "613 commandments," you will find them listed, along with a reference to the particular biblical book where each can be found. Some listings place the law under various categories, such as God, Prayers and Blessings, Love and Brotherhood, the Poor and Unfortunate. The largest list relates to the Sacrifices and Offerings—over one hundred of them. When the scribe asked Jesus what was the first of all the commandments, he was asking a question most important to any devout Jew. Jesus looked within His own heart before giving His answer: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) and love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18). His answer came from His heart, recognized in the Jewish tradition as the center of the human person, the seat of all thought, choice, value, and feeling. Moses' words to the people in the first reading still stand: "Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today" (Deuteronomy 6:1).

Readings for the Week

October 29th-November 3rd:

Mon.: Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tues.: Eph 5:21-23; Lk 13:18-21

Wed.: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Thurs.: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Fri.: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

Sat.: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your law that has been revealed in the teachings of Moses and of Jesus Christ. It offers us guidance and light for our lives. Your Holy Spirit continues to enlighten our way. May we be attentive to the direction that is offered. Amen.

NOVEMBER MASS CELEBRATIONS

ALL SAINTS DAY*
**Holy Day of Obligation*

Thursday, November 1st
9:00am and 7:00pm

ALL SOULS DAY
Friday, November 2nd
9:00am

**ALL SOULS LITURGY
SPECIAL LITURGY**
Friday, November 2nd
7:00pm
(All are welcome to attend)



**Have you turned in your
tickets for a chance to win a
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**CAPITAL REPAIR FUND RAFFLE
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DRAWING
Nov. 11th after 11:30am Mass**

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

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 10-21-12:
\$20,777.66
KIDS COLLECTION:
\$61.17

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Donald and Kathleen Easton
(Children: **Donald and Nicholas Easton**)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 10-21-12:
Avery Nevaeh, child of Christopher Sinnott and Karley Raymond
Rylan Jonas, child of Ronald and Renee Marec
Eleanor Louise, child of Nick and Rebecca Tessari
Nathan Lawrence, child of James and Emily Pavlich
Blake William, child of Steven and Jessica Thielen
Fiona Mary, child of Ryan and Kelly Guisinger
Hunter Russell, child of Aaron and Martha Guisinger

WEDDINGS

Please remember in your prayers these couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Amy Ronspies and William Joseph Epley; 11-3
Sarah Grzybek and Kevin Deegan; 11-9
Kerry Brennan and Patrick Doran; 11-10
Emily Saathoff and Matthew Mackanin; 11-24

PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:
Ed Hindman **Alvin Smith** (Father to Linda McKeague)
James Pacaente **Tom Connors**
Ryan Keeney
And for our deceased:
Ellen Murphy
"Heavenly Father, accept the prayers which we offer for them."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct. 27th (5pm) **Angel Ramirez, Sr.; Jim Sieracki; Don Hynes**
Sunday, Oct. 28th
(7:15am) **Dorothea Knock**
(8:30am) **John Cooney; Darby Brown**
(10am) **Jack Squires; Ann Neary; Barbara Bosco; Beverly Daly**
(11:30am) **John Heebner; Harriet Dorken; Martin Keane; Ellen Murphy**
Mon., Oct. 29th (9am) **Walter Altmann; June Tunelius; Ed Chianalli**
Tues., Oct. 30th (9am) **Camille Rosiak; Daniel Paska; Robert Sandstrom**
Wed., Oct. 31st (9am) **Joseph Brzegowy; Camille Rosiak; James Dunbar**
Thurs., Nov. 1st (9am) **Michael Mazur; Ida and Edmondo De-Amicis;**
Souls in Purgatory
(7pm) **Parishioners**
Fri., Nov. 2nd (9am) **Anthony Loffredo; Edwin Enzenbacher;**
Charles Peck; Souls in Purgatory
(7pm) **John Nolan**



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

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Are We Blind....or are we BLIND?

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.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS of being blind besides physically lacking sight. Some people are so wrapped up in day to day living that they can be blind to the needs of others. And then there is a self-imposed blindness that occurs when we see something and consciously decide not to deal with it—become blind to it.

There are lots of reasons for this. Perhaps what we see is so painful that we can't cope with it just yet. Abuse issues come to my mind. To have to face the fact that someone we love would intentionally hurt either us or another human being is certainly gut-wrenching. For many, it may take a lifetime to heal from the anguish this causes.

And some people **choose** not to see. They suffer from a blindness of annoyance...the beggars on the street corners or bus stations or airports, reaching out and asking for a handout. They look so shabby, they get in our way, they make us late. And those people in poor countries...why don't they go to school (but not mine), why don't they get a job (but not in my company), why don't they go out and pull themselves up by their bootstraps (never mind that they most likely don't have bootstraps!). Or the persecuted in China, Syria, or Iran...if they would just develop their industry and economy and bring themselves into the 'modern' age they wouldn't have all those problems.

