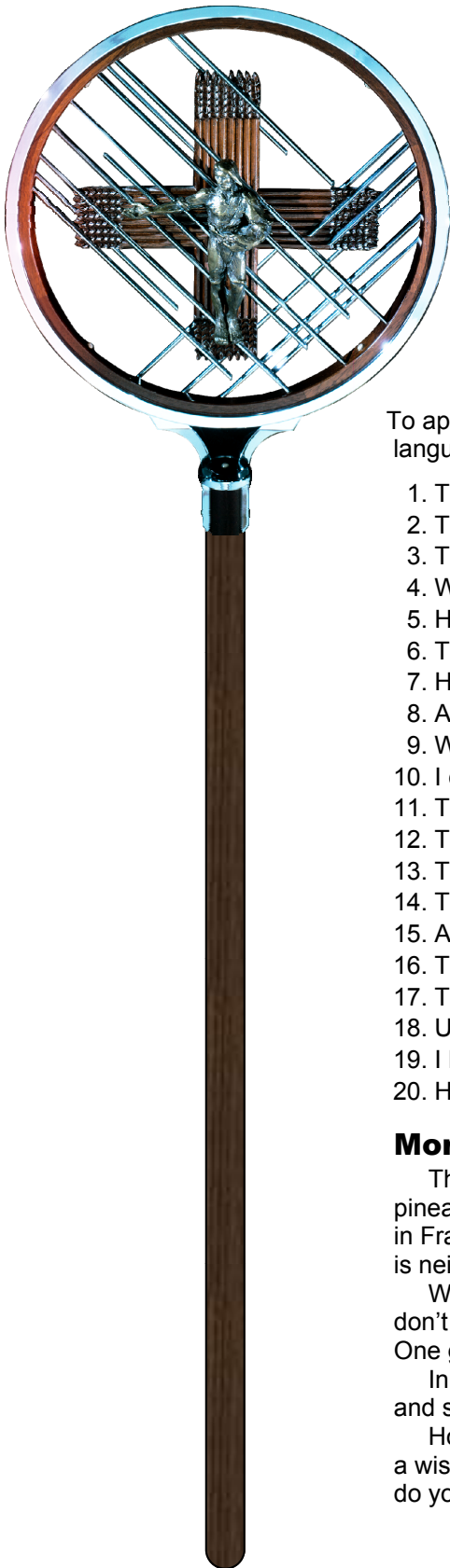


FAITH OPENS OUR EYES
TO HUMAN LIFE
IN ALL ITS GRANDEUR
AND BEAUTY

Respect Life Sunday



How blessed are they!
The poor in spirit,
those who mourn,
the meek,
those who hunger and thirst for justice,
the merciful,
the clean of heart,
the peacemakers,
those persecuted for righteousness,
those insulted and prosecuted
for their love of
the Gospel of Life!



Sharings

From Father Rich Homa

To welcome Fr. Stan back from his time away in Poland, I thought I'd interrupt my series on the Eucharist to help him in his polish (Polish?) his English-speaking skills.

So You Think English Is Easy?

To appreciate better the struggles faced by those learning English as a second language, try reading these sentences right the first time.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was full and had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier had to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. He thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. Upon seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

More English Mysteries

There is no egg in eggplant or ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

Writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham. If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, two geese. So one moose, two...meese?

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by car and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? Why does your house burn up as it burns down? Why do you fill in a form by filling it out, and how can an alarm go off by going on?

May God bless you,

Fr. Rich Homa

Living The Word

Sunday
Reflections for
28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Oct. 14, 2012

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: SEEK WISDOM

What do you seek? What are you looking for in life? Next week in the prayer (often attributed to Solomon), of one who seeks and receives first prudence, then wisdom. Mark tells us about a man seeking to inherit eternal life. We are all still seeking something, not always what we need most.

FIRST READING

I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom (Wisdom 7:7-11).

This reading matches well the theme of the Gospel where we hear that we should love God and love those who are our neighbors.

This is truly God's will, and this is the most assured way of living lives that are anchored in God.

SECOND READING

The word of God discerns reflections and thoughts of the heart (Hebrews 4:12-13).

This passage speaks of the word of God being a two-edged sword. God's word is not something that can be ignored or discounted. It cuts right to our heart. This image is used in the Book of Revelation where a sword comes from the mouth of Jesus (His word) and the

Gospel of Luke where Mary is told a sword would pierce her heart. (In the Bible, the heart is where one thinks.) God's word would pierce her thoughts to help her believe what was impossible: that her son was the Son of God.

GOSPEL

Sell what you have, and follow Me (Mark 10:17-27).

