



ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

**First Sunday of Lent
February 17, 2013**

**One
does not
live on
bread
alone**

Living The Word

Reflections for
Second Sunday
of Lent
Feb. 24, 2013

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: THE GLORY YET TO COME

Every Lent takes us first into the desert to witness Jesus being tested and tempted; then, on the Second Sunday, we go up the mountain with Peter, James, and John to witness the Transfiguration and its accompanying vision. This event takes us more deeply into God's unfolding plan for Jesus—and us.

FIRST READING

God made a covenant with Abraham, His faithful servant (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

God establishes a covenant with Abraham. A covenant was a treaty or pact made between two nations, a sovereign and his subjects, or two friends. The people of Israel used this term to describe the fact that God had chosen them to be His people. Part of every covenant was a series of blessings and curses that the

parties would call down upon themselves. They were to be blessed if they fulfilled all of the prescriptions to which they were committing themselves, but cursed if they deviated from the stipulations of the covenant. This is the reason for the splitting of the animals.

SECOND READING

Christ will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body (Philippians 3:17—4:1).

St. Paul often uses himself as a model of what the Christian life is. This is not arrogant pride as much as an honest recognition that he had turned his life over to the Lord. The Christian life is not always easy. We are tempted by the things of this world. God created the world to be good, but we often mis-

use the things of this world (e.g. food, wealth, sex, etc.). Rather than their being used to serve our legitimate needs, they become enslaved to our passions. The only way to break out of this prison is to keep the proper perspective. We are living in this world, but we cannot live for it. We are citizens of heaven.

GOSPEL

While He was praying His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white (Luke 9:28b-36).

Jesus prays in this Gospel so that He might discern and obey the will of the Father. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law

(represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah). Furthermore, both of them were associated with the coming of the Messiah, for Moses prayed for someone who would be greater than himself, and Elijah was to appear to prepare the chosen people for the Day of the Lord. The disciples are confused. As often happens when we come into contact with the Holy, they could not fully understand the meaning of it all. God the Father proclaims Jesus as His chosen Son. This is something also heard at the Baptism, and even under the cross when Jesus is proclaimed to be the Son of God.

Readings for the Week

February 18th-23rd:

Mon.: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tues.: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wed.: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thurs.: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Fri.: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Sat.: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

REFLECTION

God's promises are not empty words carried off by the wind soon after they are uttered. From the beginning God has backed up divine promises with action. We see this in the story of God sealing the promise to Abraham of many descendants and the gift of the land with the mystifying occurrence of a floating fire pot and flaming torch passing through Abraham's sacrifice. God's words lead to a ratifying action. In the Gospel God comes to Jesus. At first this is made evident in the change of Jesus' face and clothing. Then the great prophets Moses and Elijah appear, mediators of God's word to the people through, both the Torah and the prophetic deeds, who speak with Jesus about His coming death in Jerusalem. Finally, as with Israel in the desert, God manifests the divine presence, coming in a cloud and proclaiming Jesus as His "chosen Son." "Listen to Him," the voice says. Divine word is backed up by divine deed. This yearly glimpse of glory in the story of the Transfiguration tells us yet again that God recognizes our need for signs and support in our journey of faith. Walking in faith is not all shadows and darkness. Light comes into our lives, sometimes in such unexpected ways that we only become aware of it in retrospect. These moments whisper of God's ongoing presence with us, of promises yet to be fulfilled. Paul speaks of our citizenship even now being in heaven, calling us to "stand firm in the Lord."

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**IMPORTANT
PARISH MEETING***Friday, Feb. 22nd**7pm*

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE POLICY REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRIESTS TO THE PASTORATE, the Consultation Team (Vicar, Dean and a Priests' Placement Board Representative) will meet with our parishioners on Feb. 22nd at 7pm in our Parish Life Center. The purpose of this meeting is not to name a new pastor but to give the Consultation Team an opportunity to meet with our people personally to discuss the needs of the parish and what they would like to see in a new pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting is divided into four segments and usually lasts one and one-half hours:

■ Since the meetings are conducted in an atmosphere of prayer, the Board asks that someone from the parish (i.e. Deacon) offer prayer to begin the consult. Introduction of persons conducting the meeting takes place after the prayer, and an explanation of diocesan policy regarding pastorates is given.