And then there is the blindness that comes from a sense of self-preservation. If I let 'them' into my neighborhood, my property values will go down—or—if I give to one group, they'll all be lining up and I

won't have enough for my own family. Some of these are rooted in unchristian biases, but some come from a genuine concern for the welfare of those we love and care for.

However, in our world today, we can no longer afford to be blind. Our planet is groaning in pain and there are issues we have to take an honest look at and try to find a solution for. People are starving, many in our own country, but many more in the Third world. Health care is a mess no matter where you live. There are increasing numbers of homeless people, oppressed people, murdered people, abandoned people, people that need us to see their plight and help them. If we refuse, we do so at our own peril because every day our world gets smaller and smaller. What happens in China today affects us tomorrow. What happens in the stock markets in the morning is reflected on the stores shelves or the gas pump in the afternoon. We are all connected and every day it becomes clearer that willful blindness will be even more devastating than physical blindness.

JUST ASK BARTIMAEUS. Those around him refused to see him as a person, they only saw him as a hindrance. They tried to shut him up so they could go on with their own lives and not be interrupted. It was only when Jesus paid attention that they stopped and really looked at him. Jesus made the difference in all their lives. He restored everyone's vision. So the question we have to ask ourselves is, does Jesus make a difference in our lives as well? If he does, then we must look around to see what we can see.



The Cardinal Asks For Your Prayers

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...In today's Gospel, the blind man said to Jesus, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." What is your deepest desire?

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. We meet every Tuesday night at Quigley Pastoral Center. For information contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org. 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. 31st
Christina Soprych

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.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

Lift

The priest says, "Lift up your hearts." We say, "We lift them up to the Lord." In the Mass, we lift or raise up our hearts to God. We lift up our offering to God. And that offering is the self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ. We join him and, because we are in him, we can lift ourselves up to God. We are part of the one

offering, the one sacrifice.

We can—and sometimes do—stay stuck in our daily struggles, temptations, and even sins. In the Mass we break free. In Jesus lifted high on the cross, we lift up our hearts, our very selves. We break free of the gravity of sin and death and doubt.



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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Life Matters: Doctor Assisted Death by Suicide

By William L. Toffler, MD

A CENTRAL FACET OF TRADITIONAL MEDICAL ETHICS has been embodied in the phrase “First, do no harm.” Specifically, the original Hippocratic Oath, recited by physicians for millennia, ensured that they would give no deadly drug, even if asked. Sadly, few medical school graduates are still being asked to recite this oath. Instead, the door has been thrown open for some doctors to participate in, and even promote, giving deadly drugs with the direct intent to end human life. For such doctors, the time-honored principle of avoiding harm has been cast aside as they become willing accomplices to killing their patients.

In turn, there has been a profound shift in attitude in my state of Oregon in the 15 years since voters narrowly embraced assisted suicide—a shift that, I believe, has been detrimental to patients, degraded the quality of medical care, and compromised the integrity of my profession.

Since assisted suicide became an option, I have had at least a dozen patients discuss this option with me in my practice. Most of the patients who have broached this issue weren’t even terminally ill.

One of my first encounters with this kind of request came from a patient with a progressive form of multiple sclerosis. “Joe” was in a wheelchair yet lived a very active life. In fact, he was a general contractor and quite productive. While I was seeing him, I asked him about how it affected his life. He acknowledged that multiple sclerosis was a major challenge and told me that if he got too much worse, he might want to “just end it.” I responded, “It sounds like you are telling me this because you might ultimately want assistance with your own assisted suicide if things get worse.” He nodded affirmatively, and appeared relieved that I seemed to understand.

I told Joe that I could readily understand his fear and his frustration and even his belief that assisted suicide might be a good option for him. But, I added, should he become sicker or weaker, I would work to give him the best care and support available. I told him that no matter how debilitated he might become, at least to me, his life was and would always be inherently valuable. As such, I would not recommend, nor could I participate in, his assisted suicide. Joe simply said, “Thank you.”

The truth is that we are not isolated, self-sufficient individuals. Every human being is part of a huge network of interdependent relationships with others. How physicians respond to the patient’s request for lethal drugs can have a profound effect on a patient’s choices as well as on his view of himself and his inherent worth. When a patient says *I want to die*, it may simply mean *I feel useless*. When a patient says *I don’t want to be a burden*, it may really be a question, *Am*

I a burden? When a patient says *I’ve lived a long life already*, she may really be saying *I’m tired. I’m afraid I can’t keep going on*. And finally, when a patient says *I might as well be dead*, he may really be saying *No one cares about me*. Many studies show that assisted suicide requests are almost always for such psychological or social reasons.

Let’s look at experiences with legalized assisted suicide in Oregon.

There has never been any documented cases of assisted suicide in Oregon because there was actual untreatable pain.

The law does not require that the patient have unbearable suffering, or *any* suffering for that matter. The actual Oregon experience has been a far cry from the televised images and

advertisements that seduced the public to embrace assisted suicide. In statewide television ads, a woman name Patty Rosen claimed to have killed her daughter with an overdose of barbiturates because of intractable cancer pain. This claim was later challenged and shown to be false. Yet, even if it had been true, it would indicate inadequate medical care, not grounds for assisted suicide.