Jesus challenges the man who came to Him for calling him good. This is what a rabbi in his time would do, for the term "good" was reserved for God. Jesus then recites the commandments as an explanation of what one should do. This man responds that he has always observed the commandments. Jesus, loving the man, asks him to sell what he has and give it to the poor and follow Him. Jesus knew that this sacrifice would not be easy, but it is the same sacrifice that each Christian must face at some point in life. We must decide what is really important, what is

worth living and dying for, and we must be willing to pay that price. The man cannot give up the security of his many possessions and he goes away sad. His hands were already filled with what he owned, and he could not therefore embrace Jesus and His call. Jesus then speaks of the difficulty of the rich entering the kingdom of God. The apostles were astonished, for the rich were considered to be blessed. The apostles were hoping that they themselves would become rich. But Jesus tells them it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven.

REFLECTION

The wisdom prayed for in the first reading is a gift from God. Perhaps the first question that confronts us today is whether we consider wisdom worth our energy and effort, or whether we are busy pursuing what are considered more "practical" objectives. Consider, however, that the wisdom of God has been described as knowledge of how to do things—in Solomon's case, ruling wisely. Scripture also connects the pursuit of wisdom

Readings for the Week

October 8th-October 13th:

Mon.: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tues.: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wed.: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thurs.: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Fri.: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Sat.: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

with the pursuit of eternal life that the man is seeking in the Gospel. He has come to recognize that eternal life is the supreme value, and he wants to know what he must do to inherit it. Again, wisdom as doing. When Jesus points him toward keeping the commandments, he quickly responds that he's been this "from my youth." He wins Jesus' heart with this response, so Jesus invites him to join His disciples to be part of a new family, leaving his property, possessions, and all that binds him to the past. All too much! He walks away sad. "Who can be saved?" Asks Peter. "Impossible for humans, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Which brings us back to prayer: Ask for wisdom, the ability to do what is necessary, and more will be given than you can imagine. God's word is spoken of as living and effective, a two-edged sword that penetrates our heart, enables discernment, brings light, leads to right action. What does God's work illuminate today? What do you seek? What do you ask for in prayer?



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

**\$1000 EARLY BIRD DRAWING
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. 10th, 4-5pm**
- Saturday, Oct. 13th, 9:30-10:30am**
- 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 9-30-12:
\$20,178.19
KIDS COLLECTION:
\$43.49

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Nick and Becky Tessari
(Child: **Eleanor Tessari**)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 9-30-12:
Luke Brian, child of Robert and Stacy Wasik

WEDDINGS

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

- Kathleen Cahill and Joanathan Cline**; 10-13
- Mary Fugger and Christopher Young**; 10-26
- Amy Ronspies and William Joseph Epley**; 11-3
- Kerry Brennan and Patrick Doran**; 11-10

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| DJ Shiffer | Florence Smith |
| Betty Carcelli | Ellen Murphy |
| James Pierce | Ryan Keeney |
| Kenneth Krueger | LaVerne Krueger |
| Ed Hindman | Laura Muller |

And for our deceased:

- Margaret Bourdage**
- Victoria Kozacek**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct. 6th (5pm) **Frances Gill; Ronald Jordan; Joseph Grogan;
Lawrence J. Hanlon; Kathryn Dresden; Anna Dresden**

Sunday, Oct. 7th

- (7:15am) **Parishioners; John and Mary Tonhaiser**
- (8:30am) **Charles Peters; Della Nowak**
- (10am) **Daniel Pohrebny; Ted Kowal; Isabella Tantillo; Rual Ortiz;
Charles Patrick; Aurora Sagusay**
- (11:30am) **Maddalena Frigo; Jacenty and Stefanie Biela;
June Tunelius**

Mon., Oct. 8th (9am) **June Tunelius; Jesus Ismael Dominguez**

Tues., Oct. 9th (9am) **Catherine Corrello; Robert Corrello;**

Any and Nellie Kelly; Carol Kelly

Wed., Oct. 10th (9am) **Helen Weinert; Debbie Bierman;**

Ted and Rita Zarnecki

Thurs., Oct. 11th (9am) **Corinne Gillis; Tina D'Antonio**

Fri., Oct. 12th (9am) **Thomas Cloonan; Edith Graziano**



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

The Road To Emmaus

*By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate*

The Power of the Lord

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.

