

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.

In the last few columns, I shared some factors which precipitated the change from the early Christian Community's sharing of the "Table of the Lord's Supper" to the congregation's observation of the Latin Mass, the "Unbloody Sacrifice of the Cross." These factors were:

Growing Numbers and Anonymity

Romanization and the use of Latin

Standardization and Ritualization

Emphasis on Jesus' Divinity

Here are a few more items adopted over the centuries pertaining to the Latin Mass:

Church Design

I've already mentioned that when the clergy began to be viewed as separate from and "above" the laity, churches were divided into two parts: sanctuaries for the clergy, and the rest of the church for the laity. Also, with society's emphasis on kings and kingdoms, churches began to look like throne rooms; long, narrow, with lots of steps in the sanctuary leading up to the "high altar." In effect, these churches were designed to be throne rooms for Jesus, "the King of Kings."

Ringling of Bells

Feudal Lords wanted their peasants to work seven days a week, so bells in steeples were rung on Sunday mornings during the Mass to alert the peasants in the fields to go to the church in time for the Consecration of the bread and wine. Then it was back to work, often before the Mass was over! Also, with the Mass in Latin, and therefore unintelligible to most people, and since there were no pews, people would stand around and would talk to family members and neighbors, and sometimes, in bigger churches or cathedrals, they were a long distance from the sanctuary and the action of the Mass. So, at the Consecration bells would be rung and the Sacred Host would be held up over the priest's head to alert the people that this was the most important part of the Mass. It was the Church's way of saying to the congregation, "Hey! This is important! Pay attention!"

Pews

Many Catholics who visit old European churches are surprised that there are no pews in them. They are even more surprised to learn that the Catholic Church stole the idea of putting pews in churches from the Protestants sometime in the 1800's.

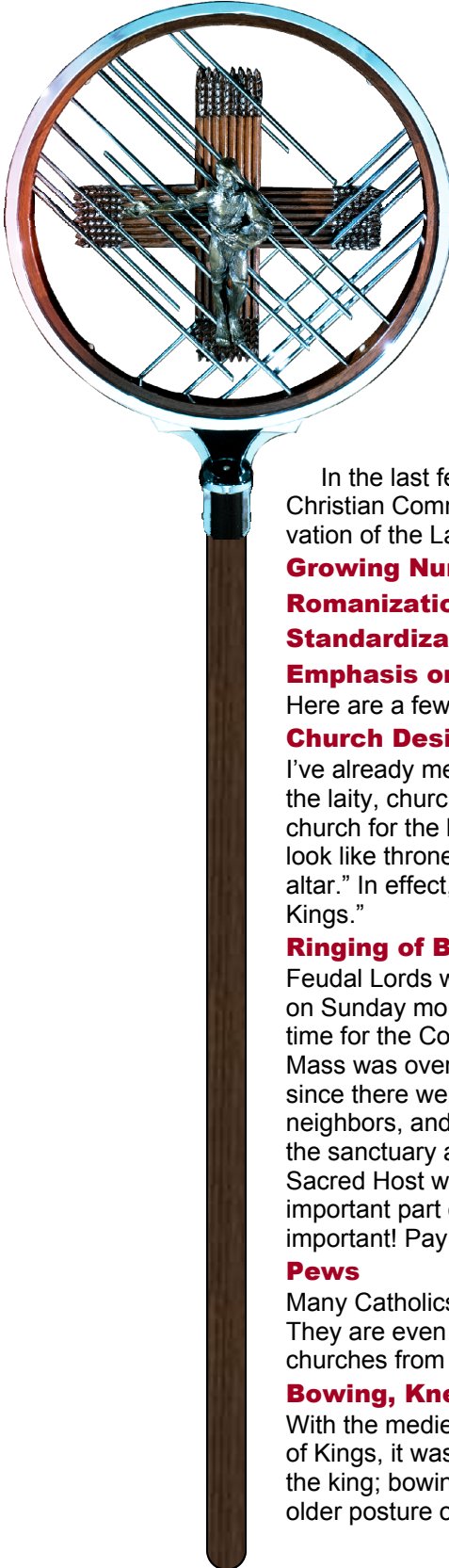
Bowing, Kneeling, Genuflecting

With the medieval focus on kings and kingdoms, and the resulting image of Jesus as the King of Kings, it was natural for the Church to adopt the gestures and postures of subservience to the king; bowing, kneeling, and genuflecting, and to use them in the Church's liturgies. The older posture of respect in the Christian Community was standing.

(To be continued...)

May God Bless You,

Fr. Rich Homa



Living The Word

Reflections for
Second Sunday
of Advent
Dec. 9, 2012

Readings for the Week

December 3rd-8th:

Mon.: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tues.: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wed.: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thurs.: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri.: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Sat.: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

God who comes, help us to hear your call to prepare for you to come into our lives. May this holy season set our hearts afire with the desire to put on the garments of truth and loving kindness so your light and love may come more fully into our world. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: DRESSING UP

From Baruch shouting out to Jerusalem to get ready for her returning children, to John the Baptist calling all to prepare a highway for the Lord, to Paul praying for an increase of love and knowledge for his beloved Philippians—a sense of occasion marks these readings, challenging us to respond to God's call.

FIRST READING

Jerusalem, God will show your splendor (Baruch 5:1-9).

Jerusalem had been dressed in clothes used during periods of mourning. Now she would be clothed in splendor. She would wear the cloak of justice and she would put a mitre on her head (most probably referring to the mitre of Aaron, the high priest, meaning that she

would be a holy, priestly city). The reading speaks of the extravagant preparations that God makes for the restoration of His people. Even now He is making those same preparations so that we can turn our hearts to Him during this Advent season.

SECOND READING

Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

This was written shortly after St. Paul faced a period of persecution that taught him what was truly important and what was not. This is why we see references to the Day of the Lord (for after almost dying, Paul was thinking about the end times). It is also why there is an affection that is almost extravagant. He

wanted to say those truly important things to the Philippians while there was still time. Paul prays that the members of this community might find those same insights: that they might discover what is pure and blameless. This is a goal of Advent. We seek the truth with all of our strength and purify our hearts.