What about the potential gain to family members of the so-called “suicide” of a “loved one?” Such gain could be in the form of an inheritance, a life insurance policy or even simply freedom from previous care responsibilities. Because there is no requirement for witnesses at the time of ingestion, who is to say that the deadly drug was ingested voluntarily? Who knows whether a patient experienced a change of heart but was overwhelmed by a “loved one?” In reality the entire paradigm of “assisted” is wide open to elder abuse.

The change in attitude within the healthcare system itself is also deeply troubling. People with serious illnesses

“To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called “assisted suicide” means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested.”

— Pope John Paul II
The Gospel of Life, no. 66

are now sometimes fearful of the motives of doctors and consultants. A few years ago, “Katherine,” a patient with bladder cancer, contacted me. She was concerned that her oncologist might be one of the “death doctors.” Katherine questioned his motives, particularly after consulting a second oncologist who was more sanguine about her prognosis and treatment options. Whether or not one or the other consultant was correct, such fears were never an issue before assisted suicide was legalized.

In Oregon, I regularly receive notices that the State’s Medicaid health plan will no longer pay for many important services and drugs for my patients, even including some pain medications. At the same time, assisted suicide is *fully covered and sanctioned by the State of Oregon* (funded by our collective tax dollars). This “rationed” health care from the State itself—one of the largest insurers in Oregon—is putting lives at risk.

Barbara Wagner, a retired school bus driver, learned this lesson first hand. Barbara had been in remission from her lung cancer. When it recurred, her oncologist wanted her to be given a drug that (statistically) would increase the chance of her being alive in one year by 45%. The State of Oregon denied this treatment stating that her prognosis wasn’t good enough to warrant expensive medication to treat her cancer.

Yet in the same letter denying coverage for her medication, the State offered full coverage (100%) for her assisted suicide. Rather than being embarrassed about their discriminatory opinion letter, health officials (and even the governor) defended the practice. What implications does this attitude portend for national health care reform? How many older individuals with serious illnesses or disabilities could be determined “no longer worth treatment” under federal cost-saving measures?

TODAY, PROMOTERS OF ASSISTED SUICIDE have succeeded in spreading assisted suicide to Washington State and they continue to push for legalization in numerous other states. Using seductive euphemisms for situational killing, including *death with dignity*, *choice in dying*, and *aid-in-dying*, they deliberately distort end-of-life care and options while fanning the flames of fear of intractable suffering at death. They claim to advocate for patients and cite numerous, so-called “safeguards.” In reality, the assisted suicide laws in Oregon and Washington are severely flawed and really don’t provide protections for patients.

For example, patients accessing assisted suicide are supposed to be of sound mind. Yet fully 25% of patients given prescriptions for lethal overdoses were found to be depressed. Many others had anxiety. The practice is supposed to be reviewed by state officials, yet the only data reported in the States of Oregon and Washington

come from second- or even third-hand reports from the doctors who wrote the prescription. Most of the doctors (about 90%) weren’t even present at the time their patients took the drug overdose, thus, they really don’t know what happened.

The reality is that the only real safeguards are those shielding the doctors. In essence, doctors in Oregon and Washington have been granted a “license to kill” with a guarantee of protection. The practice has been shrouded in secrecy. Fewer and fewer details are documented with each passing year. There is no punishment specified for failure to report. There is no peer-review—no one is allowed to evaluate cases for appropriateness, or for the complications that occur, or to even know that the case actually occurred. In fact, doctors are *prohibited* from recording assisted suicide as the cause of death on the death certificate. Instead, the law *requires* the physician to falsely list the presumed underlying terminal illness as the cause of death.

The lack of oversight and patient safeguards is consistent with the view of many who promote assisted suicide, that some individuals lack “dignity” due to their physical or mental condition and simply aren’t worth the bother or expense of having their basic needs met. They are wrong.

IN CONTRAST, CATHOLIC TEACHING RECOGNIZES the inherent value of all human life. We are indeed made in the image and likeness of God. As Catholics we celebrate and defend the sanctity of life in all of its natural stages. Each of us—regardless of age, race, physical or mental ability, or economic status—is inherently valuable. There is no stage of life that is insignificant. When every life is respected, when physicians, family members and other caregivers respond generously to the needs of vulnerable persons in their care, we all benefit.

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SUPPORTING FAMILIES

A single mother, Yun Sophea earns enough money to house, feed and educate her five children. Craft training from Rajana Association of Cambodia changed her life.

The Rajana Association is a nonprofit organization for income generation and skills training, producing fair trade products using traditional Cambodian skills with contemporary designs. The name "Rajana" means "design" in Khmer. Rajana Association focuses on the rural and urban poor, and small producers of handicrafts. Rajana trains young Cambodians in traditional craft-making skills, as well as in accounting, marketing, computer courses and English. Through development of traditional craft-making skills, Rajana helps maintain and rebuild Cambodia's rich cultural traditions, damaged in the country's wars.