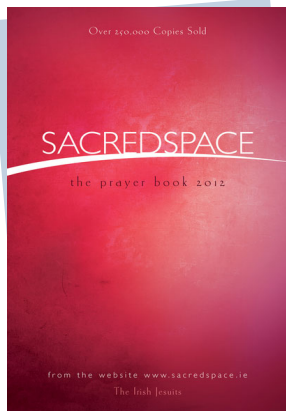
WE DEAL WITH MATTERS OF FAITH EVERY SINGLE DAY whether we consciously think about it or not. We turn on the switch and expect the light to come on. It's the same with water from the faucets and heat from the furnace. We never even entertain the thought that it won't work, we just take it for granted when we turn the handle or dial the thermostat. It's so second nature to us that I've even 'flipped the switch' during power failures totally expecting the lights to come on!

But some matters of faith are bigger. These may require a great deal of time and thought before we choose to believe, or even can believe. And sometimes, though we decide, "Yes, I believe," it's critical that that belief is nurtured and fed so it continues to grow and be vital and, hopefully, to also become second nature.

Take, for example, when we choose to believe in God's promise to be with us always. When we are children, we have a child's faith that is like the simple faith we have when we turn on that light switch. But, as we grow older, questions arise and we begin to take a closer look at what we have said yes to. Sometimes, in the looking, we feel God is not really close to us. We sense a distance. And so we pray for the Lord to come and be with us and

make his presence felt. We look for him, hope for him, yearn for him. Maybe we are experiencing physical or emotional problems, financial difficulties, or maybe we have lost someone close to us and are desperate for God to help us but it seems as though he is tarrying...not coming when we need him so urgently. That is when we should hold fast to our faith the most and that is when it is the most difficult because we feel abandoned. We may even reach the point when we say, "Forget it! I don't want you now!" But, nothing is impossible, for from the depth of our despair the Lord will call us forth to a new life. Out of our pain and suffering he will forge a tempered spirit that can withstand the hurt that surrounds us in this world a little better.

IT DOESN'T HAPPEN overnight, it doesn't happen in a week, or a month, or even a year. It is a continual process that goes on behind the scenes so to speak: when we gather for prayer, celebrate the Eucharist, or help another person in need. It happens when we are with our families, in the midst of our community, and even when we are alone. Though things may look dark and bleak and our hearts so heavy we are joyless, God's love and mercy will be ever present, for when we 'flip God's switch,' there is no such thing as a power failure.



**Sacred Space
Reflection
Meeting:**
**Monday, Oct. 8th
at 9:30am
in the Cornerstone**
**Monday, Oct. 8th
at 7pm
in the Cornerstone**

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

Photo © John Zich



Wait

We wait for Mass to begin. But do we wait during the Mass itself? If we hear Saint Paul correctly, the entire Mass is a waiting time. The Mass waits for and expects the second coming of Jesus. The Mass proclaims that in the death and resur-

rection of Jesus our redemption has begun to take hold of us, but we expect and await its completion when the Lord will come again in glory. Paul told the Corinthians: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

We live in an in-between time, a waiting time before the Lord will come to bring all things together under his headship. In the meanwhile, especially at Mass, we wait and pray in our struggles with evil. After the Lord's Prayer we ask, "Deliver us, Lord, from every evil . . . as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

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

**Be Still... A Call To Centering Prayer
Wednesday, October 10th at 7pm**
You are invited to join in an hour of quiet time and learn about Centering Prayer. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Cornerstone building located on the corner of 167th St. and 94th Ave. Questions? Please call Marge at 708-460-5357.



...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. 3rd
Maggie Hattar

Wednesday, Oct. 10th
Afeef Sy

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.



*“I have set before you life and death...
Therefore choose life that both you and your descendants
MAY LIVE.”*

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

Respect Life Sunday Life Prayer Chain THIS SUNDAY, OCT. 7, 2012

Join with Fr. Stan Kuca and Seton parishioners
from 2:30-3:30pm in a silent, prayerful protest along
LaGrange Rd. in Orland Park.

DID YOU KNOW THAT OVER 80% OF WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD ABORTIONS SAID THAT IT WAS NOT THOUGHT OUT...IT WAS AN IMPULSE DECISION MADE OUT OF DESPAIR AND FEAR. Choosing life is infinitely harder now. Pressures and demands come from so many places. Parents, friends, spouses, employers, teachers, counselors, the media and society itself all seem to want to have a voice in what choice should be made for a new life. The scripture words above were spoken centuries ago but seem to apply even more so today.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR FOR ONLY ONE HOUR AS WE PRAY TO DEFEND THE LIFE OF THE UNBORN AND THEIR MOTHERS. Life Chains will be in over 900 cities. **Come out to Lagrange Road on this Sunday, Oct. 7th from 2:30-3:30pm when St. Elizabeth Seton parishioners will stand with all denominations in our community** as we join together in a silent, prayerful demonstration of our firm belief against abortion.