GOPEL

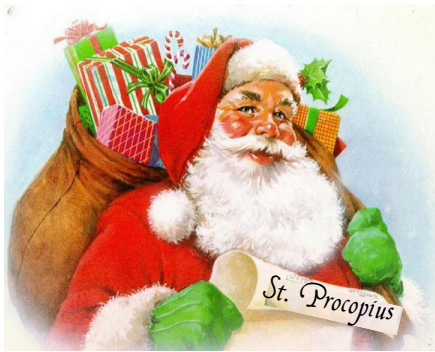
All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

The Gospel speaks of the role of John the Baptist. He calls upon his people to prepare the way for the Lord. John preached that the fulfillment of God's promises was at hand.

This meant that the people had to turn away from their sins so that they might embrace the salvation that God was offering. John the Baptist also speaks to us as well. We cannot hope to embrace the babe of Bethlehem if we do not turn away from our sins. Luke's version of this scene is typical of his Gospel. He gives a list of the names of those who held power during this period. Many scholars believe Luke did this to demonstrate to the authorities of the Roman empire that Christians respected authority and were really good citizens (and they therefore should not be persecuted for their faith).

REFLECTION

Getting "dressed up" does not seem to happen so much these days. No matter where you go, garb tends to be casual—funerals and weddings excepted (usually!) Jeans have replaced the suit, T-shirts and crew necks stand in for the traditional shirt and tie, and sneakers sub for dress shoes. Gone are most occasions when getting dressed up was *de rigueur*. These readings are as much a "dress up" call as a wake-up call. Baruch calls on Jerusalem to dress up, replacing her robe of mourning and misery and putting on the splendor of glory: the cloak of justice and the headgear of glory. Her children are returning from exile, "borne aloft in glory on royal thrones." God will see to arranging the rest of Creation: mountains made low, gorges filled in, fragrant trees filling the air with their scent. And John the Baptist is calling on the children of Israel to dress up their inner selves by undergoing a baptism of repentance, receiving God's forgiveness of their sins, and thereby providing God a highway into their hearts, a straight path with no obstacles impeding God's entry in glory. Then, God will dress them with salvation and fullness of life. Paul's words bring it home. Advent is a time to prepare for the great feast of God's incarnate love. God, made visible in Jesus Christ, a work in us since the day we were baptized in Christ, continues to come today, bringing God's work one step closer to completion.



St. Procopius Christmas Gifts

**DEADLINE TO RETURN GIFTS:
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12TH**

Recently, 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 ARE NEEDED

to sort/load gifts on Saturday, Dec. 15th from 9am-Noon in the Church Narthex. Any hours you can assist are appreciated. Please call Doug Benker at 708-429-4518.

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 11-25-12:
\$19,550.07
KIDS COLLECTION:
\$93.76
THANKSGIVING COLLECTION
FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
\$5,668.00

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Michael and Dr. Aditha Antony Diaz
(Child: **Divya Diaz**)
Kathleen Corke-Tomal

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on 11-25-12:
Graysen Olivia, child of John Pionke and Lourdes Terrado

WEDDINGS

Please remember in your prayers these couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Kelli Dougherty and **Andrew Sobieszek**; 12-8
Melissa Halyko and **Kyle Gasser**; 12-15

PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:
Robert Roeper **Catherine Pisczor** **Dan Keating**
Irene Juska **Margaret Walsh** **George Meyers**
For our deceased:
Evelyn Mniszewski **Anthony Stanfa**
Robert Kalchbrenner **Florence McMahon**
Frank Smith III
"Heavenly Father, accept the prayers which we offer for them."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 1st (5pm) **Richard Pawelek; Janice Whitford; Marija Nemanus; Mamie Michels; Josephine Tarantino; Donald Shea; Alice McDonald**
Sunday, Dec. 2nd
(7:15am) **Walter McWilliams; Parishioners**
(8:30am) **Arthur O'Connor**
(10am) **Arthur O'Connor; Geraldine Peck; Delores Keller; Frank Schaffer; Josephine Patrick; Louise Parker; Ernest Strauss; Ann Kadziela**
(11:30am) **Cecilia Clark; Alice McDonald; Jacenty and Stefanie Biela Sunnie and Bill O'Brien**
Mon., Dec. 3rd (9am) **John and Elizabeth Pieczyrak; Ken Janiak; Mary Ritter**
Tues., Dec. 4th (9am) **Eileen Vaughan-Biel; Edith Graziano; Living and Deceased Members of the Seniors of Seton**
Wed., Dec. 5th (9am) **Edward Howland, Sr.; Kenneth Sullivan; Edward Smith**
Thurs., Dec. 6th (9am) **Joseph Mularski; Frank Stasici**
Fri., Dec. 7th (9am) **Thomas McGrath; Kelly Intentions; Agnes Carey**
(7pm Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception) **Parishioners**
Sat., Dec. 8th (9am Immaculate Conception) **Parishioners**

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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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

We are still in need of Advent Candle Bearers. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Claudia Nolan, Director of Liturgy, in the parish office or call 708-403-0101.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” LK 21:28

WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

A reflection by Jay Cormier

TIME IS UP. No turning back, no second chances, no retakes. It is over. Done. Finished.

Now you find yourself standing before Jesus, face-to-face. The Jesus you received so many times in the Eucharistic bread and wine. The Jesus you professed belief in every Sunday. The Jesus you called on in countless panic-driven prayers. The Jesus whose very name—*Christ*—you took on in baptism.

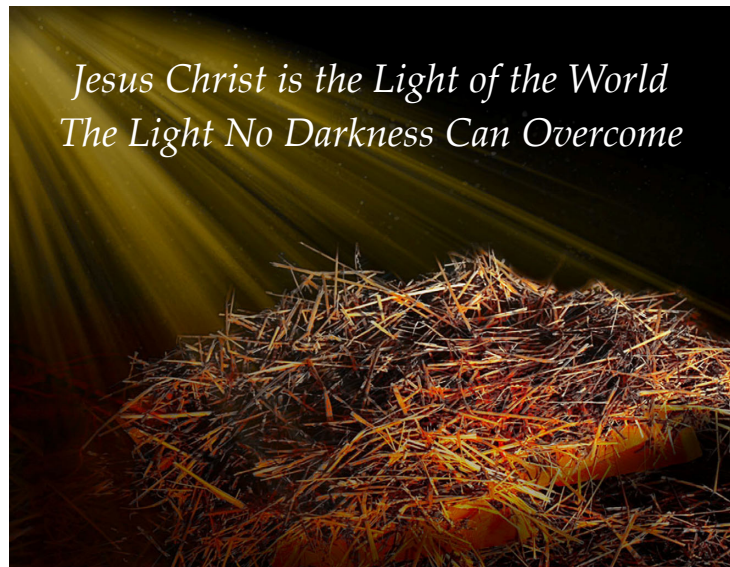
And now you stand before him.