Rajana Association began in 1995 as an income-generating project of the British nongovernmental organization Southeast Asian Outreach UK. Since 2000 Rajana has been owned and operated by Cambodians. Rajana Association is a member of the Artisans' Association of Cambodia, which is itself a member of the International Fair Trade Association (IFAT).

Ten Thousand Villages buys jewelry and home decor from Rajana Association. Ten Thousand Villages has been purchasing from Rajana since



St. Elizabeth Seton Church

FAIR TRADE STORE

Saturday, Nov. 17th 12 Noon-7pm

Sunday, Nov. 18th 8:00am-2pm

Please join us in the downstairs church hall. Hospitality reception offering light refreshments, featuring Fair Trade Coffees. Sponsored by the Social Action Ministry.

AS WE ENTER THIS SEASON OF GIVING, let us remember that a gift can create new possibilities for those living in need. This Christmas, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, we can fulfill the hope of Christmas for our disadvantaged brothers and sisters by exchanging fair trade gifts. Your purchases will bring a renewed spirit of hope to the artisans who create them by helping the light of Advent shine in their daily lives. When you purchase one of the beautiful fair trade gifts, you are standing in solidarity with the artisans who created them, and helping them to live and work in dignity.

Young women will have a brighter and better future. Children will be able to attend school and create their own future because of the added income fair trade brings to their families. The farmers of Kuapa co-own Divine Chocolate, and the premium they receive from their fair trade cocoa has allowed them to invest in things like schools and teachers for their children.

Please prepare for your holidays prayerfully, give generously and shop responsibly to have a miraculous impact on those most in need. Fair Trade items provided by *Thousand Villages*, one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade Organizations. All purchases will help to alleviate poverty through trade rather than aid.

- JEWELRY
- COFFEE
- CHOCOLATES
- HOME DÉCOR
- TABLETOP
- BASKETS
- TOYS/GAMES
- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- GLOBAL TREASURES
- STATIONERY
- AND MORE!

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please call 708-403-0101.

We received an appeal from St. Coletta's Foundation which we want to share with you...



St. Coletta's of Illinois Foundation



Dear Parish Family of St. Elizabeth Seton,

St. Coletta's is a social service agency providing residential, educational and vocational services to children and adults with developmental disabilities without regard to race, religion or economic background. Currently St. Coletta's has 27 group homes in 15 southwestern suburban communities in the Chicago area. Two of these group homes and one apartment are situated within the St. Elizabeth Seton parish boundaries. Many of these developmentally disabled individuals at St. Coletta's are wards of the State and consider us their family. With all of the cutbacks in funding within the State of Illinois, it is impossible to provide Christmas gifts for all of the special needs people entrusted to their care. That is why they are hoping you will help God's most vulnerable people."

Sincerely,
Marie Leigh, Director of Development

Would you be willing to help?

In the St. Coletta's residential homes located in our parish boundaries, there are a total of 15 men living at these three sites, all of whom are **non-verbal and/or autistic with various mental capacities**. If you are able to provide an "age-appropriate" Christmas gift for one of these men, their names (with specific gift suggestions) and gift tags will be available. Please contact me at the Parish Office. The gifts need to be returned by **Wednesday, Nov. 21st** so as not to conflict with the St. Procopius Christmas Drive.

**God bless you for your care and generosity,
Margie Guadagno, Pastoral Associate
Please call the Parish Office at 708-403-0101
or email: mguadagno@steseton.com**



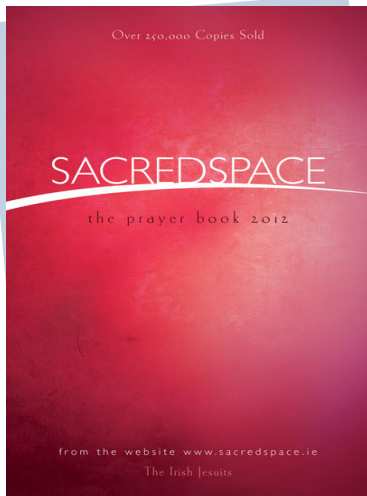
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month...

When we talk about Domestic Violence, just who and what are we discussing? It is easy to point fingers or feel sorry for a victim of Domestic Violence, to shun the abuser, to "tsk, tsk, tsk" about how it never used to be like this, to stereotypically link the person to poverty, drugs, under-education, or certain racial or ethnic groups. Was she just a poor judge of men? Didn't she have any backbone? How could she let her children see that going on? Why didn't her family help her? Why didn't she just leave? Unfortunately, intimate partner violence isn't so simple.

MYTH: Domestic Violence is terrible, but it happens elsewhere, not in my community, my neighborhood, my culture, my religion, or my congregation.

FACT: Domestic Violence happens to people of every educational and socio-economic level at the same incidence. Domestic violence happens in all races, religions and age groups.