THE LOCATION FOR ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISHIONERS IS 15200 LAGRANGE ROAD

by Pier One Imports (There are no graphic images on the signs depicting abortions. The signs distributed have ONLY positive life supporting messages such as: Life—the First Inalienable Right; Jesus Forgives and Heals; Adoption: The Loving Option; and Abortion Hurts Women.)

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., Orland Park, 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.

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: *Divorce and Hurting?*

Divorce is painful and often shattering. Divorce does change every aspect of a person's life. If you would like help managing these changes, 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). The resource book, *Divorce and Beyond* will be used. Those who suffered a divorce are invited to register. Future meeting TBD. Call Deacon Joe Truesdale at 708-614-0286 to reserve your space.

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.



*Tickets must
be purchased
in advance*



*Your
donation
is Tax
deductible*

GREETINGS FROM TEAM DJ!!

DJ Shiffer, the 7yr old son of Parishioners Erin & Damon and the grandson of Paul and Denise Buschman (choir), is battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, The Shiffer Family & Friends are hosting a Cosmic Bowling Benefit at Strike & Spare Bowl, in Lockport, IL. From 2:30-6:30p.

Tickets are: Adults 13 and up **\$25.00 each**
5-12yrs old **\$20.00 each**
Dinner only tickets **\$12.50 each**
4-under a donation

Tickets include: Dinner- 2 games with shoes and a chance ticket for a door prize.

Free will donations are also greatly appreciated. For more information and tickets contact Denise Buschman at 815-588-0994

Benefit for Lisa Johnston

Parishioners are invited to join in the "Benefit for Lisa" on Friday, Oct. 12th from 7pm-Midnight at 115 Bourbon Street, Merrionette Park. Lisa Johnston, Orland Park resident, has been diagnosed with Fallopian Tube Cancer, a rare cancer (only 1-2%) of gynecological cancers. Lisa has overcome many other medical issues in her lifetime: nine brain surgeries; two blood clots to her lungs; brain seizures. Her government medical allotment (CHIPS) will be exhausted soon. Tickets are \$30each (\$35/at-the-door). Visit www.benefitforlisa.org for tickets or contact Bette Jo Maldonado at 708-557-1966 or bettejo1@sbcglobal.net. Ticket includes full buffet, beer, wine, soft drinks, homemade desserts. Entertainment by Keith Christopher Entertainment Group.

Marian Catholic Arts and Crafts Show

Marian Catholic High School Band Parents host the 31st Annual Oktoberfest Arts and Crafts Show at Marian Catholic High School, Chicago Heights, on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 10am-4pm. There will be crafters, homemade baked goods for sale, prize drawings, and wonderful, homemade German food. Admission is \$1. Seniors and children under 12/FREE.

Orland Hills Craft, Product and Art Fair

Village of Orland Hills Sixth Annual Craft, Product and Art Fair on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 10am-3pm at the Village of Orland Hills Recreation Dept., 16553 S. Haven Ave. Open rain or shine. This is an event for all ages! **FREE ADMISSION!**

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

MASS LOCATION CHANGE!

Join us as we joyfully celebrate together at a special Mass with Fr. Rick Frechette of NPH Haiti

MASS WITH FR. FRECHETTE

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012

11am-12:30pm

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Parish Life Center

Refreshments provided.

For information please call

Liz Wisnasky

at 708-614-6475.

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.

TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



IN 2013 OUR COUNTRY WILL OBSERVE A SHAMEFUL ANNIVERSARY, marking 40 years of a “culture of death” that began when the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Roe v. Wade*, struck down all state laws restricting abortion. Since the advent of “legalized” abortion, over 53 million children have lost their lives, and their parents and family members have been forever, unalterably changed.

In addition to opening the door to abortion on request for all nine months of pregnancy, the Supreme Court’s decision eroded respect for human life and led to a growing acceptance of death as the “solution” to personal and societal problems. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are now promoted as answers to declining health and disability. Human embryonic stem cell research, in which week-old embryos are sacrificed, is championed as a means to cure disease. To solve the problem of low fertility, many doctors create human embryos in their clinics, knowing full well that few embryos will survive to birth and the majority will be discarded or die. And the death penalty is still vigorously defended as the answer to violent crime.

A long time ago, God the Father allowed the Israelites to wander in a wasteland for 40 painful years. This exile was not only a punishment for having rejected Him, it was also a test of the faithfulness before they would be allowed to enter the land He had promised them. At the end of their time in the desert, the Israelites were given one final challenge: “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, / by loving the LORD, your God, obeying His voice, and holding fast to Him” (Dt 30:19-20).