Jesus holds no record book of your life, no scales of justice. There is no laser-intense gaze, no threats, no instant condemnations.

Jesus says nothing.

There is nothing to be said. Jesus knows you in the deepest recesses of your heart.

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY? What do you do? Will that moment be filled with terror? Will you be overcome, as was Peter in the gospel, with the number of times you betrayed him in your anger, in your hatred, in your selfishness, in your obtuseness to those around you? Will you shrink before Jesus, unable to stand before him? You may want to run and hide but there will be no place to go.



Or will you be able to muster up all the courage you have to say humble to Jesus, *I did my best. Thank you.*

And Jesus will say, *I know. And you're welcome.*

And then Jesus will welcome you like an old friend, with a big hug, into the eternal dwelling place of his Father.

IN HIS GOSPEL, Luke portrays our final judgment very

simply: “to stand before the Son of Man.” But rather than make us tremble, the prospect of standing before Jesus should fill us with hope: the “shoot of Jesse” comes to redeem us and lead us through the darkest nights, the most perilous storms, the most tumultuous calamities we will face in our lives. These four weeks of Advent are a microcosm of the Advent that is the very entirety of lives as Christians: to be ready “to stand before the Son of Man” through lives of love, mercy and justice.

- What would you like to be able to say to Jesus at the moment when you meet him?
- How can this Advent be a time for preparing your words?

Be Vigilant and meditate on your own “Timeline”, the good/the bad/the struggles. 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. God’s time is not our time.

Love one another as I have loved you.

*Come, Lord Jesus, into this Advent of our lives with your justice and mercy.
May we welcome you with hearts humbled by gratitude
for the very gift of life we have been given;
may we behold you in every sign of your love and forgiveness in our midst.*

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.**

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Dec. 1/2

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3/\$5

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6/\$20



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

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Waiting ... and Waiting

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.

I ALWAYS SEEM TO BE WAITING FOR SOMETHING. Waiting for the bathroom. Waiting for the coffee to brew. Waiting for the paper/mail/order to be delivered. Waiting for a green light. Waiting for my turn at the grocery store. And I find myself getting impatient and not a little short tempered.

Then there is the deeper waiting. Waiting for graduation. Waiting for the job interview. Waiting for the wedding day. Waiting for labor to begin. Waiting for the biopsy report. And I find myself becoming more anxious and fearful.

Now, once again I find myself waiting. On the day before Thanksgiving, my best friend found out that she has cancer. Now I am waiting for her surgery date. Waiting for her treatments to begin. Waiting for her to be cured. This, time, though, I find myself becoming prayerful and hopeful.

MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT and I am already in the habit of preparing myself to enter into the season with a sense of 'waiting with hope.' This particular Advent I am very grateful for the comfort that our church tradition brings to my life. I am used to being introspective and asking myself where in my life is there chaos and uncertainty? And how will God's promises help me weather these difficulties? My answer will be pivotal in helping me through my friend's illness in ways that will ensure that I am a support for her both spiritually and temporally.

Sometimes there is a strong tendency to be overly concerned about the many end time gospels we have been hearing lately. Especially this year what with the supposed ending of the Mayan calendar and all the speculation that has spawned. It has us waiting, but waiting for the wrong things.

We construct these horrible end of the world scenarios in our heads and then wait for Jesus to come and save us from all the terrible things that may happen. But, if let that sort of thinking take over, then we miss the true kind of waiting we are called to enter into.

WE SHOULD WAIT BUT WITH OUR EYES WIDE OPEN looking to see the Jesus that is indeed already here. When we can do that, then our focus is not on "us" and what may happen to "us," but on those around us who have yet to experience the love and comfort of the Lord. Then we can become a comfort to "them" and our minds and hands can attend to the work of making Christ's presence a reality in *their* lives.

The more we do that, the more we become peaceful human beings who can cope with whatever happens in this life because we know we are ready for the next life. We will be living in peace, hope, expectation and assurance of our place with the Lord. That's the kind of waiting my friend needs from me now and the kind that will fill us with the true joy of the season.



Every product is a miracle. Every purchase is a gift.

The St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry and Ten Thousand Villages Thanks You For Your Support of Fair Trade...

On the weekend of November 17th and 18th, the St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall transformed into a "world market" with hundreds of artisans products from over 40 developing countries around the world. Ryan Dwyer, a representative from the Ten Thousand Villages (a not-for-profit Fair Trade retailer) spoke at all of our Masses. He expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome he and his associates received from our parish. Our total sales were \$16,500! In terms of artisan impact, this sales number represents **one year of income for approximately four families!**

We wish to thank the incredible group of volunteers who worked so diligently (including the muscle power from the Men's Club!) and all those who supported this Fair Trade effort.



The Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



THIS WEEK WE WILL CELEBRATE THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. We can praise God for revealing to us that what was done for Mary as a sign of God's will for all of us, that we know ourselves as chosen by God and as existing to praise the glory of God's grace. Mary was not chosen because she was righteous; she was made righteous by being chosen. She is the first example of how we are all made holy by the blood of Jesus. Do you see yourself as having been chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy? We ask Mary to lead us more deeply into the mystery of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *have mercy on us.*

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *hear us.*

Christ, *graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Holy Virgin of virgins, *pray for us.*

Mother of Christ, *pray for us.*

Mother of Divine Grace, *pray for us.*

Mother most pure, *pray for us.*

Mother most chaste, *pray for us.*

Mother inviolate, *pray for us.*

Mother undefiled, *pray for us.*

Mother most amiable, *pray for us.*

Mother most admirable, *pray for us.*

Mother of good counsel, *pray for us.*

Mother of our Creator, *pray for us.*

Mother of our Savior, *pray for us.*

Virgin most prudent, *pray for us.*

Virgin most venerable, *pray for us.*

Virgin most renowned, *pray for us.*

Virgin most powerful, *pray for us.*

Virgin most merciful, *pray for us.*

Virgin most faithful, *pray for us.*

Mirror of justice, *pray for us.*

Seat of wisdom, *pray for us.*

Cause of our joy, *pray for us.*

Spiritual vessel, *pray for us.*

Vessel of honor, *pray for us.*

Singular vessel of devotion,

pray for us.