■ In the listening segment, parishioners are asked to speak about their parish, its needs, present concerns and the qualities they are seeking in a new pastor. This portion of the meeting takes the longest time and is most interesting. Most people have very definite ideas about their parish and the kind of priest they want to serve as their pastor.

■ A question/answer period follows. Generally the people are interested in how long the process will take, what they can do if the new pastor is not all they had hoped for and whether they can interview the applicants before a decision is made.

■ For the written segment, a form is given to the attendees asking them to:

- A. List the qualities they want in a pastor
 1. Suggestions: The parishioners may wish to name a priest they would or would not like to see as their next pastor.
- B. Name the top three strengths of the parish.
- C. Name the top three areas of greatest need for the parish.

The meeting concludes when people have finished writing and talking privately with Board members.

*Fr. Stan Kuca***WELCOME**

Chad and Eileen Arsich
(Children: **Sarah and Liam**)
Nicole Cosich
James and Jean Fitzmaurice

WEDDINGS

Please pray for those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Elizabeth Hillhouse and Blaise Lukasiewicz; 3-9-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Sam Yozze
Joseph Coppolino
DJ Schiffer
Donald Grodesky and Family
Margaret Lindbloom
Mike Knight
Gerry Krause

And for our deceased:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

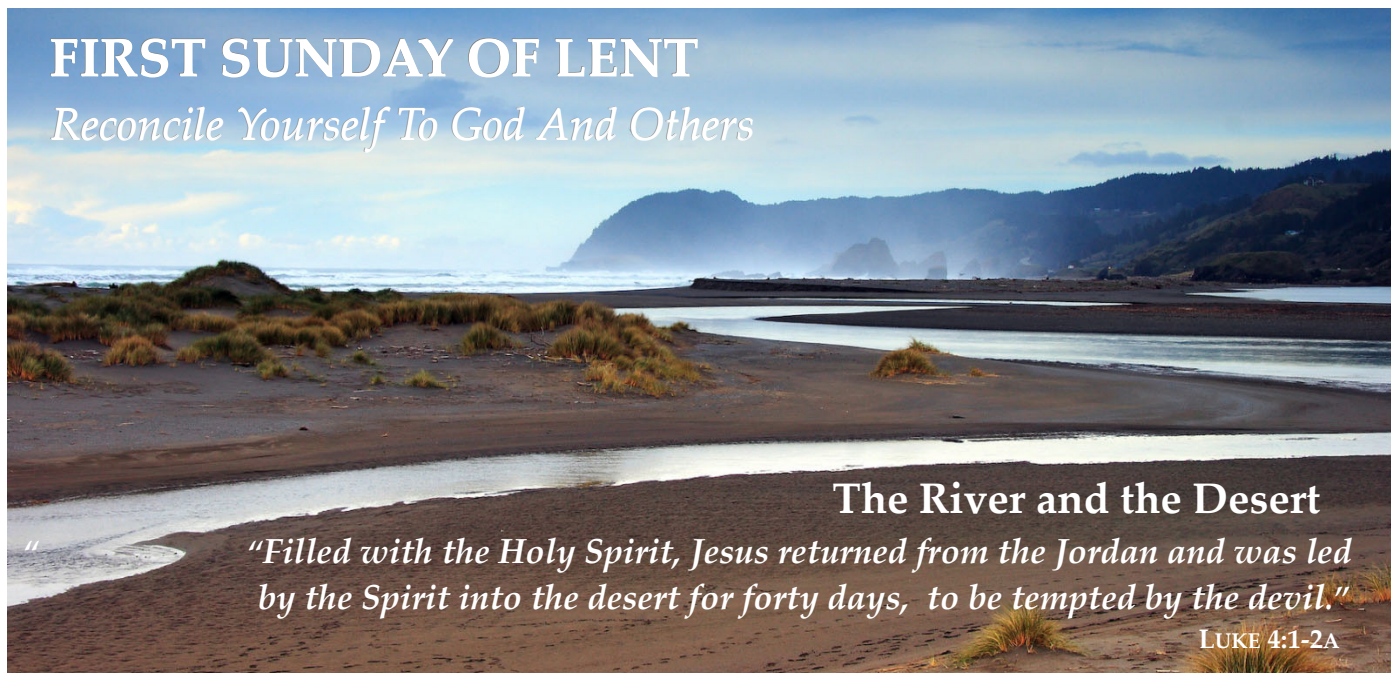
Sat., Feb. 16th (5pm) **Jospehine Tarantino; Frank Smith III, Beverly Perkowski; Sonny Thomas, June Tunelius, Julia Kovach**
Sunday, Feb. 17th
(7:15am) **Veronica Daley**
(8:30am) **Mercedes Garcia, Richard Pawelek, Evelyn Mniszewski,**
(10am) **Patrick Clark, Dolores Pawlak, Joseph Cronin, Al Smith, Joseph Konieczny, Richard Galas**
(11:30am) **Frank Brazalle, Eugene Summers, Cruz Sevilla**
Mon., Feb. 18th (9am) **Matt O'Brien**
Tues., Feb. 19th (9am) **Fedelia and Willie Rauner, Thomas Formoso**
Wed., Feb. 20th (9am) **Adeline Smigiel**
Thurs., Feb. 21st (9am) **Evelyn Mniszewski**
Fri., Feb. 22nd (9am) **Kevin Fitzpatrick**