Even after reaching Canaan, the Israelites had to endure many battles before they could freely occupy the land. And this was to strengthen their faith in God and affirm their total reliance on Him. So, too, have these last 40 years tested our faithfulness. But they have also strengthened the resolve of many Christians, especially teens and young adults, to be more determined than ever to help bring about a “culture of life.”

How do we strengthen our faith and resolve today, as our country marks 40 years in the wasteland of the culture of death? Providentially, Pope Benedict XVI has declared a worldwide *Year of Faith*, beginning on Oct. 11, 2012 and concluding on Nov. 24, 2013. In introducing the *Year of Faith*, the Holy Father spoke of the grave difficulties of our time, and the need for the Church to lead people out of the desert and clasp sinners to

its bosom. He suggested a path of penance and renewal and called for authentic conversion and witness to charity so the Church might be the visible community of God’s mercy.

The Holy Father reminds us that faith is a journey, a pilgrimage. The path to true happiness is a path of penance and renewal. As pilgrims make their progress, both the pathway and the journey can change them profoundly. The Israelites who set out for the Promised Land were not the same Israelites who entered Canaan. As they grew in their faith, they were finally able to recognize the treasure God put before them. Faith opens our eyes to the true value of what is before us. In the light of faith, we come to understand that every human being is priceless in the Father’s eyes because our lives have been ransomed at the price of His Son Jesus’ blood.

The 40th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* lands squarely within the *Year of Faith*. It is as if the Holy Father has given the Church in the United States a focused time to acknowledge the great sin of abortion with all its manifold consequences, and to embrace a time of penance and conversion. Above all, in this *Year of Faith*, may the Church and all its members become living witnesses upon all those who have promoted or been wounded by the culture of death.

Pope Benedict has invited us on a journey of faith to open our eyes to the grandeur and beauty of all human life and to become courageous and effective defenders of every human life.

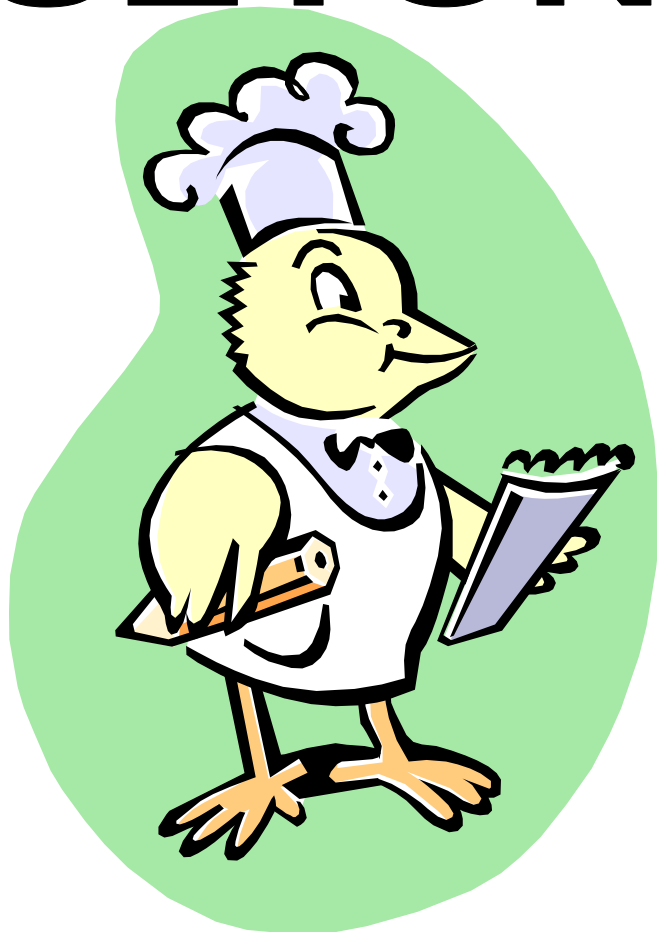
How will you respond to this invitation?

THE HOLY SEE CALLS EACH OF US in this *Year of Faith* to study the teachings of Catholicism and to strengthen our personal relationship with our Lord. While the Church singles out the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as foundational for our reflection, it also calls our attention to the beautiful teachings in the pro-life encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, the *Gospel of Life*. So for Americans, the *Year of Faith* can be a time of reflection and response to 40 years of the culture of the *Gospel of Life*.

May we take full advantage of this coming year, as individuals, parishes and organizations, in our prayer, reflection and acts of reparation. As we enter the *Year of Faith*, may the journey open our eyes to human life in all its grandeur and beauty.

