

Jesus said,
"This poor widow
put in more than
all the others. For
they all contributed
from their surplus
wealth, but she
contributed
all she had."

MARK 12:43-44

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 11, 2012





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.

(Continued from last week...)

THE LATIN MASS WHICH WAS PRACTICED IN THE 1500'S, AND WHICH was declared the official Eucharistic Liturgy of the Church by the Council of Trent, was vastly different from the "Table of the Lord's Supper" which was celebrated by the first-century Christian Community. A number of factors contributed to the centuries-long process of change by which the Lord's Supper changed into the Latin Mass. Some of these factors were:

Growing Numbers and Anonymity

THE EARLIEST COMMUNITIES GATHERING TO SHARE FOOD IN JESUS' NAME ALL knew each other, and so there was a natural sense of unity and intimacy when they shared the bread and wine which they believed was the Body and Blood of Jesus. Also, as relatively small gatherings, it wasn't difficult to share the Lord's Supper in private homes, or in secret places if it was a time of persecution.

However, as the size of these Christian communities grew, first through the increasing numbers of gentile Christians, and later, when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, the results were: first, that the "house-churches" became inadequate to handle these numbers; second, that it was increasingly more difficult to truly "gather around" the table; and third, that people no longer knew all the people with whom they were sharing the Lord's Supper.

Romanization

WHEN THE EMPEROR CONSTANTINE BECAME A CHRISTIAN IN THE EARLY 300'S, AND DECLARED THAT CHRISTIANITY was to be the official religion of the Roman Empire, the impact on this young religion was far greater and long-lasting than just the fact that Christians no longer had to live in fear of persecution and death, but could practice their faith openly.

First, as Christianity grew and became an organized religion, its structures of government began to closely mirror the power structure of the Roman Empire. Thus, there developed what was called the “hierarchical: model of church governance, which can be imaged as a triangle standing vertically. This model looked like this:

<u>Roman Empire</u>		<u>Christian Church</u>
The Gods	...Above the Triangle...	The Trinity
The Emperor of Rome	...Pinnacle of the Triangle...	The Bishop of Rome
The Senate		The Bishops
The Governors of Territories		The Clergy
The Subjects	...Base of the Triangle...	The Laity

A very important implication of this hierarchical or triangular model of Empire and Church was that God was less and less seen as present within the community (the older “circular” model of Christian community,) and more and more seen as existing above and apart from the Church. Also, following from the Roman belief that the Emperor was the closest to the gods (some emperors were referred to as “Son of God” and even as “God in human form”) in the Christian community, the Pope, Bishops, and clergy became viewed as closer to God than the laity, and representatives of God on earth, bringing the God above down to the laity on earth. This view, of God coming through the clergy to the people, would impact the way the Church conducted the liturgy for centuries.

Second, the official language of the Roman Empire was Latin, and although Rome never forced everyone in its conquered territories to learn and know Latin, Latin was the language of the educated, and was the language used in commerce and government, the common thread tying all the diverse conquered territories together. Thus it was natural that over time Latin would be adopted as the official language of the Christian community centered in Rome, which later became known as the Roman Catholic Church; and in time, Latin became the only language used in the liturgies of the Roman Church.

(To be continued...)

May God Bless You,

Jr. Rich Roma



LAST CHANCE!

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This Sunday, November 11th after the 11:30am Mass

TICKETS: \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25

Ticket can be purchased in the parish office.

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Living The Word

Sunday
Reflections for
33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Nov. 18, 2012

Loving God, You created all that is in the heavens and on the earth; we know our future is in Your hands. Help us to entrust ourselves to Your mercy and care. Do not allow temptation to overwhelm us, but send Your Spirit to lead us into Your kingdom, where Your Son reigns forever and ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Every year we hear “apocalyptic readings” selections from the Old Testament and the Gospels that offered in veiled and imaginative language revelations about the future, picturing distress and tribulation, followed by a new age. They served then and now to call listeners to trust in the Lord.

FIRST READING

At that time Your people shall escape (Daniel 12:1-3).

This apocalyptic reading prepares us for the end of the Church Year and also for the end of the world. It speaks of Michael, the archangel, who will fight a great battle against the forces of evil. There will be a time of tribulation. Apocalyptic books always spoke of this

tribulation as a time when the good would be tested and the evil would be defeated. Finally, those who have died will rise from the grave, some to receive their eternal reward and others to be condemned and suffer their eternal punishment.

