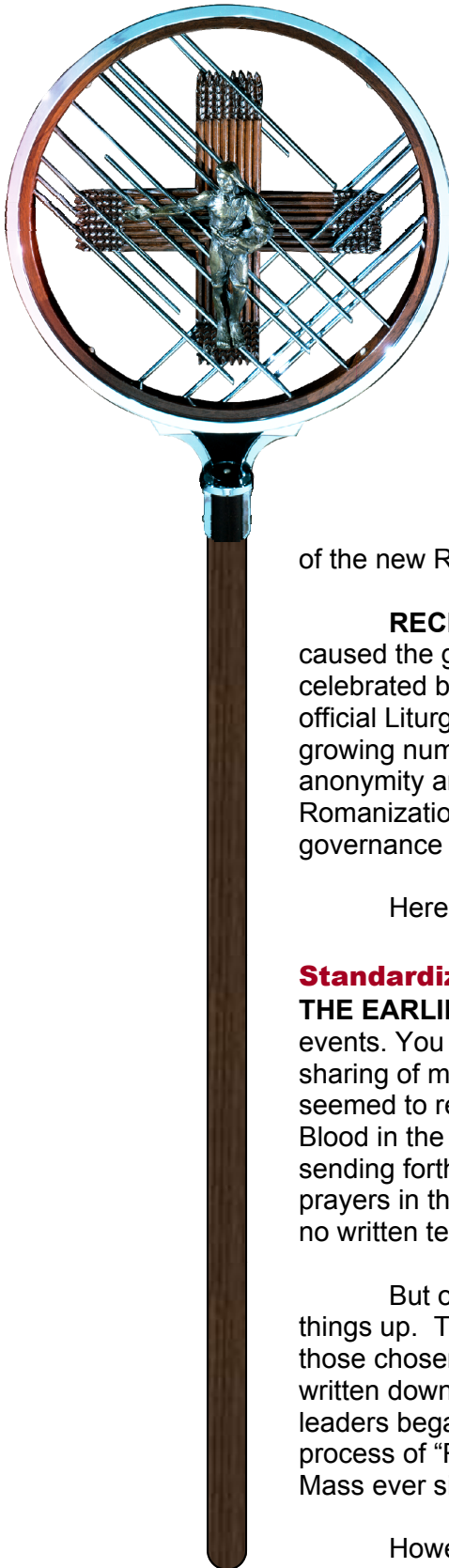


**“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”  
says the Lord God,  
“the one who is and who was  
and who is to come,  
the almighty.”**

**Revelation 1:8**

# 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.

**RECENTLY, I BEGAN TO SHARE SOME OF THE FACTORS** which caused the gradual change in the Eucharist from the "Table of the Lord's Supper" celebrated by the early Christian Community to the Latin Mass which was the official Liturgy of the Church from the middle ages until the 1960's. I talked about growing numbers in the Christian Community, with the resulting growth in anonymity and the need for buildings in which to conduct liturgy, and the Romanization of that community, with the resulting adaptation of Roman ways of governance and the increased use of Latin as Church's official language.

Here are a couple of other factors:

## **Standardization and Ritualization**

**THE EARLIEST SHARINGS** of the Lord's Supper were pretty spontaneous events. You had the gathering and greetings, the reconciling of differences, the sharing of memories of Jesus, His teachings, and Old Testament passages which seemed to refer to Jesus, the gathering around the table to share Jesus' Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine, and finally the blessing of each other and the sending forth to bring Jesus to the world. At first, the people chosen to lead prayers in these parts of the Lord's Supper just spoke spontaneously; there were no written texts for the Lord's Supper.

But over time, the leadership of the Christian Community began to tighten things up. The best of the spontaneous prayers began to be copied down, and those chosen to preside at the Lord's Supper began to just read what had been written down. Also, the action developed into patterns, and the community's leaders began to say which patterns were to be used and which weren't. Thus the process of "Ritualization" began, and it has been one of the foundations of the Mass ever since.

However, the problem with ritualization is that with time people can forget where a ritual came from, and the reasons behind the rituals that are performed.

One example comes from the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you were confirmed before Vatican II, you were told that Confirmation made you a “Soldier of Christ.” The reason for this line of thinking was that during the ceremony the Bishop tapped the Confirmand on the cheek, and it was thought that this tap was reminiscent of the medieval “throwing down the gauntlet,” where one person slapped another in the face with his glove, and then threw down the glove as a challenge to fight. But actually, the real origin of the tap on the cheek is far older than the Middle Ages. In the early Church, when a new Christian came out of the Baptismal water at the Easter Vigil, he or she was embraced by the Bishop in love and in welcome, and the touch of the Bishop’s hand to the side of the face was often part of this welcoming embrace. That’s a whole different meaning from throwing down the gauntlet.