SECRETARIAT OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES: *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*. www.usccb.org

SETON



Men's Club 12th Annual
**BROASTED
CHICKEN
BUFFET**
SUNDAY, OCT. 14TH
Parish Life Center
3PM-6PM

Pre-Sale Dinner Prices:

Adults-\$8

\$3 Children/under 12

AT DOOR:

Adults-\$9

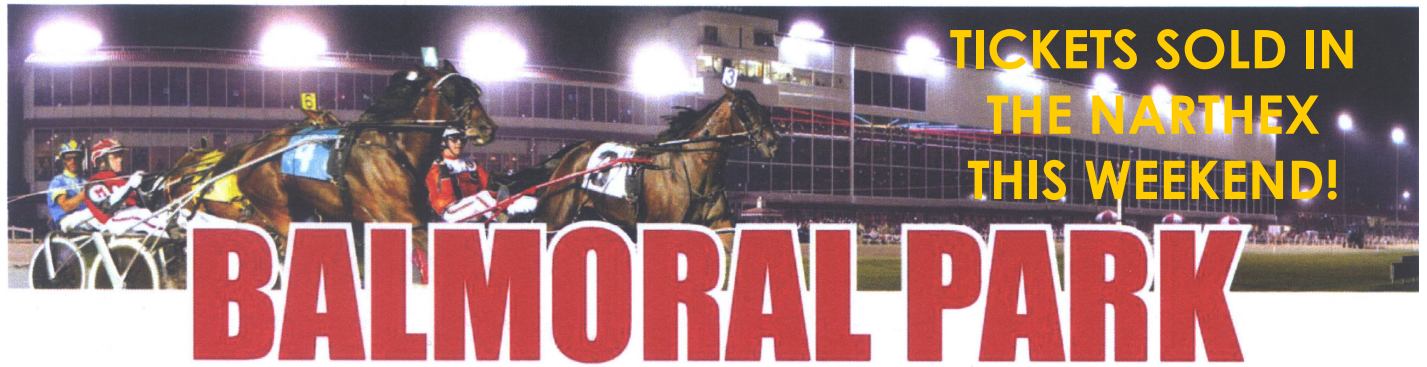
\$4 Children/under 12

-  *Broasted Chicken*
-  *Mostaccioli*
-  *Potatoes*
-  *Salad*
-  *Hot Vegetables*
-  *Bread*
-  *Soda/Coffee*

**Save a
dollar by getting
your early!
Tickets available
in parish office
October 1st!**



TICKETS SOLD IN THE NARTHEX 9/29-30 AND 10/6-7



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
Balmoral Park Racetrack!

Your special evening will include:

- Complimentary Clubhouse Admission
- 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.
- Voucher drawing by Balmoral Park
- Special Race Dedication for St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
- Group Photo in the Winner's Circle

**DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 14TH**

Drive on your own **\$35**

Or take the bus, and leave the driving to us! **\$45**

Bus leaves Seton at 5:00 p.m.

Call Anna at (708)-532-6731

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

Have Fun! Win Money\$



Balmoral Park is located on 394, just 12 miles south of the I-80/90/94 interchange in Crete.

26435 South Dixie Highway / Crete, IL 60417
(708) 672-1414

www.balmoralpark.com



Men's Club News

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Meeting of the 2012 Year

■ Wednesday, October 10th

General Meeting

Doors open at 7pm. Meeting begins at 7:30pm.

AGENDA:

- CHICKEN DINNER Overview — October 14
- CHICKEN DINNER Volunteer Sign Up
- RECAP of the Golf League
- JDRF No Limits Candlelight Bowl — November 3
- CHICAGO WOLVES Game — April 13

As always NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS are WELCOME and encouraged to attend.

PLEASE NOTE:

All members must sign in and all dues must be paid by the end of the October meeting.

2012-2013 Men's Club Officers



2012 Men's Club President: Gene Zabilka



2012-2013 Men's Club Officers (Pictured L-R):

Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick McMahon

Vice President: Greg Skrzypiec

Treasurer: Ron Dickover

President: Gene Zabilka

Secretary: Stephen Juska



SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

Mission Trip 2013 Info Meeting

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. 3 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.

MEMORIES OF BETSY LAYNE MISSION TRIP 2012

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, last July the Seton Branches youth group traveled to Betsy Layne, Kentucky-population 688-to join 250 other teens from across the country in a week of service. After months of preparation, fundraising meetings, and asking for support, our four vans headed off to Appalachia to make a difference in any way we could.