Mystical rose, *pray for us.*

Tower of David, *pray for us.*

Tower of ivory, *pray for us.*

House of gold, *pray for us.*

Ark of the covenant, *pray for us.*

Gate of heaven, *pray for us.*

Morning star, *pray for us.*

Health of the sick, *pray for us.*

Refuge of sinners, *pray for us.*

Comforter of the afflicted,

pray for us.

Help of Christians, *pray for us.*

Queen of Angels, *pray for us.*

Queen of Patriarchs, *pray for us.*

Queen of Prophets, *pray for us.*

Queen of Apostles, *pray for us.*

Queen of Martyrs, *pray for us.*

Queen of Confessors, *pray for us.*

Queen of Virgins, *pray for us.*

Queen of all Saints, *pray for us.*

Queen conceived without original sin,

pray for us.

Queen assumed into heaven,

pray for us.

Queen of the most holy Rosary,

pray for us.

Queen of Peace, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord

Lamb of God,

who takes away the sins of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God,

who takes away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

Grant we beseech Thee, O Lord God,

that we, Thy servants,

may enjoy perpetual health

of mind and body: and,

by the glorious intercession

of the blessed Mary, ever Virgin,

be delivered from present sorrow

and enjoy eternal gladness.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land Available in the Church Hall Next Weekend — Dec. 8th and Dec. 9th

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land

There are more than 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem and are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood. The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of these families serious harm in earning their living and forcing

many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam from "Star of Bethlehem Group" came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious hand crafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. Star of Bethlehem is approved and endorsed by many local bishops, and from the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Please take a look at these beautiful articles after Masses Dec. 8th/9th after all the Masses in the downstairs Church Hall.



Mom & Tot Storyhour at CJB School

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

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.



Breakfast with Santa AND Christmas Craft/ Vendor Fair

Breakfast with Santa
 Alden Estates of Orland Park invites you and your children to join them for a special holiday event on Saturday, Dec. 15th for

Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast will be served in two sittings, 9am and again at 10:15am. Seating is limited. Reservations are required by this Friday, Dec. 7th. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Adult/ Children 12-up: \$12; Children ages 4-11: \$6; Residents/Children 3-under: Free. Santa will be available for pictures. Please call 708-403-6500 for reservation.

Shopping at Santa Land

Adults and children are also invited to participate in *Shopping at Santa Land*. The event includes crafters and vendors from 10am-3pm and a "snack bar" (available from 12:30-2:30pm). Crafters and vendors are welcome to participate. Please call Nancy Johnson at 708-403-6500. Alden Estates of Orland Park is located at 16450 S. 97th Ave., Orland Park.

Christmas Flower Memorial Gift



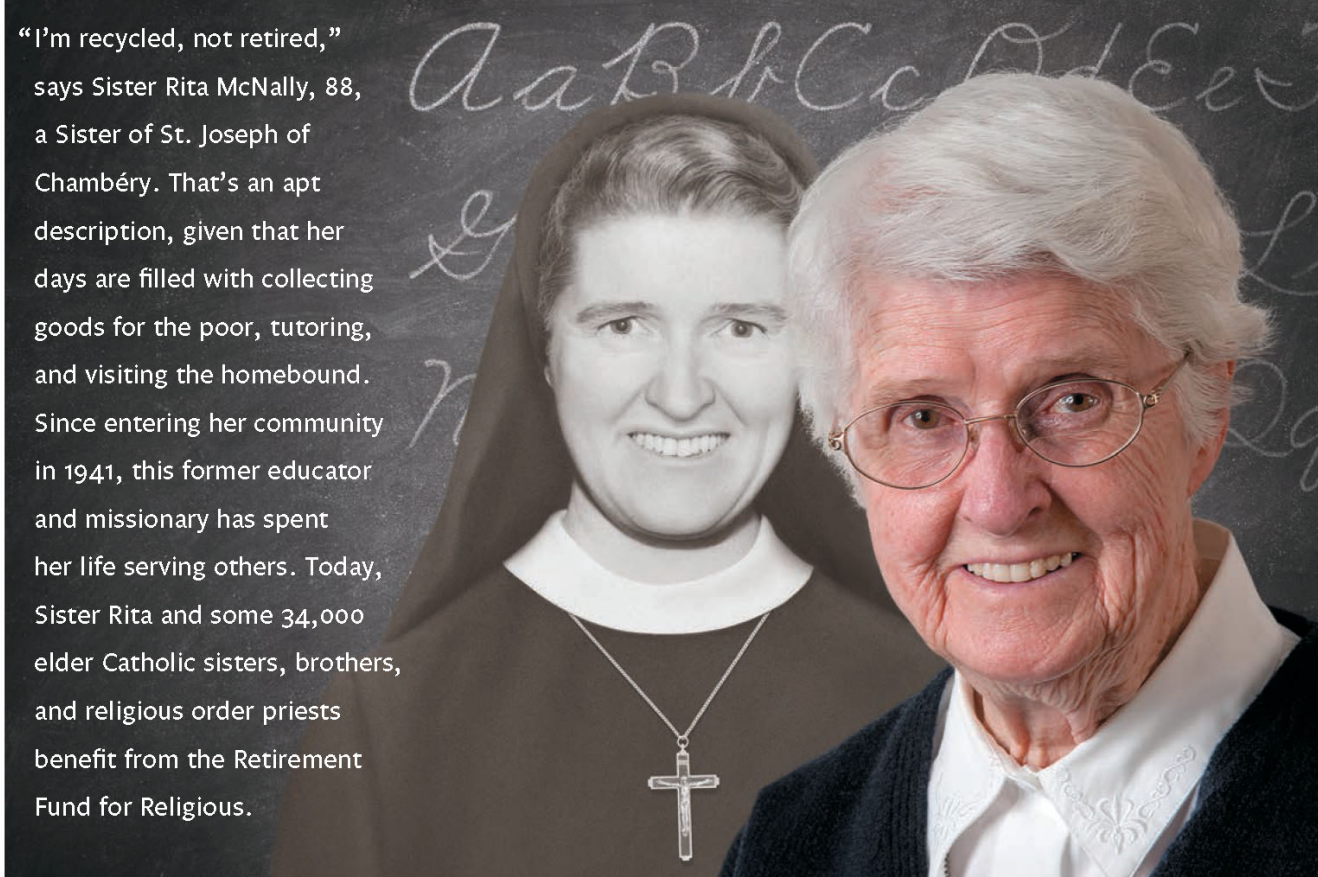
If you plan on using the Christmas Flower envelope found in your monthly packet of envelopes, or if you already sent in a flower memorial gift, please fill out the form below so we can publish the names of your loved one(s) in the bulletin after Christmas.