### **Emphasis on Jesus’ Divinity**

**BY THE END OF THE FIRST CENTURY**, faith in Jesus’ Divine Nature was firmly established, and over the first thousand years of the Church’s history, this emphasis on Jesus’ Divinity found its way into the liturgy in many ways:

- A. From ordinary bread to white hosts: The thinking was that bread which became the Body of Christ should be the same everywhere, and that the bread should be as “pure” as possible, so bleached flour began to be used, and pressed into flat uniform hosts.
- B. From hands to tongue: The thinking was that God should not be handled by ordinary people.
- C. From chewing to just swallowing: The thinking was that a person should not dare to chew on God.
- D. From cups to chalices: The thinking was that vessels containing the Body and Blood of Christ must be made of precious materials and decorated in a way fitting to the Divinity of Christ.
- E. Balls or “nodes” on chalices, and ribbons and tabs in Mass books: The thinking was that once the priest held the Host between his thumbs and forefingers at the Consecration, those fingers should touch nothing else until after Holy Communion, so they must be held together. Nodes or balls on the stems of chalices, and ribbons and tabs in Mass books were there to help the priest hold the chalice or turn pages with the last three fingers of each hand, which did not touch the Sacred Host.
- F. Separation of the Mass from the congregation: The hierarchical model of Church governance implied that God was closer to the clergy than to the laity, and that God came to the laity through the clergy. This belief found its way into the liturgy with the gradual elimination of the laity in leadership roles in liturgy. In time, liturgy could only be performed by those “ordained” by the Church to do so. The clergy performed the sacred liturgy in special sections of church buildings called “sanctuaries,” and brought God to the congregation, who observed the ritual taking place in the sanctuary, but who could rarely actually enter it.

(To be continued...)

**May God Bless You,**

*Jr. Rick Home*

# Living The Word

Reflections for  
First Sunday  
of Advent  
Dec. 2, 2012

Lord, awaken us to  
Your love and grant  
us Your salvation,  
so we might bring new  
life to our world by  
what we say and do.  
Bless this new year  
of grace, and may  
our call to holiness  
alert the world to  
Your transforming  
power. Amen.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: GOD OF PROMISE

*The God revealed in Advent is a God who will keep any promises made. The fulfillment of God's promises, already begun in the first coming of Christ, continues to unfold in our world when people of faith and hope live into and out of their relationship with the living God, revealed in Jesus Christ.*

### FIRST READING

*I will raise up for David a just shoot (Jeremiah 33:14-16).*

Throughout Jeremiah we hear about the devastating punishment that would be inflicted upon the people of Israel for their infidelity. This passage is an exception. It speaks about the restoration that the LORD would visit upon

Israel. She would be favored again not because she deserved it, but rather because the Lord was merciful and He would send an anointed One who would guide the people into the LORD's own way.

### SECOND READING

*May the Lord strengthen your hearts at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2).*

Two main elements of the Christian life are discussed: to serve and love the Lord with one's heart, soul and strength, and to love one's brothers and sisters as one loves oneself. Paul also speaks of his own love for the members of the community. He did not share his faith in an impersonal manner. He lived

the things about which he spoke. Paul speaks of the coming of our Lord Jesus in glory. This is a theme we remember on the First Sunday of Advent (which is dedicated to Jesus' coming in glory at the end of time). It appears as if Paul believed that the end of the world would occur within his own lifetime.

### GOSPEL

*Your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).*

We hear Jesus describe the end of the world in Apocalyptic terms (e.g. the great signs that would be seen in the heavens, the Son of Man coming in glory upon the cloud, etc.). This was a common way of speaking about the last days in the time of Jesus. It does not

necessarily mean that the description should be understood in a literal manner. Jesus might have been speaking symbolically so that those listening to Him could understand. There is an eternal truth no matter how the world will come to an end: that we should be vigilant. We do not know how much time we have to live, so we should treat each moment of our lives as precious. We cannot afford to put our conversion off until tomorrow. We should dedicate ourselves to virtue and prayer (especially in this holy season). The goal is that we be ready to greet the Lord whenever He calls us to Himself (whether it be at the end of the world or at the end of our earthly lives).