SECOND READING

By one offering He has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Jesus was the perfect High Priest who offered the sacrifice of His life and love once and for all time. There was no need to repeat it, for it was perfectly effective in obtaining the forgiveness of our sins. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are not repeating the sacri-

fice of Jesus one more time. At Mass, we pass outside of the normal understanding of time and place. We are present again at the Last Supper and Mount Calvary. We are not doing it again, but being once again present.

GOSPEL

He will gather His elect from the four winds (Mark 13:24-32).

Jesus speaks of the end of the world. He uses language that was in vogue during His time, e.g. tribulation, cosmic disturbances, etc. It is not clear if Jesus intended this to be understood literally, or if it was a symbolic way of saying that the world would come to

an end. Jesus also speaks of the Son of Man descending upon a cloud. This is a citation from the Book of Daniel, which states that the Son of Man will appear before the Ancient One (Yahweh) to receive power and dominion. Jesus is saying that He will rule over the heavens and the earth at the end of time. Jesus tells His listeners to look for the signs, but He also tells them that no one knows when it will occur. We are always seeing signs of our own end (e.g. gray hair, pain, etc.) as reminders that we will not last forever, and should be ready for our end. As for the end of the world, while we believe in it, we do not know when it will occur.

Readings for the Week

November 12th-17th:

Mon.: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tues.: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wed.: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thurs.: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Fri.: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Sat.: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

REFLECTION

The end of the Church Year directs our attention to what scripture says about the end

of time. Two of the words used to describe these texts are not part of our ordinary vocabulary: apocalyptic, which refers to receiving a “revelation” in a vision of something concealed up until now, and eschatological, which points to events of the endtime or final age (the *eschaton*), when the evil powers make their final struggle with God and are defeated. These readings have one important point to make: that all will be well. God is in charge, even when it seems that everything is coming to a catastrophic end. As we hear in the first reading, God has designated the angelic guardian Michael to watch over the people. Such a time will prove that how one lives life has consequences. The book of Daniel offers a word of consolation to the wise and those leaders who championed God’s justice. In the Gospel, Mark’s Jesus speaks of the coming of the Son of Man in great power and glory. While Jesus indicates in Mark’s Gospel that this would happen soon, such was not the case. We continue to wait on the Lord. When we pray the Our Father we always say, “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.” Someone asked recently why we pray that God not lead us into temptation, finding it strange to think of God doing such a thing. What we pray for is that God not let us fail in the final testing that everyone has to undergo.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Recently Hurricane Sandy disrupted millions of lives on the eastern seaboard of the United States. As we begin to learn of the devastating damage left in its wake, the heartfelt community of St. Elizabeth Seton is responding to this great need by taking up a second collection after Communion at all the Masses this weekend. Our donation will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

We join in prayer with others around the country for millions of families and individuals who are currently affected by Hurricane Sandy.

To make an individual donation please send your gift to Emergency Hurricane Sandy, 3525 S. Lake Park, Chicago, IL 60653. We thank you in advance for your gracious generosity.



Christmas Gift Names For St. Procopius Nov. 17/Nov. 18th

Next weekend, the St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry will be in the Narthex to distribute the names for Christmas gifts for the families of our sharing parish, St. Procopius. If you choose a name, please return your gift to St. Elizabeth Seton Church by Wednesday, Dec. 12th. If you do not choose to obtain a name but would like to make a monetary donation, you can give Jewel gift certificates. Gift certificates for St. Procopius families can be dropped off in the parish office any time before Dec. 12th.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 11-4-12:
Isabel Elisa, child of Robert and Benita Gerlach
Gabriella Elizabeth, child of Michael and Kathleen Flynn
Lilly Marie Rose, child of Jeffrey and Heather Staack

WEDDINGS

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

Emily Saathoff and **Matthew Mackanin**; 11-24
Kelli Dougherty and **Andrew Sobieszek**; 12-8

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Mary Boland

Catherine Scorzo

Barbara Knight

Carol Lampe

And for our deceased:

William Kolarec, SJ

Virginia Ziemba

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 10th (5pm) **Walter Handzik; Gianna Vaccarello; Gloria Viola; Raymond Durkin; Ted Zarnecki; Annabelle Santucci; Sam Shervino**

Sunday, Nov. 11th

(7:15am) **Robert Corrello; Jennifer Stanek**

(8:30am) **Joan Sipowicz; Valdene Hoogervorst**

(10am) **Linda Stromeck; Darryl Washington; Margaret Patrick**

(11:30am) **Michael and Peggy Leonard; Michael Mazur;**

Kathleen Kelliher; Bao Xing Shi

Mon., Nov. 12th (9am) **Greg Szyndrowski; Ellen Murphy;**

Harry Ulrich; Salas Family; Ed Chianalli; Munde Family

Tues., Oct. 13th (9am) **Ellen Murphy; Jelisavai Samanic;**

Frank Soprych

Wed., Oct. 14th (9am) **Jack Yanahan; Marguerite Linard;**

Victorino Legaspi; Lydia Irwin; Patrick Coleman

Thurs., Nov. 15th (9am) **Dolores O'Connor; Edith Graziano;**

Nik Samanic

Fri., Nov. 16th (9am) **Thomas Kelliher; Margaret Gendron;**

Dolores Pawlak; Patrick Ardagh

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 11-04-12:

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KIDS COLLECTION:

\$84.66

Thank you for your generosity.