THE WEEK WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS, and, together with the other teen groups, we served about 50 residents and organizations throughout this mining community. While painting walls, staining decks, building, scraping, and drilling, we served God, helped the local residents, and bonded with teens from Georgia, North Carolina, Indiana, and Michigan. We all came home with laughs to last until next year, paint-stained clothing and bodies, new friends, and a renewed spirit.

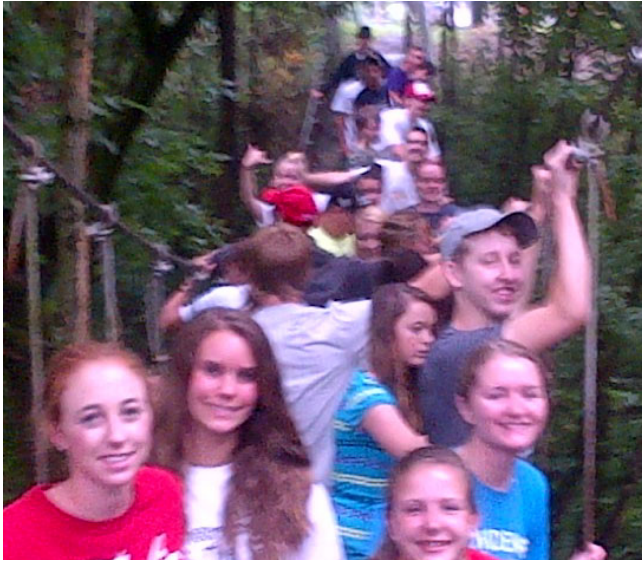
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU who answered our prayers for support with your prayers and generosity. We are so grateful! Because of you we had a successful trip and were able to be the light of Christ to others. God bless! -- *Erin Shea and Branches Youth Group 2012*



Amber Bielunski preparing to paint.



Betsy Layne Elementary and the Smoky Mountains, home base for 250 teens from across the country.



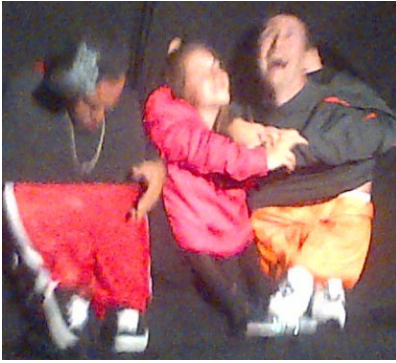
The whole Seton group on the bridge outside Betsy Layne Elementary School where we stayed.



Left to right) Danielle Miller, Emily Bilecki, and Emily Eglar enjoying the opening program



The house with the deck we stained.



Adult leader Ricky Wojcik (right) in a skit (Kyle Leeson's arms masquerade as Ricky's arms).



Our tired crew returns to Seton. (from right) Adam Gent, Amber Bielunski, Casey Kochniarczyk.



Dance party during one evening's program.



One of the work groups posing on the deck we stained. Kyle Leeson kneeling, with Amber Bielunski behind.



CJB Student Council Family Shower

THE STUDENT COUNCIL AT CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN, your parish school, is hosting a Family Shower for the families residing at Catholic Charities New Hope Apartments in our local community. During this project, we will be collecting items that are daily essentials for healthy and comfortable living for these families in need. If you would like to make a donation, please drop off your items at the Cardinal Joseph

Bernardin School office on Oct. 9, 10 or 11 between 8:30am and 1pm.

We chose this project to be completed in October, because October is the month of the Holy Rosary and in honor of Mary and mothers everywhere who are struggling to take care of their families and provide their basic needs.

Listed below are some suggested items. Gift cards are also accepted: Visa, American Express, Target or WalMart are preferred. Monetary donations are welcome as well. Please make all checks payable to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School. **You are helping families just like yours with your donation.** We thank you on behalf of CJB Student Council for your generosity and support!

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Kirk, Student Council Moderator, at ckirk@cjbschool.org.



<u>Baby Products</u>	<u>Paper Products</u>	<u>Household Cleaning Products</u>
Diapers	Paper Towels	Toilet Bowl Cleaner & Brush
Baby Wipes	Toilet Paper	Glass Cleaner
Baby Shampoo	Tissues	Bathroom Cleaner
Baby Powder	Kitchen Napkins	Laundry Detergent
Cotton Swabs	Ziploc Bags	Fabric Softener
	Aluminum Foil	Dryer Sheets
	Garbage Bags	Mop and Bucket
		Dish Soap
<u>Personal Hygiene Products</u>	<u>Other Needs</u>	
Shampoo	Toothbrushes	Bed Sheets (Twin Kid Print)
Bath Soap	Toothpaste	Bed Sheets (Full Size)
Bath Sponges	Dental Floss	Bath Towels (Complete Set)
Deodorant	Shave Cream	Kitchen Towels
Disposable Razors		