## Readings for the Week

### November 26th-December 1st:

Mon.: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tues.: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wed.: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thurs.: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Fri.: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Sat.: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

### REFLECTION

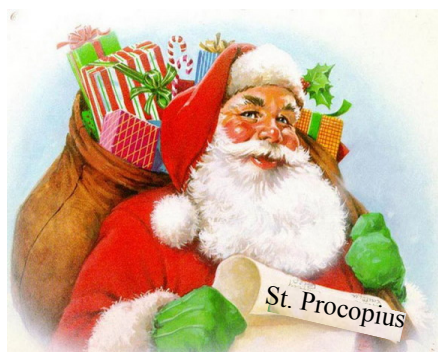
In Thornton Wilder's play *The Skin Of Our Teeth*, Mrs. Antrobus tells her husband, George, that she didn't marry him because he was perfect, that she didn't even marry him because she loved him: she married him because he gave her a promise. And she gave one to him. And over the years, as their children were growing up, that mutual promise protected all of them, moving them into the future together. A promise can open up into an unexpected future, marked by new life. God's promises spoken in the first reading offered hope to a people who had little reason to hope. The hope of a restored Jerusalem, of a descendant of David who would do what is right and just — such promises began to be fulfilled in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. With Jesus a new age began that promised to bring the old order of chaos and destruction to an end. With His birth a new power entered the world, making it possible to live in love, and allowing men and women to "increase and abound in love for each other and for all," as Paul writes to the Thessalonians. Total fulfillment of God's promises remains in the future. But beginnings offer hope. A new Church year calls on us to live as a people of hope in what God can do in our own day. Advent invites us to renew our relationship with the promises of God made visible in the person of Jesus Christ.

*Advent Celebration Service of the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**SUNDAY NIGHT or  
MONDAY MORNING**

Sunday, Nov. 25th 7pm  
Monday, Nov. 26th 10am

(SEE PAGE SEVEN FOR INFO)



**St. Procopius Christmas Gifts**

Last weekend, the St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry distributed names for the family members of our sharing parish, St. Procopius. If you selected a name please remember to:

- 1) **Buy a NEW GIFT.**  
(Please — no used clothing or toys).
- 2) **Wrap the gift.**
- 3) **FIRMLY ATTACH** gift tag provided to you onto the gift. In order to document that the gift was dropped off in the parish office, **THE TAG MUST BE ATTACHED.**
- 4) **Please return the gift to St. Elizabeth Seton by Wednesday, Dec. 12th.**

If you were unable to obtain a name and 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to sort/load gifts on Saturday, Dec. 15th from 9am-Noon. Any hours are appreciated. Call Doug Benker at 708-429-4518.

**STEWARDSHIP**

COLLECTION FOR 11-18-12:  
**\$29,759.16**  
KIDS COLLECTION:  
**\$91.22**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**WELCOME**

Mary Schveiger

**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 11-18-12:  
**Caden Michael**, child of Corey and Jennifer Forberg

**WEDDINGS**

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

**Jessica Cantarelli and Benedetto Ciannamea**; 12-1

**Kelli Dougherty and Andrew Sobieszek**; 12-8

**Melissa Halyko and Kyle Gasser**; 12-15

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to **William and Dorothy O'Malley** who are celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 30, 2012.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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

**Janie Kokotan-Krauss**

**Genevieve McGlennon**

**Mamie Colacino**

**DJ Shiffer**

And for our deceased:

**Ed Smith**

**Edward Lusa**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Nov. 24th (5pm) **Lucien Bessette; Richard Pawelek; Jack Squires; Daniel Breslin; Caroline Ferfetski; Delores Keller; Lawrence J. Hanlon; Josephine Tarantino; Nick Begley; Nick Fitzgerald**

Sunday, Nov. 25th

(7:15am) **Parishioners**

(8:30am) **John Vitkovic; George Kenealy; Jack Wicherek**

(10am) **William and Sylvia Eglar; Stanley and Frances Gill;**

**Michael Mazur; Walter Altmann, Jr.; Barbara Bosco; James Reilly;**

**Jack E. Caveny, Sr.; Jim Coffee and Family**

(11:30am) **Ray and Corinne Gillis; Bessie Heelan; Alice McDonald;**

**Robert Roeper; Limon Barajas Family**

Mon., Nov. 26th (9am) **Edward Chianelli; Joseph Herman; Ed Chianelli;**

**Hedy Glynn; Ellen Murphy**

Tues., Nov. 27th (9am) **Josip Justic; Stanley Soprych; Rose Malopy**

Wed., Nov. 28th (9am) **Katrina Justic; Mary Soprych; Alfred Knieling**

Thurs., Nov. 29th (9am) **Walter Altmann; William Connors**

Fri., Nov. 30th (9am) **Joseph Brzegowy; Clarence "Babe" Zima;**

**Art Williams; Louis Coco**

## Advent Prayer Opportunity



Morning prayer makes us rise and thank God for a restful night, for another day of life and for the strength and courage to do God's will. The spiritual practice of celebrating Morning Prayer is a way of consecrating the day to God. The official public, daily prayer of the Church is the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. Psalms are prayed, scriptures are proclaimed, hymns and canticles are sung and the intercessory prayer is offered. The daily singing and reciting of the Book of Psalms is a most ancient tradition.