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

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Celebrating the RCIA Rite of Acceptance

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.

IN OUR LIVES WE ARE CONSTANTLY IN A STATE OF CHANGE. It can be good change or bad change, but we are never **not** changing. It's just that sometimes it is a great sudden change that we and everyone else can readily see, and sometimes it is so subtle that years go by before we suddenly ask ourselves, "What happened, I never used to be like this!" Hopefully, when that question finally comes up, it is because we have changed for the better, not the worse. Most of my changes have been for the better, but I do have to take ownership of a few that have not been so good. What I do, then, is look at those changes that I don't like very much and work on them. With God's help, and some time, I know I can turn them around.

I have recently been privileged to meet a great group of young men who have been addressing change in their own lives. It's not the subtle and quiet kind of change, but the very open and very public change of deepening their commitment to and participation in our Christian community. They are our RCIA Candidates.

Journeying with them is our RCIA parish sponsors who have devoted most of the last 15-20 years to the numerous Candidates who have passed through the RCIA process here at St. Elizabeth Seton. They have entered prayer together to discern God's call for them in their lives. They do this on a regular basis because as I said at the beginning, we are constantly changing, so what we may be called to do or what we may be capable of doing is always growing and developing.

TODAY AT THE 10:00AM MASS OUR CANDIDATES will celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance*. This is a very important Rite both for them and for the community that is blessing them, praying for them, and supporting them. For the candidates, this is the first time they come before the assembly publicly to express their intentions to become part of the St. Elizabeth Seton parish community. For their individual sponsors and for the assembly, this is our opportunity to fulfill Christ's mission to us to spread the gospel message.

Once they have celebrated the *Rite of Acceptance* they enter into the Catechumenate period of the RCIA process that will prepare one of them for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Two of the Candidates will make a Profession of Faith for their Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. And the fourth Candidate will complete his initiation through the reception of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Catechumen Preparing
for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
Michael Farthing

Candidates Preparing for
Reception into Full Communion
with the Roman Catholic Church
Marcus McKibben
Edward Nelson

Candidate Preparing to
Complete the Sacraments of Initiation
Nick Tessari



Men's Club Thanks You For Your Support

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to and supported this years Chicken Dinner. With out your support we could not continue to carry out our church support and community involvement.



Once again, **THANK YOU.**
St. Elizabeth Seton Men's Club

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

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Sit

"Why are you sitting around doing nothing?" the owner of the vineyard says to the day laborers in Jesus's parable. It's a question—and maybe a bit of an accusation—we can sometimes toss at each other in our families. In fact, it happens. We can sit around and do nothing. But there is another side to sitting.

"Sit up and pay attention. This is really important." We've heard that too. Sitting can mean receiving a message, learning something of value, or letting ourselves be affected by what we see and hear. That's the sitting that goes on at Mass.

We do sit at Mass, and we are ready to be touched by the Word of God. If we sit up and pay attention, how can we not be affected by the message? You are forgiven. You are loved. You have great gifts and responsibilities. You are connected to each other. You are the object of God's hope.

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

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Be Still... A Call To Centering Prayer
Wednesday, November 14th 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.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the poor widow put in more than the other contributors because from her poverty she contributed all that she had "her whole livelihood." The world needs heroes today to "contribute all that they have" to Christ. Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life?

For information about the priesthood in Chicago, please contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298, bwelter@archchicago.org, 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, Nov. 14th
Joy Preston

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.



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A FAIR WAGE,
**A LIFE-CHANGING
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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 offered with light refreshments, Fair Trade coffee, and sample tastings of olive oils and dips featured.

Sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Seton 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.