**You are not alone! In an emergency dial 911 or call:
National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233.**



Next Group dates:
Monday, Nov. 5th
9:30am (Cornerstone)
7pm (Call 708-403-1582
for location)

IT'S TIME TO ORDER THE NEW... SACRED SPACE, THE PRAYER BOOK 2013

Welcome! We invite you to make a 'Sacred Space' in your day—a time to pause for a few moments and be mindful of how God is present with you and for you.

SACRED SPACE – THE PRAYER BOOK 2013 OFFERS YOU...

short, in-depth meditations on the scripture of the day. The book is perfect for anyone who would like to grow in prayer and be more connected to God, but may feel too busy to do so. Doesn't that sounds like a lot of us!

SACRED SPACE REFLECTION GROUPS have been a part of the prayer life of St. Elizabeth Seton for more than five years. Interested members meet on the first Monday of each month either in the morning or the evening. Notices of the gatherings are announced in the bulletin. The shared reflections of the members are centered on the Scriptures. If you would like to purchase a copy of Sacred Space 2013 please stop in or call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. We will take orders for the book through Nov. 6th so that we can deliver them by Nov. 25th (First Sunday of Advent). The book price: between \$12 & \$14.

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 positions are available at 9028 W. 159th St. in 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.

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 or 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.

Mass of Remembrance, Hope and Healing

For all who mourn the loss of a child...losses from accident, illness, abortion, miscarriage, still birth, suicide, violence, abduction or family breakup... recently or long ago... Mothers, fathers, grandparents, teachers, friends and others who mourn a lost child. The Elizabeth Ministry of St. Joseph Parish, 17951 Dixie Hwy., Homewood, invites you to join them for a special Mass of Remembrance, Hope and Healing on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012. Each family will receive a remembrance keepsake to take home. Refreshments to follow.

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.

BURIAL PALL WORKSHOPS

We are most grateful to all for your donations that keep our ministry growing. November will be the last workshops until 2013.

- Thursday, Nov. 15th, 10am-12:30pm
Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park
- Friday, Nov. 16th, 6:30-9pm
St. Damian School, Oak Forest

***Help Sew Diapers, Sundresses,
 Pull Up Elastic Waist Pants
 From Home for the children of Haiti!***
(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.



As Thanksgiving comes again this year and we thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us and our families, please remember our sharing parish, St. Procopius.

**Turkey and Ham Drive for St. Procopius
Saturday, Nov. 17th 9:00am-12:00 Noon**

St. Elizabeth Seton will once again be collecting turkeys and hams for St. Procopius Church between the hours of 9:30am-12:00 Noon in the St. Elizabeth Seton Church parking lot. Volunteers will be on hand offering “curb-side” service to receive your donation. Jewel certificates will also be accepted Please call Doug Benker at 708-429-4518 to volunteer.

**Annual Women’s Club Advent Calendar Sales on Now!
After Masses on Nov. 3rd/4th and Nov. 10th/11th**



Prepare for Christmas by opening a window each day during Advent. Upon opening each window, find a wonderful piece of gourmet milk chocolate behind scenes of the Nativity story. Savor the chocolate as a special Christmas gift! A fun way to highlight the excitement of the true meaning of Christmas!

Get them while supplies last!
Where do you ask?

From any Women’s Club member
OR

**After Mass November 3rd/4th
And November 10th/11th
or in the church office anytime!**



TRADITIONAL ADVENT CALENDAR FILLED WITH 24 MILK CHOCOLATE TREATS Net Wt. 5.0g (1.76oz)

THIS IS THE LAST 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



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“[T]he right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person as this dignity is known through the revealed word of God and by reason itself. This right of the human person to religious freedom is to be recognized in the constitutional law whereby society is governed and thus it is to become a civil right.”

– *Dignitatis Humanae*, 2

This year, our own federal government, through the Department of Health and Human Services, mandated a new and narrow definition of “religious employer.” This unprecedented action could force the punishment or even closure of faith-based soup kitchens, schools and hospitals because these institutions would not fit under the federal government’s definition of “religious.” It is an ominous sign when the federal government issues the edict that Catholic Charities and other religious employers are not religious. The mandate is both illegal and unjust, and constitutes an unprecedented affront to religious liberty.¹ As we did in the *Fortnight for Freedom*, we continue to ask the laity to pray and be active in opposing this mandate that we feel is a violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution as well as other federal laws.

As our fellow bishops have written: “Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith?...What is at stake is whether America will continue to have a free, creative, and robust civil society—or whether the state alone will determine who gets to contribute to the common good, and how they get to do it.”²

A law that prohibits Catholics from living the Gospel publicly is a law that prohibits Catholics from living the Gospel faithfully. And so we join our brother bishops in calling upon “all the energies the Catholic community can muster” to oppose this threat to religious liberty.

“Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports,” said George Washington in his Farewell Address. “In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens.”

It is important to remember that religious liberty is not a Catholic issue. It is not a Christian or Jewish or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. Fundamentally, it is a matter of social justice; for when religious liberty is endangered, the good of society itself is diminished.