## ADVENT LITURGY OF THE HOURS

*Morning Prayer Daily (Monday-Friday) 8:30AM*  
*December 3rd-December 7th*  
*December 10th-December 14th*  
*December 17th-December 21st*

**Prayer Booklets** are supplied and we sit around a beautiful fresh Advent Wreath and light the candles as we pray in a monastic style of Left/Right rotation of voices. We encourage you to begin praying the daily prayer of the church in this community setting.

## What is the Liturgy of the Hours?

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### **Daily Advent Morning Prayer**

Please join us Monday through Friday in the Stations Chapel at 8:30AM in the morning. **Prayer Booklets** are supplied and we sit around a beautiful fresh Advent Wreath and light the candles each week as we pray in a monastic style of Left/Right rotation of voices.

Our hope is that the Liturgy of the Hours becomes a satisfying human ritual marking the passage of day and night in our lives.

“When the people are invited to the Liturgy of the Hours and come together in unity of heart and voice, they show forth the Church in its celebration of the mystery of Christ.”

LITURGY DOCUMENTS II -GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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As we begin the  
**SEASON OF ADVENT**  
we invite you and your loved ones to experience  
God's unconditional love at the  
**CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION**  
This Sunday, Nov. 25th at 7:00 p.m.  
*or*  
**Tomorrow Morning, 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**

- 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 16 minute video presented by Fr. Paul Coutinho**



## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES IN THE ADVENT WREATH

*“... and the glory of the Lord shone round about them.”*

**T**he Advent wreath and the practice of ritually lighting a candle to mark the beginning of each successive week of the Advent season is an ancient practice. By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. Christ is “the Light that came into the World” dispelling the darkness of sin and radiating the truth and warm glow of His forgiving love.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The evergreens signify continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. An old tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are blue and one is rose. The blue candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, preparatory sacrifices, and good works we participate in at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. This good tradition of lighting the candles each week helps us to remain vigilant and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

### HELP CELEBRATE THIS TRADITION AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON!

Will you volunteer to bring the Advent Candle forward in the opening procession on one Sunday of Advent? There are four possible weekends, a choice of twenty Masses, and volunteers are asked to come to one practice. We encourage you to consider a new way for your family to participate in the Advent journey. If you participated in this ritual many years ago maybe this is the year you want to be a part of this ritual candle lighting again. So any person alone, a group of friends, members of our Men’s Club or Women’s Club, Moms to Moms, Seniors of Seton, Social Action Ministry, Branches, a Religious Education Class, a Small Faith Community, Members of the Scripture Group, or a family, or any type of group of one to not more than six or seven people can sign up. There is a sign up sheet on the cabinet in the Narthex. This is a wonderful way to enter into the season with your whole heart.

If you have any questions, please call Claudia Nolan at the Pastoral Center, 708-403-0101.

### WHENEVER YOU LIGHT CANDLES THIS SEASON, REMEMBER...

**“JESUS CHRIST IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD,  
THE LIGHT NO DARKNESS CAN OVERCOME.”**

### PRAY...

**THAT THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE  
SHINE IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU...  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**



# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Please sign up in the Narthex.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
	12/01	5:00 PM
	12/02	7:15 AM
	12/02	8:30 AM
<b>RCIA Candidates</b>	12/02	10:00 AM
	12/02	11:30 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
	12/08	5:00 PM
	12/09	7:15 AM
<b>Roti Family</b>	12/09	8:30 AM
<b>Krusenoski Family</b>	12/09	10:00 AM
<b>Irace Family</b>	12/09	11:30 AM
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
<b>Torres/Ward Families</b>	12/15	5:00 PM
	12/16	7:15 AM
<b>Biallas Family</b>	12/16	8:30 AM
<b>Schmidt Family</b>	12/16	10:00 AM
<b>Ucha Family</b>	12/16	11:30 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
<b>Branches Teens</b>	12/22	5:00 PM
	12/23	7:15 AM
<b>Men's Club</b>	12/23	8:30 AM
<b>Chiarito Family</b>	12/23	10:00 AM
<b>Biegel Family</b>	12/23	11:30 AM

*Please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex. Rehearsal date is Saturday, December 1st at 12:30pm.*

# 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**



**2012 CAPITAL REPAIR FUND RAFFLE WINNERS**

Thank you to all who generously participated in the recent Capital Repair Fund Raffle. Fr. Rich Homa drew the names during the final drawing held on Sunday, Nov. 11th after the 11:30am Mass. In addition to prizes, a grand total of \$25,490 was raised for Capital Repair. Congratulations to:

- |                       |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$10,000 Grand Prize  | <b>Cathy Junkans</b>                |
| \$ 5,000 Second Prize | <b>Diane Neubauer</b>               |
| \$ 1,500 Third Prize  | <b>Alice DelRosario</b>             |
| \$ 1,500 Fourth Prize | <b>Nancy Baumgartner</b>            |
| HDTV Fifth Prize      | <b>Laurence/Rosemary Schaefflin</b> |
| IPad Sixth Prize      | <b>Angie Kapicak</b>                |
| Kindle Seventh Prize  | <b>Elaine Robinson</b>              |

**KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME**

*Eat*



We don't usually connect praying with eating. But that is exactly what we do, as we pray at Mass and eat the bread of life in Holy Communion. Prayer in all its different forms moves us towards

God. Eating the bread of life in Holy Communion moves the Lord towards us, actually, bringing his presence within us.

This praying and eating at Mass seems, at first, simply to be very personal. It is an intimate action that touches us in the core of our being. Indeed, it is. At the same time, notice something else. At Mass, we pray and eat together. So, when we eat the bread of life, we are in deep communion with our saving Lord. And in him, we are also in deep communion with each other.

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**YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH**

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*In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us that, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."*

What is God's desire for you? For information about diocesan priesthood in Chicago, please contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or [bwelter@archchigo](mailto:bwelter@archchigo) at [bwelter@archchicago.org](mailto:bwelter@archchicago.org) or visit [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com). For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto: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](mailto:bpuhala@usml.edu).

VOCATION CROSS PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Vocation Cross Participants are presented the Vocation Cross at the 9am Mass on Wednesday mornings and are asked to pray for Vocations for the week. The cross is return on the following Wednesday at the 9am Mass to give to the next participant. Please sign up in the parish office.

*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.



### Do you recognize this box?

#### It is the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Offering Box

*You are invited to give a monetary gift or Jewel food certificates which will go toward providing a better Christmas for families in our community.*

#### **SVDP Christmas Collection**

*For your convenience, SVDP boxes are located at all the entrances of our church. We depend solely on the contributions placed in the donation boxes. SVDP members would like to thank all who contributed to the Thanksgiving collection—and to those who use the SVDP boxes at each entrance. All monies donated go directly to those in need. We service clients within our parish boundaries with emergency assistance for utilities, rent, security deposits, food, clothing, medical, dental, eye care and occasionally gasoline to get to a job site. As calls come throughout the year we look to your generosity and sense of sharing and justice to assist these people. It is your goodness that makes our work possible. May God continue to bless you.*



*You are invited to celebrate*

## **The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*with our sharing parish,  
St. Procopius*

**Saturday, Dec. 9th  
at 5pm**

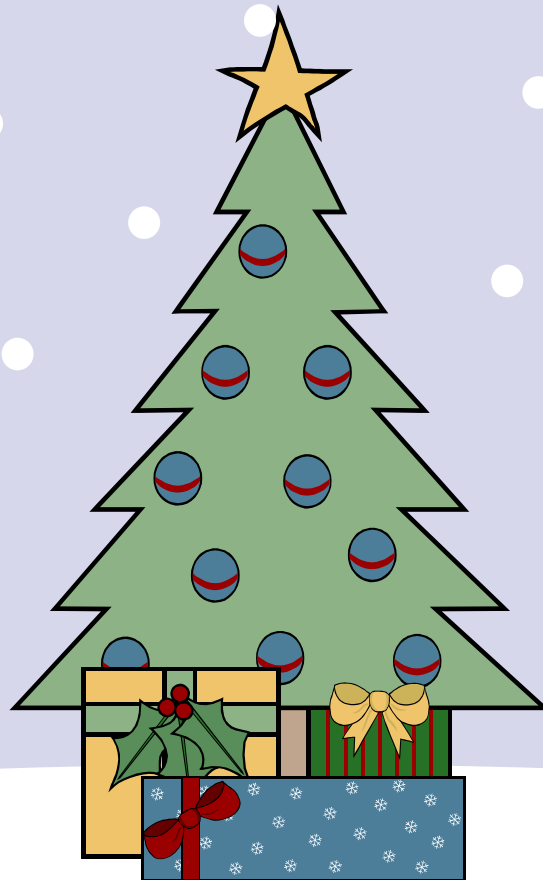
*Bus transportation provided.*

*St. Procopius Parish invites us to a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The celebration continues after Mass with a fiesta.*

*There will be traditional music and food at the celebration.*

**If you are interested in taking a bus to St. Procopius, please sign-up at the counter in the Narthex. We will depart the Seton parking lot at 3:30pm and return by 9pm.**

# St. Vincent DePaul Holiday Drive



During Christmas seasons, St. Vincent DePaul has sponsored a special collection of items for the homeless. Many come without adequate clothing. We thank all the parishioners for their heartfelt generosity. Proceeds will be distributed to the South Suburban PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) Homeless Shelter Organizations.