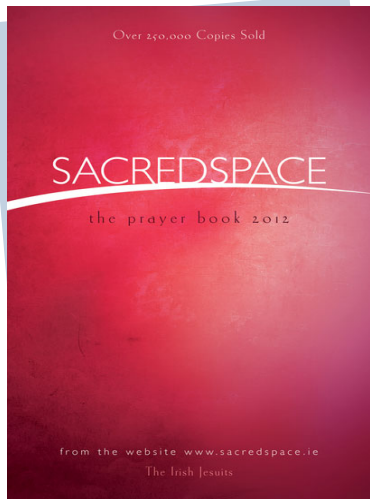
Young women will have a brighter and better future. Children will be able to attend school and create their own future because of the added income Fair Trade brings to their families. The farmers of Kuapa co-own Divine Chocolate, and the premium they receive from their Fair Trade cocoa has allowed them 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 *Ten Thousand Villages*, one of the world's oldest and largest not-for-profit fair trade Organizations. All purchases will help to alleviate poverty through trade rather than aid.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event.

Please call 708-403-0101.



SACRED SPACE, THE PRAYER BOOK REFLECTION

(When we pray we are not alone. We are part of a global community.)

Something to think and pray about this week:

As the autumn days highlight signs of the coming winter we may notice subtle signs of our own mortality. We go to funerals of friends younger than ourselves. We doctor for skin cancer, back pain, a hiatus hernia, and/or high blood pressure and know that while all these can be kept under control, they are going to stay with us to the end.

Is it any comfort to know that our bodies have in fact been deteriorating since the age of about 17, when our senses were at their sharpest? What is marvelous is that we last so long nowadays. Many babies of today will live to be 100. Glasses, hearing and walking aids, dentures, hip replacements – we would rather not need them, but they make it possible for our real life, the life of heart and mind and soul, to blossom even further. We are not going to see our senses grow sharper with age, or our limbs become more flexible. But there is something we can see and control – it is to live until we die! We can look back on our lives with gratitude and some humor. We need not be overburdened by the mistakes or misfortunes we experience but we can give them over to the good God who makes all things well again. In this way we can surely be alive until we die.

St. George Church Offers Mission

St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St., Tinley Park, invites you to their Parish Mission on Monday, Nov. 12th, Tuesday, Nov. 13th and Wednesday, Nov. 14th. For more information please call 708-532-2243.

St. Julie Thanksgiving Community Dinner

St. Julie Church invites you to their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 22nd from 1-3pm in the St. Julie Billiard Church Devine Center, 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park. Cost: FREE. Limit 200. RSVP to Merilee at 708-429-6767. Limited transportation. If you are homebound, just call and they will bring you a meal! Food donations for the dinner appreciated. Please call 708-429-6767 to see how you can help.

Stagg High School Arts/Crafts Festival

Stagg High School Music Boosters, 111th and Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, invites you to their Annual Arts for the Season Arts and Crafts Festival on Sunday, Nov. 11th from 10am-3pm. Arts and crafts booths, vendor booths, pictures with Santa, lunch and food sampling, raffles, and entertainment. \$2 Adult admission. Children are free. A Pancake Breakfast offered from 10am-1pm.

St. Christopher School Holiday Craft Show

St. Christopher Craft Show, 1461 Keeler Ave., Midlothian. Saturday, Nov. 17th from 9am-4pm and Sunday Nov. 18th from 8:30am-3pm. and Over 85 crafters, adult and children's raffle, full kitchen with fresh baked bread.

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.

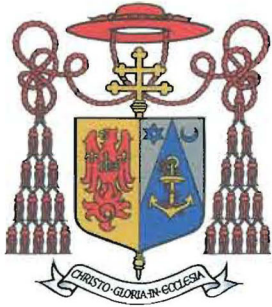
- Thursday, Nov. 15th, 10am-12:30pm
Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park
- Friday, Nov. 16th, 6:30-9pm
St. Damian School, Oak Forest

**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 makes a difference in a child's life.



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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Father:

On November 11, 1918, the First World War, which some called the "war to end all wars," ceased. In commemoration of that day, the United States of America declared Armistice Day, now known as Veterans' Day, a national holiday. Sadly, our history since then has not seen an end to war, but an ongoing plague of violence, terrorism, destruction, and death. Pope Paul VI's challenge to the United Nations, "No more war!" has gone largely unheeded.

The casualties of war include not only innocent civilians, but also many of those who have served in the military. Even if they are fortunate enough to return alive to their families and communities, many of them have been wounded in ways visible and invisible. If the Church is to be faithful to the example of Christ, she must bring His healing presence and the hope of the Gospel to veterans and their families. Recognizing this pastoral need, the Archdiocese of Chicago is beginning a series of initiatives to help our parishes minister to both veterans and their families. I would ask you to pay particular attention to each of the following items:

- 1) The Archdiocese of Chicago has developed a website, vets.archchicago.org. This site offers a great deal of helpful information to pastoral ministers who want to reach out in a more deliberate way to veterans and their families in the parish and in the community. The site also offers resources for veterans and their families.
- 2) On January 15th and January 31, 2013, in conjunction with the Veterans Administration, the Archdiocese will offer free workshops at which priests and pastoral ministers can learn skills that can be helpful when working with veterans and their families. More details about these events, including registration information, can be found on the website.