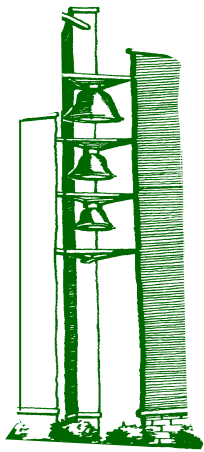
As bishops, we seek to bring the light of the Gospel to our flocks, but the work of politics and deciding who will represent us in this representative democracy is up to committed and courageous lay Catholics. We urge you to be both engaged and articulate in insisting that as Catholics and as Americans that we do not have to choose between being either a Catholic or an American. There is an urgent need for the lay faithful, in cooperation with those of other faiths or none, to impress upon our elected representatives the vital importance of religious liberty for a free society.

On November 6, we have an opportunity—and an obligation—to do just that.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of this nation, may God bless us all and continue to bless the United States of America.

¹ For a list of other recent violations of religious liberty both here and abroad please read “Concerns Raised in ‘Our First, Most Cherished Freedom’” which can be seen at www.ilcatholic.org.

² “Our First, Most Cherished Liberty,” <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty.cfm>



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

NOV. 6TH MEETING

Wear Something Western!

All are invited to wear something Western — cowboy hats, shirts, boots, kerchiefs, jeans, or frill petticoats and “sash shay” down to the November meeting. Swing’ Sugar Squares will entertain and the Pulled Pork luncheon will be catered by Salinas. Last call (Nov. 4th) for luncheon tickets (\$7) in the parish office or call Sharon at 708-614-9092. A free-will offering for Fr. Ron Hicks will be collected for his children of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos at the November meeting. Please be generous.

BRING TO THE NOV. 6TH MEETING SOLDIER ITEMS FOR DONATION:

Pens/paper/stationery	Ritz crackers/tuna/crackers
Playing card/games	Chicken salad/crackers
Handheld games/puzzles	Velveeta cheese
Football/baseballs	Cereal/granola bars
Soccer balls/basketballs	Flavored oatmeal packets
Table/Tennis Equipment	Cup-a-Soup (no pork)
Razors/razor blades	Microwave meals
Shaving cream/deodorant	Pop tarts/weenie beanies
Bar soap/shampoo	Kool-Aid/Powdered Drinks
Hand sanitizers/hand lotion	Tea/Coffee/Cocoa
Chapstick/sunscreen	Microwave Popcorn/Fritos
Baby powder/bug repellent	Chips (in plastic containers)
Socks (black and white)	Peanuts/Sunflower Seeds
Skull caps/hand warmers	Beef Jerky/Salsa/Brownies
Music CDS/DVD Movies	Pudding/Store Cookies
PS2 games	M & Ms/hard candy
Batteries (D/AA/AAA)	gum
Feminine products	
Peanut butter/cheese crackers	

NOV. 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 revelations at 708-478-0471.

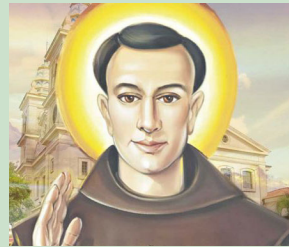
DEC. 11TH — ST. THERESE’S SHRINE

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARDS

Operation Christmas Cards is an organization that puts Christmas/Holiday cards into the hands of the men and women serving in the military both here in America and overseas. It is estimated that 50% of the military do not receive a holiday card. The Card Collection is now through Oct. 30th in the parish office. No sealed envelopes and not bigger than 9 x 9 to fit in shipping boxes. For information visit www.operationchristmascard.org.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT ANTÔNIO
DE SANT'ANNA
GALVÃO
1739-1822

GOD’S PLAN IN A PERSON’S LIFE OFTEN TAKES UNEXPECTED TURNS WHICH BECOME LIFE-GIVING THROUGH COOPERATION WITH GOD’S GRACE.

Born in Guaratingueta near São Paulo (Brazil), Antônio attended the Jesuit seminary in Belem but later decided to become a Franciscan friar. Invested in 1760, he made final profession the following year and was ordained in 1762.

In São Paulo, he served as preacher, confessor and porter. Within a few years he was appointed confessor to the Recollects of St. Teresa, a group of nuns in that city. He and Sister Helena Maria of the Holy Spirit founded a new community of sisters under the patronage of Our Lady of the Conception of Divine Providence. Sister Helena Maria’s premature death the next year left Father Antônio responsible for the new congregation, especially for building a convent and church adequate for their growing numbers.

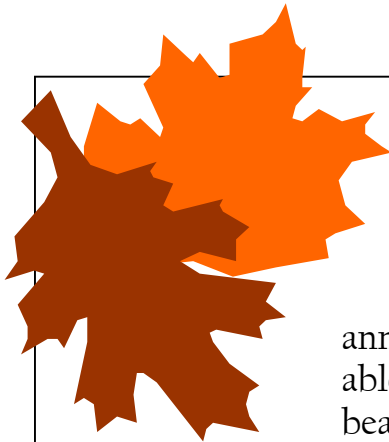
He served as novice master for the friars in Macacu and as guardian of St. Francis Friary in São Paulo. He founded St. Clare Friary in Sorocaba. With the permission of his provincial and the bishop, he spent his last days at the Recolhimento de Nossa Senhora da Luz, the convent of the sisters’ congregation he had helped establish. He was beatified in Rome on October 25, 1998, and canonized in 2007.