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Please place in collection basket. Thank you.



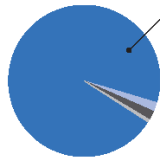
“I’m recycled, not retired,” says Sister Rita McNally, 88, a Sister of St. Joseph of Chambéry. That’s an apt description, given that her days are filled with collecting goods for the poor, tutoring, and visiting the homebound. Since entering her community in 1941, this former educator and missionary has spent her life serving others. Today, Sister Rita and some 34,000 elder Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Retirement Fund for Religious

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND Share in the Care

Like Sister Rita, thousands of senior women and men religious worked for small stipends. Their sacrifices over many decades now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

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Amount: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

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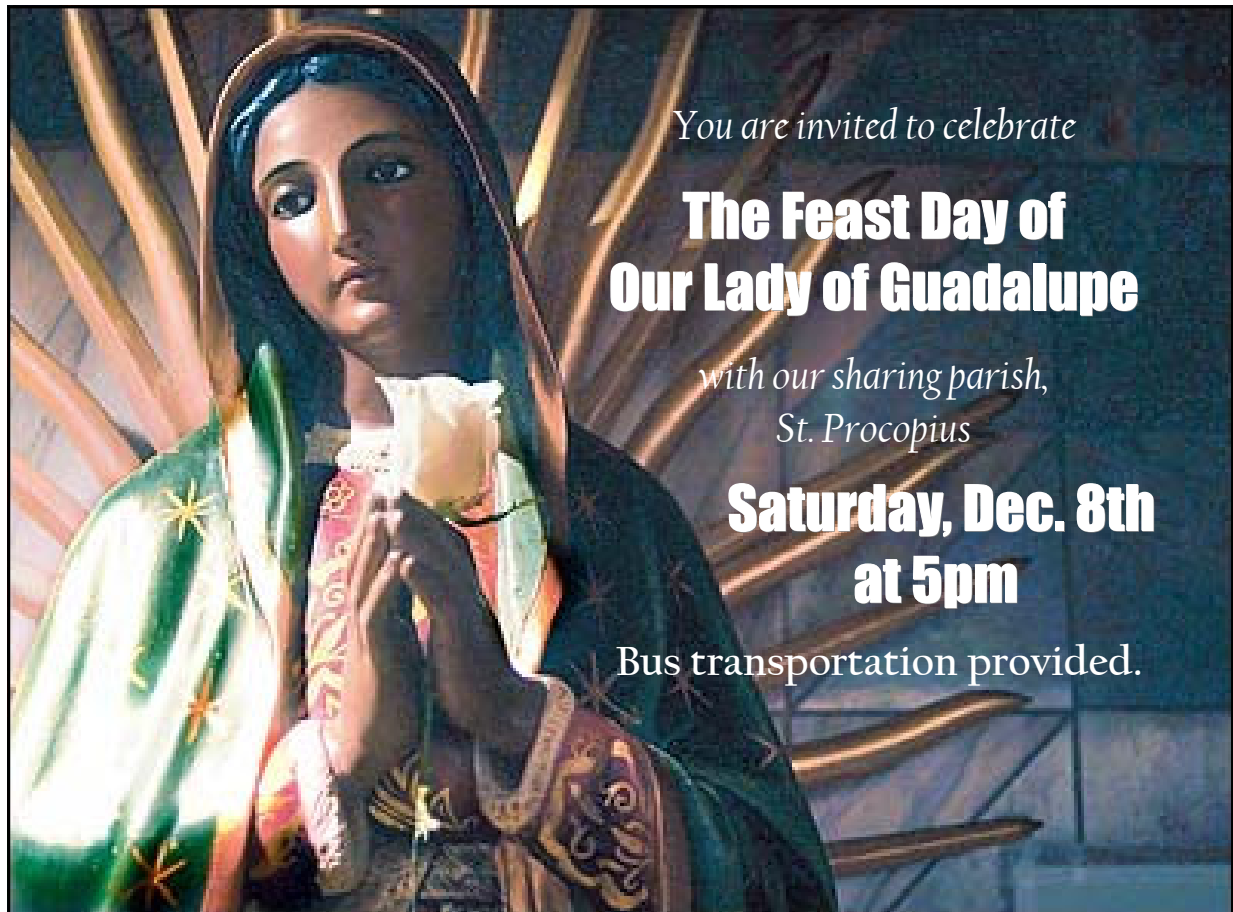
Do you recognize this box?

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. 8th
at 5pm**

Bus transportation provided.

St. Procopius Parish invites us to a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, Dec. 8th 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.

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

or after Mass on December 1st or 2nd.

Walk-Ins Welcome! Bring a Friend!

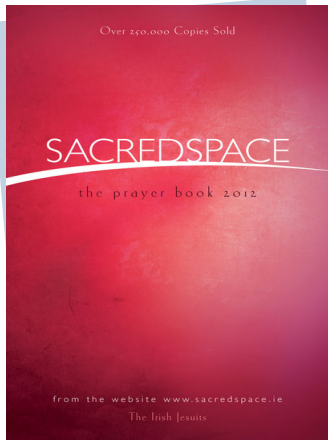
Every donor will receive a FREE Culvers gift card!