In the Gospel reading that will be proclaimed on November 11, (Mark 12: 38-44), Jesus praises a "poor widow" who has contributed all she had to offer. That image of "contributing all they had" aptly describes many of the men and women who have returned from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is my hope that a more intentional and well-prepared outreach to these soldiers and their families will bring them a greater measure of the Lord's gift of peace.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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



A PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

**WE ASK FOR BLESSINGS ON ALL
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED**
their country in the armed forces.

WE ASK FOR HEALING FOR THE VETERANS
who have been wounded, in body and soul,
in conflicts around the globe.

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN,
in the thousands, who are coming home with
injured bodies and traumatized spirits.

BRING SOLACE TO THEM, O LORD;
may we pray for them when they cannot pray.

WE ASK FOR, ECHOING JOHN PAUL II,
an end to wars and the
dawning of a new era of peace,
as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

HAVE MERCY ON ALL OUR VETERANS.
Bring peace to their hearts and
peace to the regions they fought in.

BLESS ALL THE SOLDIERS WHO SERVED
in non-combative posts;
may their calling to service continue
in their lives in many positive ways.

GIVE US ALL THE CREATIVE VISION TO SEE A WORLD
which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming
the life of every human being and moves beyond war.

HEAR OUR PRAYER,
O PRINCE OF PEACE,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.



Join the Knights of Columbus!

*Visit the information table
in the Narthex this weekend!*

Be a part of an Order of over 1.7 million members worldwide whose members have donated more than 64 million volunteer hours and over \$139.7 million dollars to charitable and Church causes. Find out how you can be a part of what Pope John Paul II called "the right arm of the Church!" The Knights of Columbus Council #4698 is conducting a membership drive and informational one hour meeting, on Tuesday, Nov. 13th at St. Stephen Church, 17500 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park at 7:30pm (Rms. 125/126). Register to Ken Karczewski at KenK01@ameritech.net. For more information visit (local) www.Knights4698.org, or (main) www.KofC.org.



Veteran Cemetery Medallion Available

The Veterans Administration is now furnishing, upon receipt of claim, the Veteran Medallion for affixing to an existing privately-purchased headstone or marker placed at the grave site of an eligible deceased Veteran who is buried or entombed in a private cemetery. The medallion, free of charge, is made of bronze and available in three approximate sizes. Each medallion is inscribed with the word VETERAN across the top and the Branch of Service at the bottom. Eligibility:

- Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies/died on active duty and is buried in a private cemetery in a grave marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.
- Any deceased Veteran discharged under honorable conditions, who died on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and is buried in a private cemetery in a grave marked with a privately purchased headstone/marker.
- A deceased Veteran discharged under conditions other than honorable, who died on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and is buried in a private cemetery in a grave marked with a privately purchased headstone/marker, may also be eligible.

This also applies to Veterans entombed in a crypt or family monument. For details, call 773-767-2166, see your cemetery/personal funeral director or applications are in the parish office.



Newborns in Need

The Seton Sowers Chapter of Newborns in Need will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 19th at 9:30am in the downstairs meeting room. If you knit, crochet, or sew, we can use your skills to make clothing and blankets for newborn babies who need to spend time in the hospital.

We will be collecting Christmas items as we prepare for Christmas. We can also use donations of yarn and fabric. For more information please call Carol Dimer at 708-479-6994.



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 9:00am-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 Store 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. 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 10th/11th

or in the church office anytime!





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.



The Cardinal Asks For Your Prayers

Messages and cards can be mailed to the Cardinal at this address:

Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archbishop of Chicago
835 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Messages can be emailed to the Cardinal at:
www.archchicago.org/cardinal/contact

For several years, the Seton Men's Club has sponsored a young man in El Salvador through Friends of the Orphans. This is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged children through the support of the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") network of orphanages in Latin America and the Caribbean. Recently, Erick sent us an update that we would like to share with the parish.

Hello! I would like to thank you for being my faithful Godparents! I'm currently on my first year of high school. My favorite subjects are Computer Education, Science and Math. I have a lot of friends with whom I like to play soccer and basketball. My other Godparents also write to me and I write back too. It makes me happy that we are keeping contact. Love you very much!