COMMENT

HOLY WOMEN AND MEN CANNOT HELP calling our attention to God, to God’s creation and to all the people whom God loves. The lives of holy people are so oriented toward God that this has become their definition of “normal.” Do people see my life or yours as a living sign of God’s steadfast love? What might have to change for that to happen?

QUOTE:

During the beatification homily, Pope John Paul II quoted from the Second Letter to Timothy (4:17), “The Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the word fully,” and then said that Antônio “fulfilled his religious consecration by dedicating himself with love and devotion to the afflicted, the suffering and the slaves of his era in Brazil.” The pope continued, “His authentically Franciscan faith, evangelically lived and apostolically spent in serving his neighbor, will be an encouragement to imitate this ‘man of peace and charity.’”



Dear Parish Family,

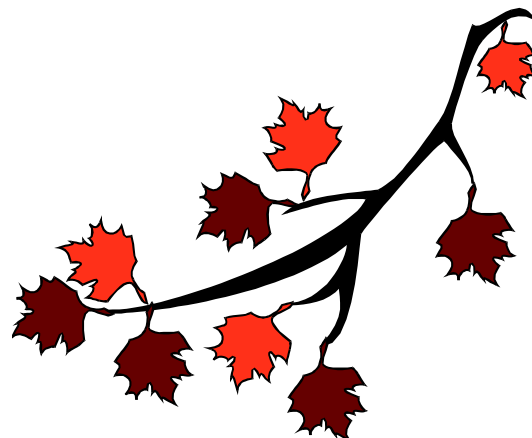
St. Elizabeth Seton's Music Department is pleased to announce our 2012-2013 Concert Series. We are excited to be able to present our parish and the Southwest Suburbs beautiful, spiritual and uplifting music provided by our volunteer cantors, choirs, and liturgical dancers. We are also enhanced by the addition of wonderful instrumentalists, some of our very own parishioners, and others who travel to our parish from near and far to be part of our concerts and celebrations. Seton's music is an inspiring mixture of classic, contemporary and traditional music.

In order to continue our tradition of enhancing our music with instrumentalists at our concerts and liturgies we rely on your generous donations. A Seton Music Program Sponsorship is a great way for your company or family to show your support for the continuation of presenting quality music to our communities. An ad book with your ad will be included in the program of each of our concerts this year.

At each concert, we have an expected attendance of over 600 people. The following form details available ad size and cost. Most importantly, your gift will enable the St. Elizabeth Seton Music Department to continue their gift of music to the parish and community.

God bless you and thank you for considering becoming a Seton Music Sponsor.

Linda McKeague
Director of Music
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
9300 West 167th Street
Orland Hills, IL
708-403-0101, ext. 112



Seton Music Program Sponsorship

Yes, I would like to support the 2012-2013 Seton Music Program by becoming a Seton Music Sponsor. You are hereby authorized to publish an ad spot for the Concert Series ad book.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Authorized by/Contact _____

_____ I am enclosing camera-ready artwork for an ad spot.

_____ Please use my business card as ad copy.

_____ Please use exact wording below for my ad:

_____ I will not be placing an ad at this time, however I would like to make a donation to support the Music Program Concert Series. Please accept my donation of

\$_____.

Your ad placement will be featured in an ad book for the following music concert performances:

“Fall Into Winter” Concert
Fall/Christmas Gala Fundraiser
December 2, 2012
at 3pm

Lenten Cantata
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2013
at 3pm

Music Sponsor Opportunities:

• Whole Note Sponsor (full page [7.5” x 4.5”]): \$300

♪ Half Note Sponsor (half page [3.75” x 4.5”]): \$200

♪ Quarter Note Sponsor (quarter page [1.875” x 4.5”]): \$100

Please make checks payable: *St. Elizabeth Seton Music*

DEADLINE DATE: November 19, 2012

PLEASE CONTACT:

Linda McKeague, St. Elizabeth Seton Director of Music 708-403-0101



JUVENILE DIABETES NO LIMITS FOUNDATION

Dedicated to providing support and motivation to individuals with juvenile (type 1) diabetes
The Foundation creates and executes unique events and programs that encourage individuals to manage their diabetes and overcome the limitations it imposes on their lives. With a goal to help individuals achieve their dreams, the Foundation is expanding its unique safe driving program in 2013. www.jdnolimits.org

CANDLELIGHT BOWL - ORLAND BOWL

8601 W. 159TH STREET, ORLAND PARK, IL

Saturday, November 3, 2012

9:30 PM - 1:00 AM

TICKETS \$30

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE NIGHT

INCLUDES: Buffet Dinner/Dessert, Door Prize Entry, 4 Games of Scotch Doubles (1) Crazy Bowl, (1) Regular Game, (1) 9 Pin No-Tap and (1) Low Ball (shoe rental included)