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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. No computer? Call our Club Rewards Help Desk at 630-301-6183.





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

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Drink

It makes perfect sense. Before we drink, we must pour what we are to drink. At Holy Communion, when we drink from the chalice, we know there has been a prior ritual action of preparation, the pouring of wine

that includes a drop of water symbolizing the union of the humanity and divinity of Jesus. We also know from Jesus' words of institution that what we drink has been poured in another sense.

In Jesus's name, the priest says, "Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." Take and drink what has been poured into this chalice. Take and drink what has been poured out on the cross for your salvation. When we drink from this chalice, we know we can only do so, because the suffering and self-sacrificing love of Jesus has first been poured out for us.

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, December 12th 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.



Are you being called to help God's people to prepare "for the coming of the Son of Man" as a priest, religious or deacon? For information about diocesan priesthood in Archdiocese of Chicago, please contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or bwelter@archchigo at bwelter@archchicago.org or visit 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 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.

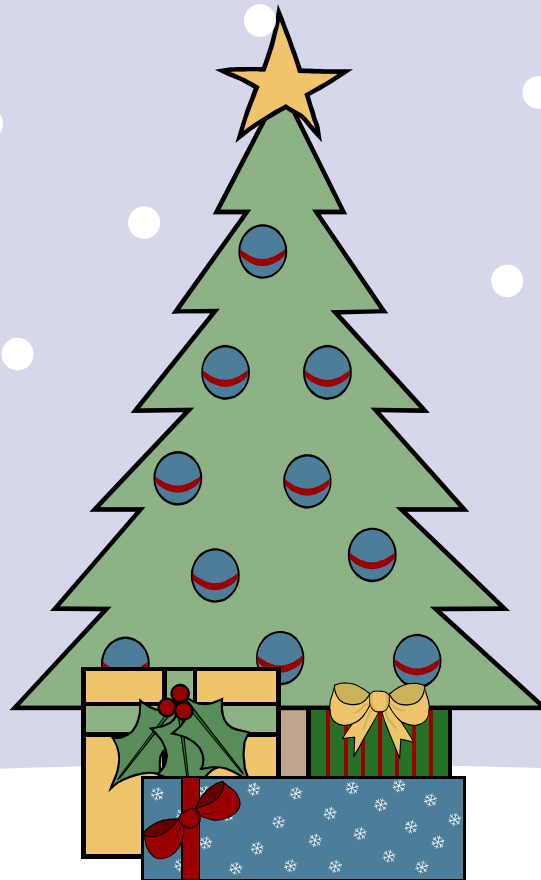
Please join in prayer...

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.

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.



OPEN HOUSE



SEE WHAT YOUR PARISH SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER!
Sunday, January 27, 2013
1:00pm until 3:00pm
Pre-K 3-years-old through 8th Grade
Just added to our already popular Pre-K half-day programs – FULL DAY Pre-K 4!!

3- and 4-year old Pre-K Presentation at 1:15pm
Kindergarten Presentations at 1:45pm

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is a Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

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www.cjbschool.org or email Cynthia Labriola Devlin
cdevlin@cardinaljbschool.com
 or call 708-403-6525 x127

Makes a great Christmas gift!



2013 Golden Opportunities Books Are Here!

Only \$20 in the parish office.

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

BECAUSE EVERYONE CAN USE A LITTLE HOPE!