**The collection will continue until Sunday, December 16th,  
the Third Sunday of Advent.**

**Suggested gift items are:**

**deodorant  
hand sanitizer  
toothpaste  
toothbrushes  
disposable razors  
shaving cream**

**white socks  
winter coats  
hats  
scarves  
gloves (men's large)  
mittens**

**NO gift wrapping needed. Items must be identifiable from outside.**

# Join Heartland's 4 Seasons Club and earn great rewards!

**Saint Elizabeth Seton Church**

**Women's Club**

**Community Blood Drive**

Saturday, December 8th

8:00 am - 12:00 noon - Parish Hall

Please sign up online at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org)

or after Mass on December 1st or 2nd.

**Walk-Ins Welcome! Bring a Friend!**

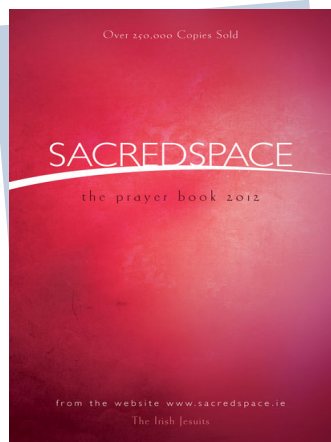
Every donor will receive a FREE Culvers gift card!



## PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Blood donors will receive a \$10 Target Gift Card after their 3rd successful donation and a Tervis Tumbler after their 4th successful blood donation in 2012. Gifts can be redeemed by going to [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org). No computer? Call our Club Rewards Help Desk at 630-301-6183.





**Sacred Space Reflection  
Group meet:  
Monday, Dec. 3rd  
9:30am (Cornerstone)  
7pm (Call 708-403-1582  
for location)**

## SACRED SPACE REFLECTION: CHRIST THE KING

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

We have reached the end of the Church year and celebrate this by honoring Christ Our King.

Jesus tells Pilate – and us – that his kingship is not about gains in popularity or coercive control over people's lives. Jesus explains to Pilate – and to us – that He is a king who has come to give witness to the truth, to open eyes to the real meaning of life, to the true meaning of existence and of the whole universe. No one is freer than the one who sees the truth through the eyes of Jesus and accepts that truth as the way to life in its fullness.

Something to think about this last week of the Church year as we listen to the familiar story of Pilate faced with the dilemma of choosing what the Jewish leaders expect of him and his belief that Jesus is innocent: What does it take for us to choose truth?

### Reflecting on the Gospels of Advent

Focus on the beautiful Psalms of the Advent season. Morning/evening will include times of listening, quiet contemplation, and community sharing woven together with prayer and song as we ponder on the scriptures and hold them in our hearts. Light snacks and refreshments provided. Date: Dec. 1st from 9am-11am OR Dec. 6th from 7pm-9pm at Mayslake Ministries. Cost is \$25. Christine Grano received her Spiritual Direction Certificate from the Christos Center for Spiritual Formation and trained in Christian Lay Counseling and Inner Healing Prayer. Chris is also an accomplished musician and singer. Her ministry is deeply rooted in 12 Step Spirituality. To register call 630-268-9000. Visit [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org).



### Mom & Tot Storyhour at CJB School

Join us for our Winter Sessions  
Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sessions from 10:30-11:30 AM  
Open to all 2 and 3-year olds.

Parent /guardian must remain with child. Listen to a story, make a fun craft, and participate in fun learning activities while you and your child meet new friends!

Mom and Tot Storyhour is FREE, but you must reserve your spot. Call 708-403-6525 ext. 150.



The remarkable journey of Catholic nuns in the U.S. from daughters of the Church to citizens of the world. Visit [bandofsistersmovie.com/screenings](http://bandofsistersmovie.com/screenings) for information on all screenings.

- Tuesday, Nov. 27th at St. Xavier University at 6:30pm in the McGuire Hall Warde Academic Center ([calendar.sxu.edu](http://calendar.sxu.edu))
- Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 1:30pm at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort ([www.portofprayer.org](http://www.portofprayer.org))
- Sunday, Dec. 9th at 3pm/Monday, Dec. 10th at 6:45pm. St. Maria Goretti Church, 500 Northgate Dr., Dyer, IN ([www.stmariagorettichurch.org](http://www.stmariagorettichurch.org))

**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.



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

NOVEMBER 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your parish will soon present the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity to honor and thank retired Catholic sisters, brothers and religious-order priests for their generous service to our Church and our world.