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

*On a Haunted
Hayride with
Bonfire*



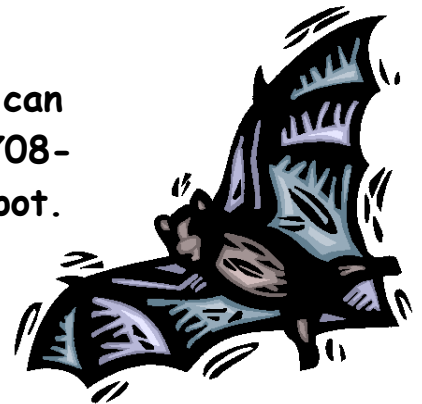
Saturday, Oct. 20th 7:30pm

Tickets: \$12 per person

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

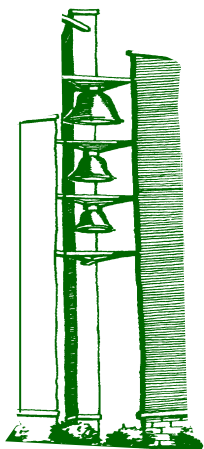
Tickets will be sold after all of the Masses on Saturday, Oct. 13th and Sunday, Oct. 14th. You can also make a reservation by calling Maryola Ward (708-403-1696 by Friday, Oct. 19th to reserve your spot.

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, in the parish office and at the October meeting.

**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.

DECEMBER 11TH ST. THERESE'S SHRINE

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

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAINT THEODORE GUÉRIN

1798-1856

TRUST IN GOD'S
PROVIDENCE ENABLED
Mother Theodore to leave
her homeland, sail halfway
around the world and to
found a new religious
congregation.

Born in Etables, France, Anne-Thérèse's life was shattered by her father's murder when she was 15. For several years she cared for her mother and younger sister. She entered the Sisters of Providence in 1823, taking the name Sister St. Theodore. An illness during novitiate left her with lifelong fragile health; that did not keep her from becoming an accomplished teacher.

At the invitation of the bishop of Vincennes, she and five sisters were sent in 1840 to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, to teach and to care for the sick poor. She was to establish a motherhouse and novitiate. Only later did she learn that her French superiors had already decided the sisters in the United States should form a new religious congregation under her leadership.

She and her community persevered despite fires, crop failures, prejudice against Catholic women religious, misunderstandings and separation from their original religious congregation. She once told her sisters, "Have confidence in the Providence that so far has never failed us. The way is not yet clear. Grope along slowly. Do not press matters; be patient, be trustful." Another time, she asked, "With Jesus, what shall we have to fear?"

She is buried in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, and was beatified in 1998. Eight years later she was canonized.

COMMENT

God's work gets done by people ready to take risks and to work hard—always remembering what St. Paul told the Corinthians, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Every holy person has a strong sense of God's Providence.

QUOTE

During his homily at the beatification Mass, Pope John Paul II said that Blessed Mother Theodore "continues to teach Christians to abandon themselves to the providence of our heavenly Father and to be totally committed to doing what pleases him. The life of Blessed Theodore Guérin is a testimony that everything is possible with God and for God."



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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)

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered on Saturday, between 4:15-4:45pm.
- **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated twice monthly at 1pm. Reserve your time by calling the Pastoral Center early. We are limited to six children per Sunday.
- **Baptismal** Couples preparing for the birth of their child should contact the Pastoral Center to register for a one night seminar, focusing on a parent's role in his/her child's faith development. This session is mandatory prior to the Baptism.
- **Anointing of the Sick** is available in the Church every Monday after the 9am Mass. For those who are ill or facing hospitalization, it is appropriate to receive the sacrament once every six months. Please call the Pastoral Center for more information.
- **Ministry of Care** is available to give Communion to the housebound, to visit and pray for hospitalized and/or to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Pastoral Center for assistance.
- **In the Hospital?** Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations hospitals can no longer contact the parish regarding your hospitalization. It is the responsibility of you or a family member to notify our parish. We desire to offer whatever spiritual support we can. Please call the Pastoral Center.
- **Sacrament of Marriage** Couples planning to marry are encouraged to make arrangements at least six months in advance.
- **Wedding Workshops** are offered throughout the year. They provide engaged couples with guidelines and suggestions for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. The workshop covers topics ranging from readings and music to flowers and video taping.
- **Adult Choir** sings at all 10am Sunday Masses, as well as at a number of special liturgies.
- **Moving?** Please call the office at 708-403-0101.

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