IHC ROAD SCHOLARS SPEAKERS BUREAU

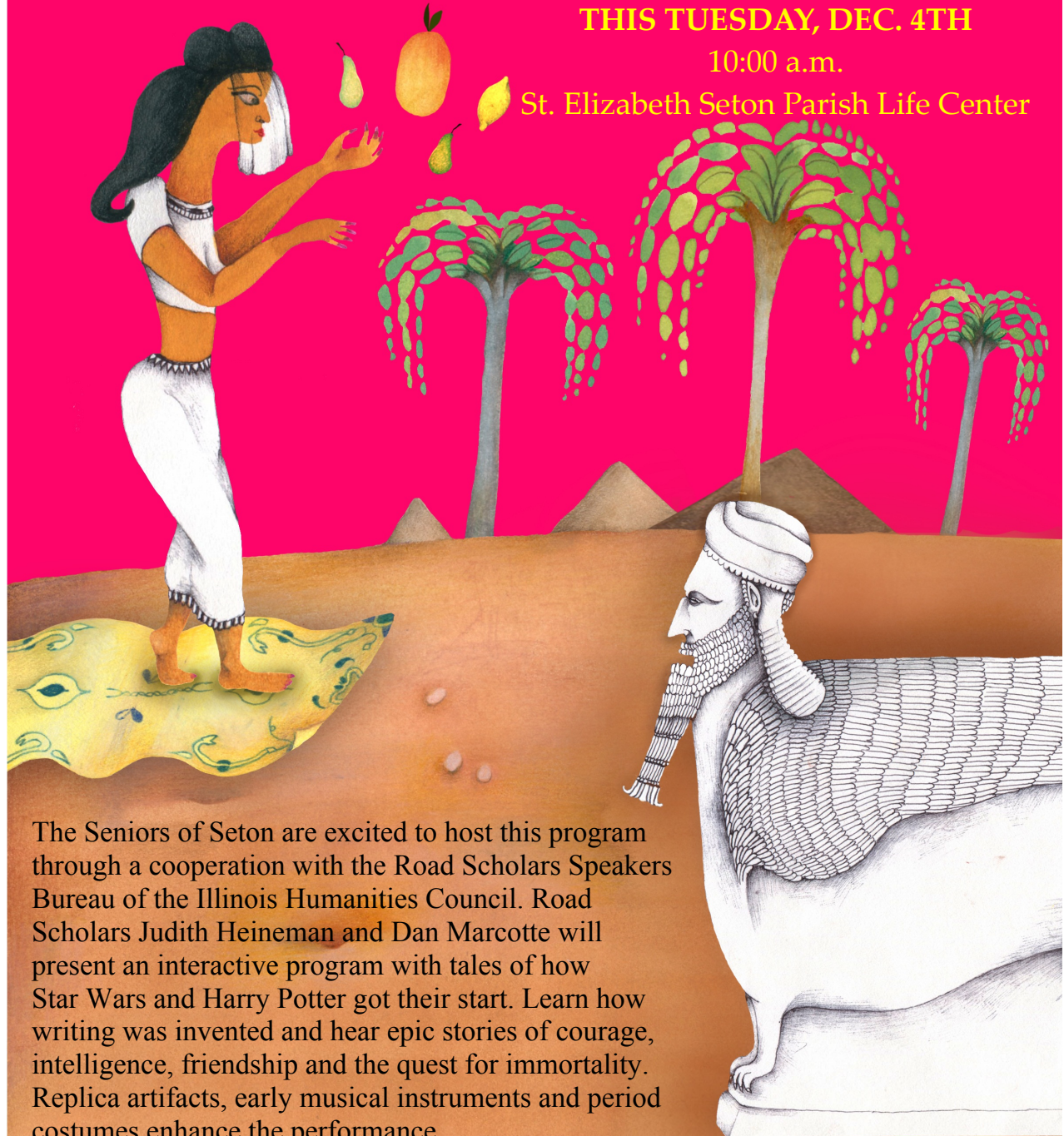
presents

The Magic Carpet: Songs and
Stories from Mesopotamia and
Ancient Egypt

THIS TUESDAY, DEC. 4TH

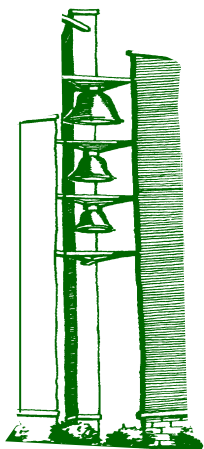
10:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Life Center



The Seniors of Seton are excited to host this program through a cooperation with the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau of the Illinois Humanities Council. Road Scholars Judith Heineman and Dan Marcotte will present an interactive program with tales of how Star Wars and Harry Potter got their start. Learn how writing was invented and hear epic stories of courage, intelligence, friendship and the quest for immortality. Replica artifacts, early musical instruments and period costumes enhance the performance.

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

DEC. 4TH MEETING

For our annual Christmas Sweet Table, please bring your favorite baked goodies, etc., to share. Too busy to bake? Let Aunt "Jewel" or Uncle "Sam", Dominick" or "Walt" help. Entertainment will take you on an interactive Magic Carpet ride: Songs and Stories of Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt presented by Road Scholars Judith Heineman and Daniel Marcotte

in cooperation with the Illinois Humanities Council.

DEC. 11TH —ST. THERESE'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 this week. Questions? Call Sue at 708-460-2311 or Janie at 708-633-1697. The Women's Club appreciates your support of this fundraiser!



HOW ABOUT A BAKER'S SQUARE PIE?

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

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

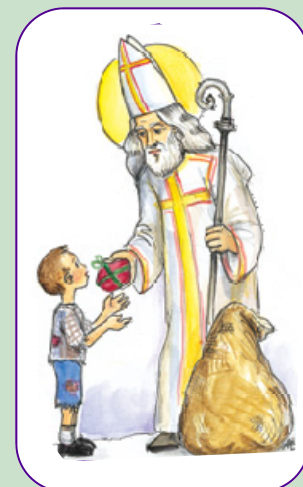
IN THE PARISH OFFICE

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

Nicholas, An Advent Saint

Advent is the time when Christians prepare to greet Christ — who came as a babe in a manger, Who comes into our lives each day, and Who will come again at the end of time. Advent is the time when people of faith are most at odds with the culture. The Church calls people to focus on getting ready to receive Christ—preparing hearts and lives to make room for Jesus, to live as he would have us live.



How does Saint Nicholas fit into all of this?

St. Nicholas is an Advent saint because his December 6th feast day always falls in early Advent. However, Nicholas is a good Advent saint for more important reasons than the date of his special day. St. Nicholas lived about 1,700 years ago and many stories and legends have been passed down through the years.

Nicholas was named the bishop of Myra (which is in the country we call Turkey today). It was a poor and run-down diocese. When his wealthy parents died, he gave his wealth to the poor and devoted himself to the conversion of sinners. His many works of charity led to the tradition of giving presents on Nicholas' feast day and at Christmas in his name.

Nicholas died at Myra in 350. His popularity, already great, increased when his relics were brought to Bari, Italy, in 1087. Both the Eastern and Western churches honor him. He is regarded as the special patron of children. Nicholas became so popular because he was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. His life clearly reflected the way each one of us is called to show God's love to others, especially those in need.

Saint Nicholas helps us remember Christmas is a feast of love, hope, kindness and generosity. In some parts of the world, gifts and treats are given on this day.

This Advent, Be Like Saint Nicholas...

To be like Saint Nicholas, try to find some ways you can secretly be kind to members of your family and friends during Advent.

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
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Seton
Men's Club



Men's Club News

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fourth Meeting of the 2012-2013 Year!

- **Men's Club General Meeting**
Wednesday, Dec. 12th
Doors open at 7pm
Meeting begins at 7:30pm



December Agenda:

- Recap of Donuts with Santa
- Request for volunteers for Advent Candle Procession and Offertory
- Annual Wolves Game
April 13th \$15 person
- Annual Men's Club Toy Drive
Collection of toys for Together We Cope
\$10 unwrapped toy (boy or girl)
- Annual Ham Raffle
Five hams to be donated to the Social Action Ministry to be served at the Shepherd Table Day Break Soup Kitchen in Joliet.

Please Note

Donuts with Santa Dec. 9th, sponsored by Men's Club after Masses (starting with 8:30am).