And here is Erick's story:

My name is Erick and I am 17 years old. I have been living at NPH for nine years. I remember when I was a child I did live with my mother and father, but my father was in a gang and my mother used drugs and drank alcohol. There were many times my mother and I would have to flee our home because rival gang members were looking to harm our family. I was always afraid of what could happen to us. I remember one particular time we were at my grandmothers' house celebrating my birthday, and rival gang members of my father and uncles' were waiting for us.

We went outside and my uncle was carrying me. I heard him scream that I should hold on to his neck because one of the men who was waiting for us was trying to hit my back with a machete. My uncle threw me out to one side of the street, and I found a safe hiding spot. After that day I never saw my uncle, grandmother or father again.

My mother then had serious difficulties making sure our basic needs were met, and she started to drink more. The police took me away from her, but she promised me that she would try to get better for me. Despite the struggle, she stopped drinking and using drugs and I was brought back to live with her.

She got married again and gave birth to my sister. My stepfather abandoned us and my mother got depressed and started to drink and use drugs again. She used to punish me and hit me without a reason. Once again, I was taken away from her and the police placed me in an orphanage.

My new home was at NPH. At the beginning, I didn't want to be there as everything was so new. I was afraid of everything. Time passed by and everything became more familiar. I started to have friends. I went to school and started to be part of many activities. I even joined the dance group.

Now, I have learned to be responsible and learned about qualities like discipline. NPH has been an important part of my life and I am very thankful for all the people who make our dreams possible. During all this time, I have done my best in school. I think that NPH has changed my life because if I had continued living with mom I could be in a gang or even dead.

I want to thank NPH because without my teachers, caregivers, and all who have supported me I couldn't be the person that I am now. Without the help of my godparents and sponsors my goals and dreams couldn't become a reality.

I hope someday to be a doctor, but first I want to go to nursing school and volunteer at NPH Haiti. People in Haiti and our brothers and sisters need our help. I am sure that whatever I want to do that I can do it with your help and support.

Erick Cristobal Osario Martinez

For information how you can sponsor a child visit www.NPH.org.

Before we begin the
SEASON OF ADVENT
we invite you and your loved ones to experience
God's unconditional love at the

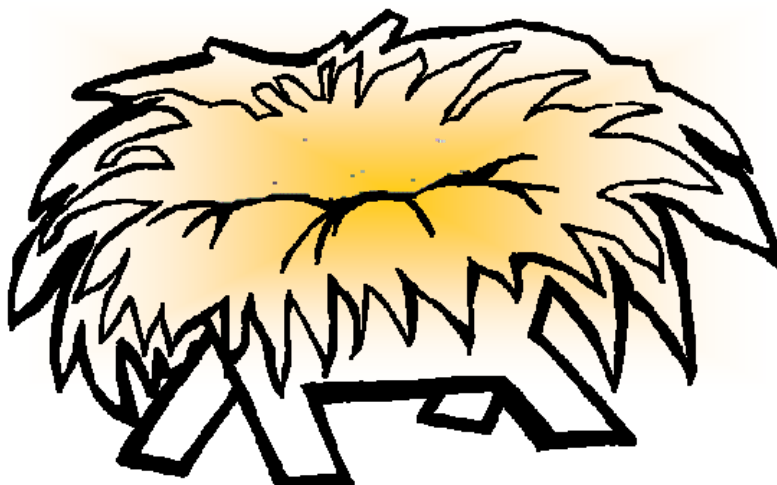
CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday, Nov. 25th at 7:00 p.m.

or

Monday, Nov. 26th at 10:00 a.m.

(following 9:00 a.m. Morning Mass and
the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick)



*“Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,
the Light no darkness can overcome.”*

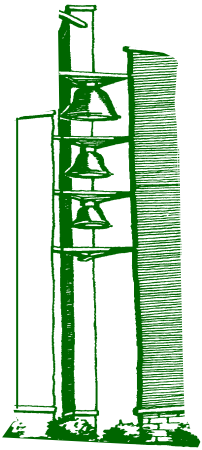
A BOLD FAITH REQUIRES A BIG GOD

“How big is your God?”

- In other words, what limits have you placed upon God in your life?
- Do you have a relationship with God, or do you just have a religion?
- Do you know God, or do you just know about God?
- Do you believe in a God without limits?

If your experience of the Divine has become static and predictable, or if you have a relationship with God that is small and confined, Fr. Paul Coutinho, SJ invites you to believe that God is bigger—much bigger! *How Big Is Your God?* is Fr. Paul Coutinho's challenge to every person to grow deeper and stronger in his or her faith by embracing a God whose love truly knows no bounds.”