Whether we realize it or not, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions made by women and men religious to the Church and to the world. Through their lives of prayer, good works and complete sacrifice of self, they served the schools that not only taught many of us to read and write but to know and love the Lord. They began the hospitals where many of us were born and where we were treated when we were ill and the nursing homes where our elderly family members were cared for with dignity and respect. They fostered the social programs that fed the hungry and were often a voice for those who could not speak for themselves. I remain grateful for all these and the many other ways in which they have been of service to the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I realize there are numerous worthy causes in need of assistance and that many individuals and families continue to struggle financially. I ask you simply to offer what you can for the care of women and men who have made such enormous contributions to our Church.

Thank you for your support of this appeal. During the upcoming Advent season, you and those you love will be in my prayers in a special way; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Hey Kids! Santa will be here next Sunday  
to share a donut and photo with you!

**Sunday, December 9th**

After the 8:30am, 10am,  
and 11:30am Masses in  
the Downstairs Church Hall



Sponsored  
by the  
St. Elizabeth  
Seton  
Men's Club



## Women's Club

### UPCOMING MEETING

- **Wednesday, Nov. 28th 7:15pm**  
**Holiday Cooking Demonstration**  
**Rosary at 6:30pm**  
**Doors open at 6:45pm**

The Saint Elizabeth Seton Women's Club invites all women to a cooking demonstration on Wednesday, Nov. 28th in the Parish Life Center.

Learn how to make some new, delicious appetizers for the holidays and have a chance to sample them as well. Cost for non-members will be \$5. There will also be an opportunity to have your knives and scissors sharpened for a fee. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Mary at 708-364-0016 or Marge at 708-201-8731.

Please join us! New members are always welcome!

*Makes a great Christmas gift!*



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

**The HOPE Employment Support Ministry will meet on  
 Tuesday, December 4th at 7pm  
 in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall.**

### Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment (HOPE) Employment Ministry

#### **THIS MONTH: OPEN FORUM**

This month will be an open forum to discuss challenges in the job market and strategies for a successful job search.

#### **The HOPE Employment Support Ministry is open to everyone.**

All of our services, to both job seekers and employers, are free of charge. Our monthly meetings consist of networking, resume review, guest speakers and open forums.

#### **Need a resume tuned up?**

Send your resume to [ajunkans@aol.com](mailto:ajunkans@aol.com) and then come to the next meeting to receive feedback and discuss suggestions.

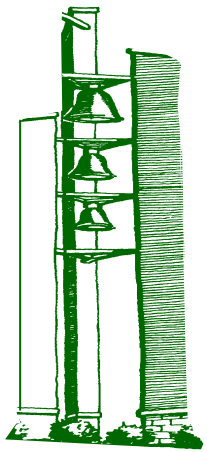
**Employers and HOPE Alumni:** We ask that you please share job openings with us. Send your staffing needs to [tom.mcmahon@mcmahonjobs.com](mailto:tom.mcmahon@mcmahonjobs.com), and they will be distributed to those who attend our monthly meetings.

#### **The HOPE Employment Support Ministry has expanded.**

We also meet at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at St Patrick's Church (St. Patrick Parish Ministry Center Parish Hall - Cass Street Building), 205 Cass St. in Lemont; and the 3rd Thursday of each month at Our Lady Of The Woods Catholic Church, 10731 W. 131st, in Orland Park.

**Need more information?** please call Bob Cornejo at (708) 642-2314, Mary Lou Sipple at (708) 738-5905 or Ken Krausz at (708) 214-9741. Follow us at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).

**BECAUSE EVERYONE CAN USE A LITTLE HOPE!**



## Seniors of Seton

### UPCOMING EVENT

**NOV. 28TH —**

#### CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Door opens at 11am for the Denny Diamond appearance at Silver Lake Country Club on Nov. 28th.

**DEC. 11TH —**

#### ST. TERESE'S SHRINE

Mass, tour and lunch will be served for \$18.00. Transportation is on your own. Deadline for tickets is Dec. 4. Call

Phyllis at 708-478-0471 for tickets.

#### JAN. 24TH — KEEP THIS DATE OPEN

Gaelic Park — Snow Ball — Dinner  
Music — Show — \$25.00.



### Thank You For Your Orders!

Thank you to all who placed orders for Fannie May Candy. You can expect your order to be delivered directly to your home the week of Dec. 3rd. Questions? Call Sue at 708-460-2311 or Janie 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 THE PARISH OFFICE**

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

### SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE

1260-1345

LEONARD, CALLED "THE GREAT MISSIONARY OF THE 18TH CENTURY" BY ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, was another Franciscan who tried to go to the foreign missions (China), failed at that and succeeded tremendously in some other work.