**Sports Memorabilia Auction, Silent Auction
Bag Raffles, Split the Pot and much more!**

All proceeds go to the Juvenile Diabetes No Limits Foundation
(Tax deductible) Check out the website for more info www.jdnolimits.org

Sponsored By:

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For more information call

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Men's Club News

UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Meeting of the 2012-2013 year

- **Wednesday, Nov. 14th**
Doors open at 7pm
General Meeting begins at 7:30pm

AGENDA:

- Ted O'Connell—Recap Chicken Dinner
- Mark Lippe JDNL Candlelight Bowl
 Saturday, Nov. 3rd Tickets are \$60 per couple
 (see flyer on page 21 of this bulletin)
- Annual Chicago Wolves Game
 April 13th Tickets are \$15 per person
- Homer Talley to announce Fr. Ron Hicks' visit
 And Day of Reflection in March of 2013
- Annual Turkey Raffle
 10 tickets for \$7.
 Men's Club to donate five turkeys to
 Together We Cope.

Dinner will be served. As always new and returning members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please note, members must sign in before the meeting.



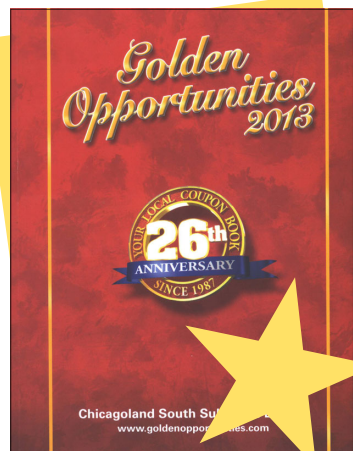
CJB 8th Graders Win McAuley Basketball Tournament

FOR TEAM BONDING, the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin 8th grade girls basketball players had their hair braided for the final weekend of the 30-team Mother McAuley Tournament. The Cardinals won the tournament going 5-0 and pulled off a wild 20-15 championship victory over Christ the King on Oct. 15, one day after winning a 34-33 overtime game over Mother Teresa Catholic Academy.

"I am very proud of the way we played in those two games," CJB coach Jack Hallberg said. "When I look at the video from those games, I'm so happy to see that every player did something to help win those games whether it was scoring, rebounding or playing great defense."

There were four ties and two lead changes in the second half of the semifinals against MTCA before the Cardinals were able to pull off the win in OT. The Cardinals trailed 13-12 heading into the fourth quarter in the defensive title game battle against Christ the King and reeled off eight straight points in the fourth to help seal that victory.

The CJB players are Claire Paciga, Grace Rost, Caitlin Shanahan, Monica Tadros, Lauren Vorva, Molly Hallberg and Morgan VanderWey. Jack Hallberg and John Rost are the coaches.



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

Golden Opportunities Coupon books offer many 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 are valid once a month.



**The St. Elizabeth
Seton Music Dept.
will be presenting a
Concert and Gala
Reception on**

**Sunday, Dec. 2. We are looking for
items to be raffled off at our Gala
Reception. Please contact Linda
McKeague at 708-403-0101, x 112.**

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



***Mother
Daughter Tea***
"God's Plan for Growing Up"

***Make a date with your daughter!
Come to a Mother-Daughter Tea!***

**Sunday, November 4, 2012
2:30 PM to 5 PM
Catholic Charities, Vincent Hall
721 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60610
Fee: \$30 per mother and daughter - \$10 each
additional daughter**

The program...

- ❖ will explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of growing up and becoming a woman.
- ❖ will provide an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss the important topic of growing up.
- ❖ will establish a foundation for continued communication between parent and child.

For a registration form or information, please call Maria Garcia at the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8273.



Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

■ SATURDAY, NOV. 3RD FOOD DEPOSITORY 8:15 AM-1:00 PM

Earn three service hours working at the Greater Chicago Food Depository packing food for the poor in Chicago. RSVP by Wed., Oct. 31.

■ SUNDAY, NOV. 11TH ANGELS AND DEMONS 5:00 PM

We'll meet at Seton around 5p and travel to St. Barnabas to join their teen group for a night of camaraderie, pizza, and a talk by an archdiocesan priest who serves as an official exorcist of the Catholic Church. Come hear about this little known rite and his stories. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, Nov. 4.

■ SUNDAY, NOV. 18TH MASS AND OPEN GYM BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

Join us for a Teen Mass at 6p and stick around for open gym and refreshments. Family and friends are always welcomed to join us!

MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV. 4

The registration deadline for the 2013 Teen Mission Trip is Monday, Nov. 4. Registration forms, available in the church office, must be signed and submitted to the Branches' mailbox along with a \$75 deposit (make checks out to St. Elizabeth Seton Church). You do not need to be a member of Branches to join the trip. Questions? Call co-leader Bruce Hall at (708) 403-7834.



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

11/3 & 11/4	5:00PM	7:15AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
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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.

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