Before the Rite of Reconciliation begins, we will view
a sixteen minute video presented by Fr. Paul Coutinho.



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

NOV. 28TH—

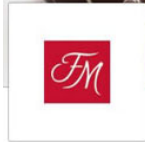
CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Keep this date open for the Denny Diamond and the Family Jewels appearing at the Silver Lake Country Club. Call Phyllis at 708-478-0471 for tickets. No tickets sold after Nov. 15, 2012. Tickets are \$34 each.

DEC. 11TH

ST. THERESE'S SHRINE

Mass, tour and lunch will be served for \$18. Transportation is on your own. Call Phyllis at 708-478-0471 for tickets.



Fannie May Candy Sale Is Back!

All orders, large or small, are welcome. You will receive a 10% discount, there is NO SALES TAX and Fannie May will deliver directly to your home. Order forms/catalogs and the box for completed forms available in the Narthex. Please be sure your address is clearly printed on your form. Make checks payable to SES Women's Club. ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, Dec. 18th Candy will be delivered to your home the week of Dec. 3rd. Questions? Call Sue Rosinski at 708-460-2311 or Janie Kokotan-Krauss at 708-633-1697. The Women's Club appreciates your support of this fundraiser!

BAKERS SQUARE

Restaurant & Pies

HOW ABOUT A BAKER'S SQUARE PIE!

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

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

NOV. 10/11 AND NOV. 17/18

Purchase a pie coupon and pay no sales tax! simply take the coupon to Baker's Square and trade it for your most favorite fresh pie! Pie certificates will expire 12/31/13.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. AGNES OF ASSISI

AGNES WAS THE SISTER OF ST. CLARE AND HER FIRST FOLLOWER. When Agnes left home two weeks after Clare's departure, their family attempted to bring Agnes back by force. They tried to drag her out of the monastery, but all of a sudden her body became so heavy that several knights could not budge it. Her uncle Monaldo tried to strike her but was temporarily paralyzed. The knights then left Agnes and Clare in peace.

Agnes matched her sister in devotion to prayer and in willingness to endure the strict penances which characterized their lives at San Damiano. In 1221 a group of Benedictine nuns in Monticelli (near Florence) asked to become Poor Clares. St. Clare sent Agnes to become abbess of that monastery. Agnes soon wrote a rather sad letter about how much she missed Clare and the other nuns at San Damiano. After establishing other Poor Clare monasteries in northern Italy, Agnes was recalled to San Damiano in 1253 when Clare was dying.

Agnes followed Clare in death three months later. Agnes was canonized in 1753.

COMMENT

God must love irony; the world is so full of it. In 1212, many in Assisi surely felt that Clare and Agnes were wasting their lives and were turning their backs on the world. In reality, their lives were tremendously life-giving, and the world has been enriched by the example of these poor contemplatives.

Fall Into Winter

CONCERT AND GALA
December 2, 2012
3:00 PM

Gala immediately
following concert
in the
Parish Life Center

**THE GALA IS A
TICKETED EVENT***

*(Complimentary Entrance Ticket
will be handed out at the church
doors at the conclusion of the
concert ONLY.)

**\$5 admission to Gala
without entrance ticket.**

FREE WINE • CHEESE • APPETIZERS • DESSERTS • BEVERAGES

Raffle tickets sold in the Narthex
Nov. 24/25 and Dec. 1/2

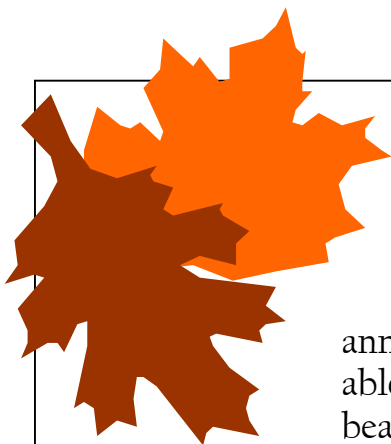
GREAT PRIZES!

- Three "ONE DIRECTION" Concert Tickets
- Apple IPOD • Kindle FIRE HD Tablet

and many more!