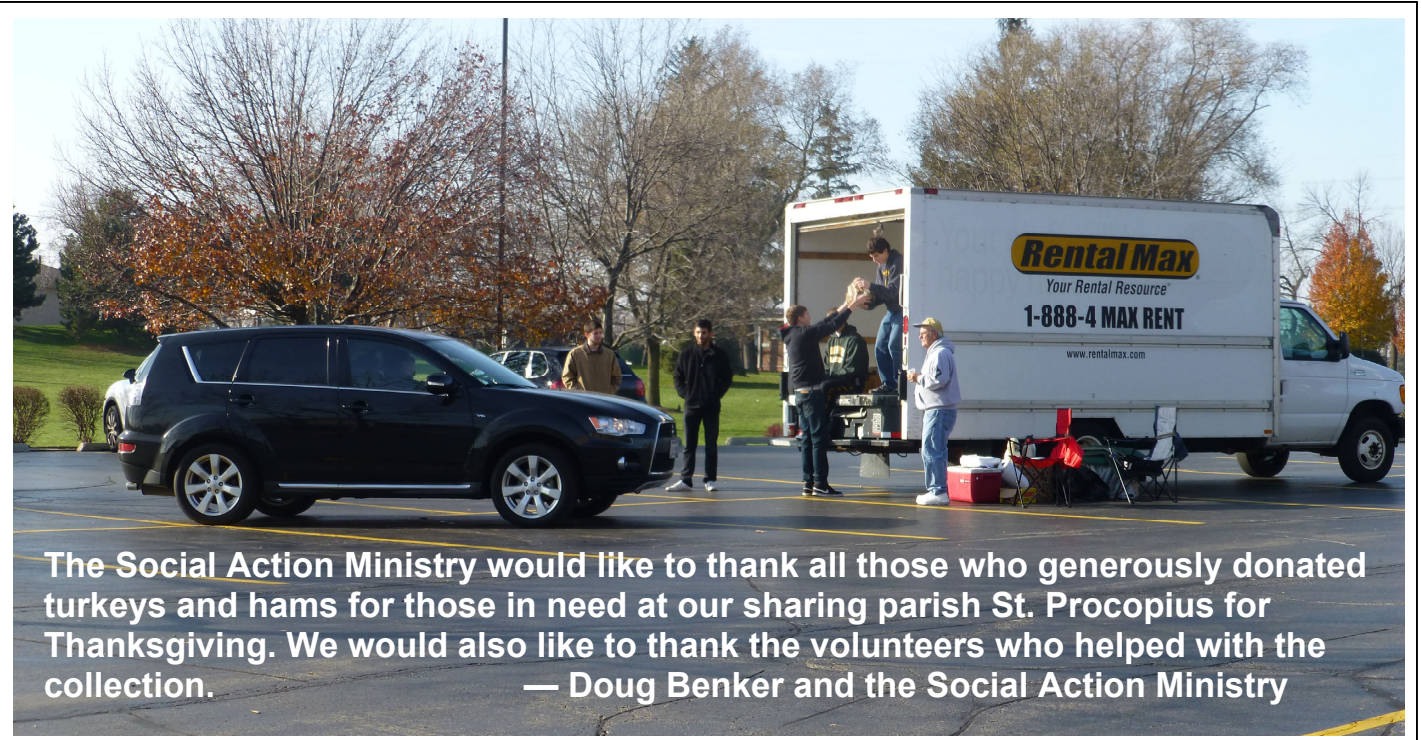
As always, new/returning members are encouraged to attend.



Men's Club members line up for the turkey raffle drawing at our November meeting



Discussion and contemplation after meeting.



The Social Action Ministry would like to thank all those who generously donated turkeys and hams for those in need at our sharing parish St. Procopius for Thanksgiving. We would also like to thank the volunteers who helped with the collection.
— Doug Benker and the Social Action Ministry



Cub Scouts

Pack 442

Spaghetti Dinner

with Santa

Saturday - December 8, 2012

4pm - 7pm

Please join us at the

Tinley Park Community Church

7939 W. 167th Street, Tinley Park, IL

For more information please see www.pack442.com

Please help us decorate the Christmas Tree by bringing new hats/scarfs/gloves - Thank you

Dinner Ticket.....\$7.00

Seniors (65+) & Children 6 - 10....\$6.00

5 and under..... Free

Dinner includes:

Spaghetti & Meatballs &

Salad & Dessert & Drink



Marian Catholic Open House

All are welcome to an Open House on Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 11 am-2 pm at Marian Catholic High School, 700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights. Student-guided tours of all academic departments. Information about extracurricular activities, scholarships, and transportation.

St. Rita High School Open House

St. Rita of Cascia High School, 7740 S. Western, will host an Open House this Sunday, Dec. 2nd from Noon-2pm.

Queen of Peace Fun Nights

Games, art projects, dance instruction, pizza, pop and more at Queen of Peace Fun Nights: Fridays, Dec. 7 and Mar. 8 from 6-8 pm for girls in grades 4-8. These are free events and include a t-shirt. Queen of Peace High School is located at 7659 Linder Ave., Burbank. For information these events, contact Mary Kate Love, Recruitment Coordinator, 708-496-4753 or lovem@queenofpeacehs.org.

Brother Rice/Mother McAuley Band

First Annual Bandcake Breakfast.

On Sunday, Dec. 9th, the Brother Rice/Mother McAuley Band will host its First Annual Bandcake Breakfast from 8am-1pm in the Brother Rice cafeteria, 10001 Pulaski, Chicago. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children ages 5-12. Free for children 4-under. Santa Claus will be on hand for picture opportunities (small fee). Parking available in the north lot. And of course, music will be provided!

Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

■ 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:

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.

Market Day

**ORDER
FORMS DUE
DEC. 2ND**



raising funds for education

Receive FREE 1 lb. Pork Tenderloin with a \$90 ONLINE purchase. Enter Promo Code DEC Bonus.
FREQUENT BUYERS: If you made two \$40 purchases between September and November, remember to place a third order of \$40 this month to receive a FREE Carry-All Tote at our December Sale. Every purchase is 100% guaranteed. Sign-up at www.marketday.com to receive monthly newsletters, exclusive offers, and money saving coupons. Order forms are due to church by Sunday, Dec. 2nd or online www.marketday.com School #16266 by 11pm on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Pickup is Wednesday, Dec. 12th from 5:30-6:30pm in the Seton Church Hall. Pay by credit card online or pay with cash/check at the sale. Questions? Please contact Jen Krueger at 708-873-1387.

12/8 & 12/9	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. 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. Skrzypiec 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

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

HURTING FROM AN ABORTION?: 888-456-HOPE