Leonard's father was a ship captain whose family lived in Port Maurice on the northwestern coast of Italy. At 13, Leonard went to Rome to live with his uncle Agostino and study at the Roman College. Leonard was a good student and was destined for a career in medicine. In 1697, however, he joined the Friars Minor, a decision that his uncle opposed bitterly.

After ordination Leonard contracted tuberculosis and was sent to his hometown to rest or perhaps to die. He made a vow that if he recovered he would dedicate his life to the missions and to the conversion of sinners. He soon was able to begin his 40-year career of preaching retreats, Lenten sermons and parish missions throughout Italy. His missions lasted 15 to 18 days, and he often stayed an additional week to hear confessions. He said: "I believe that in those days the real and greatest fruit of the mission is gathered. As much good is done in these days as during the mission."

As a means of keeping alive the religious fervor awakened in a mission, Leonard promoted the Stations of the Cross, a devotion which had made little progress in Italy up to this time. He also preached regularly on the Holy Name of Jesus.

Since he realized that he needed time simply to pray alone, Leonard regularly made use of the *ritiros* (houses of recollection) that he helped establish throughout Italy.

Leonard was canonized in 1867; in 1923 he was named patron of those who preach parish missions.

### COMMENT

The success of someone who comes in and conducts a retreat or leads a citywide "crusade" depends on whether the fervor generated can be sustained over the long run. Changed lives make the difference. For Leonard, the Stations of the Cross and regular confession helped people maintain the personal reforms initiated during his preaching. When was the last time you prayed the Stations of the Cross?



# 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** \_\_\_\_\_



## Thanksgiving Wishes From Your Parish School

On Thanksgiving Day, and always, the administration, faculty, and staff of the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School thanks you for your support of Catholic education. We are grateful for the blessings of your prayers and contributions throughout the year. May God bless you for your goodness. We are proud to be your parish school!

### 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.



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# Branches

## SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

### ■ SUNDAY, NOV. 25TH

#### KIDS FUN DAY

**11:30AM-3:30PM IN THE GYM**

Our first mission trip fundraiser, Kids Kamp lets us play games, do arts and crafts, sing and dance and otherwise entertain kids from St. Elizabeth Seton aged 5-12 years old. Meet in the gym at 11:30am to assign positions and plan activities before welcoming the kids at 12:30pm. We could use some parents to help out too!

### ■ SUNDAY, NOV. 25TH

#### PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION 7PM IN THE CHURCH

No regular Branches or movie night tonight, but we would like to attend the Parish Advent Reconciliation Service as a group. Meet in the narthex of the Church at 6:45PM and wear a Branches shirt.

### ■ SUNDAY, DEC. 2ND

#### NO BRANCHES UNLESS...

Ricky schedules a movie night. Watch the Facebook Branches group page.

### ■ SUNDAY, DEC. 9TH

#### SOUL SURVIVOR SUNDAY (TBD)

**6:30-8:30PM IN THE CORNERSTONE**

#### SAVE THE DATE:

**SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST**

**FOOD DEPOSITORY**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 21ST**

**DOWNTOWN CHICAGO CHRISTMAS TRIP**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 23RD**

**LOCK-IN**



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

Need to do some Christmas shopping? Just bring the kids to us...

# Kids' Fun Day

*...Kids 5-12-years-old*



**Sunday, Nov. 25th 12:30-3:30pm**  
**Cardinal Bernardin School Gym**

**Free!**

**Games ... Arts and Crafts ...**  
**Music ... and much more!**

Hosted by the Seton Branches Youth Group

**Donations accepted for Branches Summer Mission Trip**



12/1 & 12/2	5:00PM	7:15AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
<b>GREETERS</b> <b>Attention All Ministers!</b> <b>Ministers schedules available at: <a href="http://www.steseton.com">www.steseton.com</a></b> <b>Then visit: Music and Liturgy</b>	R. Coe S. Klean A. Miller B. Rose P. Rose M. Rose J. Rose J. Schuman R. Sharp J. Sikora M. Taska R. Vlaming	A. Dovgin L. McGhee S. McGhee D. Skrzpiec B. Tenuta A. Shemanske B. Shemanske G. Staszewski P. Staszewski	K. Fox M. Fox D. Gurka M. Gurka P. Gurka M. Gurka J. Klomes J. Klomes L. Klomes M. Klomes A. McCoy	R. Chehy A. Gent P. Havlin L. Locsis P. Locsis B. Krueger S. Lorenz N. Lorenz J. Moran D. Weber	R. Andrews M. Broderick M. Gniady K. Ivancich B. Ivancich S. Klean M. McMahon B. Wojewnik
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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**

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