**Basket
Raffle
\$2 each
3/\$5**

**Grand
Raffles!
\$5 each
6/\$20**



Dear Parish Family,

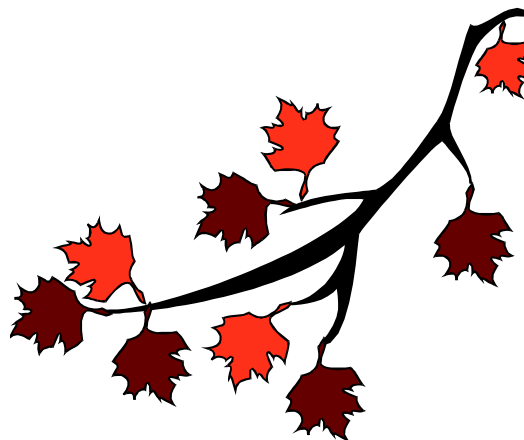
St. Elizabeth Seton's Music Department is pleased to announce our 2012-2013 Concert Series. We are excited to be able to present our parish and the Southwest Suburbs beautiful, spiritual and uplifting music provided by our volunteer cantors, choirs, and liturgical dancers. We are also enhanced by the 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



The St. Elizabeth Seton Youth Orchestra (SYO) Is Back In Season!

All High School and Jr. High School Instrumentalists are invited to join the St. Elizabeth Seton Youth Orchestra. The SYO will be directed this year by Mrs. Katie Goddard, Summit Hill Jr. High School Band Director in Frankfort and a St. Elizabeth Seton Orchestra Instrumentalist. Rehearsals are on the following dates from 6:30-8pm in the Church Music Room (off of the Narthex). Rehearsal dates are Thursday, Nov. 29th, Wednesday, Dec. 5th, Wednesday, Dec. 12th, and Wednesday, Dec. 19th. The Seton Youth Orchestra will perform on Christmas Eve at the 4pm and 6pm Masses (with a pizza party in between!). Please fill out the form below (even if you are a member from a prior year) and return to the parish office, attention Mrs. Linda McKeague, Director of Music, by Sunday, Nov. 25th.

2012 St. Elizabeth Seton Youth Orchestra

Name _____

Instrument _____

Age _____ **Grade** _____

School _____


Home Address _____

Zip _____ **Phone Number** _____

Email Address _____



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.



Original Art, "One Sacred Community" by Mary Southard, CSJ. Courtesy of www.MinistryOfTheArts.org.

One Sacred Communion A Multi-Cultural Celebration

Sacred Music Concert and Prayer Service


Friday, November 16, 7:00 PM
Motherhouse of the Congregation of St. Joseph
1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park

Widen your encounter of "Church" by experiencing some of the finest ethnic choirs from the Archdiocese of Chicago.
Prepare to be amazed!


Admission is free. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Edith Prendergast, RSC, Presider
Rollo Dilworth, Guest Artist

Participating choirs:
Chicago Black Catholics Choir, Tyrone Pittman, director
Dainava Lithuanian Choir, Darius Polikaitis, director
Harmony, Hope and Healing Choir, Marge Nykaza, director
Old St. Patrick Parish Adult Choir, Bill Fraher, director
New Latino Choir, Marieth Quintero, director
St. Augustine Polish Choir, Piotr Dymon, director
Southwest Simbang Gabi Choir, Renee Laylo, director
And the Musicians from the Kateri Center, Chicago



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For more information, contact Anna Belle O'Shea at aboshea@odw.org or 312-534-8011.

Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

■ **SUNDAY, NOV. 11TH**
ANGELS AND DEMONS 5PM
We'll meet at Seton around 5pm 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 6PM
Join us for a Teen Mass at 6pm and stick around for open gym and refreshments. Family and friends are always welcomed to join us!
REGISTER BY TODAY FOR MISSION TRIP!
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 Bruce Hall at (708) 403-7834.



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

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.

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.

11/17 & 11/18	5:00PM	7:15AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
GREETERS Attention All Ministers! Ministers schedules available at: www.steseton.com Then visit: Music and Liturgy	R. Gaskey J. Gaskey C. Labus S. Labus M. Pahl K. Pahl G. Roy C. Roy G. Roy K. Roy M. Roy	E. Briette R. Dickover J. Esposito C. Esposito M. Foley B. Hill B. Majer D. Meyers J. Niemiec	L. Allen D. Biallas J. Biallas J. Biallas S. Biallas M. Crance R. Cubalchini M. Cubalchini S. Giovanazzi C. Bannon	D. Ahern W. Bric K. Bric J. Driscoll J. Grant J. Keller/D. Keller B. Keller M. Pfeiffer/L. Pfeiffer R. Warja S. Warja J. Warja N. Warja	M. Hattar S. Ivey R. Ivey S. Klean R. Mitchel B. Mitchel S. Potts
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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 9am

Saturday 5pm

Sunday

7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

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

HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY:

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

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

HURTING FROM AN ABORTION?: 888-456-HOPE