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reconcile Yourself To God And Others



The River and the Desert

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil."

LUKE 4:1-2A

NOT BY BREAD ALONE A reflection by Robert F. Morneau

THE RIVER AND THE DESERT ARE IMAGES THAT TOUCH THE DEPTH OF OUR HUMANITY. Water is the source of

life; barren wilderness speaks of the silence and solitude that forces us to look deeply into reality. The great spiritual writers of all traditions have had much to say about deserts and rivers. Poets and philosophers too.

JESUS KNEW BOTH TERRAINS. At the Jordan River he was baptized and experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing himself addressed as the Beloved, as the Son of God, was a crossroads experience. In his passion, as he hung upon the cross, Jesus' crossroad experience would be challenged as the taunting began: "If you are the Son of God,..." Deep in his memory were etched the Jordan words that would sustain him in the hour of darkness.

IN THE DESERT, our Lord came into contact with those forces that would separate him from his Father. Jesus was tempted to embrace the three idols that are common to every culture and time: power, prestige, and possessions. Jesus would have none of it. Obedience defined his life and he would do only what the Father asked of him. In that barren desert, in that apparent waste and loneliness, Jesus remained faithful.

RIVERS SPEAK OF LIFE. Jesus' mission was to give life, life to the full (John 10:10). As baptized Christians we too are called to be agents of life. The water poured out in the sacrament of initiation is not meant just for us. Rather, the life given to us is to be shared with others. The temptation here is to hoard, to keep to ourselves what has been given. Disciples see themselves as a conduit of God's life; Christian stewards know that their call is to receive God's gifts gratefully and to share those gifts sacrificially.

DESERTS SPEAK OF TRIALS AND ORDEALS. Life is messy. Everywhere we turn there is suffering—poor health, broken relationships, abuse, wars, corruption. A huge temptation is to become sour and to view life from a negative perspective. Our great need is the gift of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit that sustained Jesus in his trials. A contemporary mentor for us here is Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who, for many years, experienced the desolation of the desert. Out of that poverty and pain she bore witness to God's compassion by her unselfish love.

- *What do rivers and deserts symbolize for you?*
- *What are the temptations that hinder your spiritual growth?*

*Lord Jesus, be with us as we journey along riverbanks and barren deserts.
We hunger for life and love; we face the trials of desolation and despair.
Send your Spirit into our hearts and make us authentic disciples.*

Living When A Loved One Has Died

The Pastoral Care Department of Little Company of Mary Hospital offers a support program for the bereaved... **LIVING WHEN A LOVED ONE HAS DIED**. If you are aware of someone who has lost a spouse, a child, a sibling, or loved one, and is in need of support, we ask you to share this information with them. Individual support groups specific to loss as well information to help understand their feelings and what is happening to them. Meeting those in similar circumstances not only provides understanding, but encouragement in how to cope with their loss. Gatherings begin Wednesday, Feb. 20th and continue for six consecutive weeks (Feb. 27th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th).

The hospital also offers a grief support program for children from the ages of 5-18 years called **THE HEART CONNECTION**. This eight-week program begins on Monday, March 11th from 6-7pm and has limited registration of 32 children and fills very quickly. Call 708-229-5484.

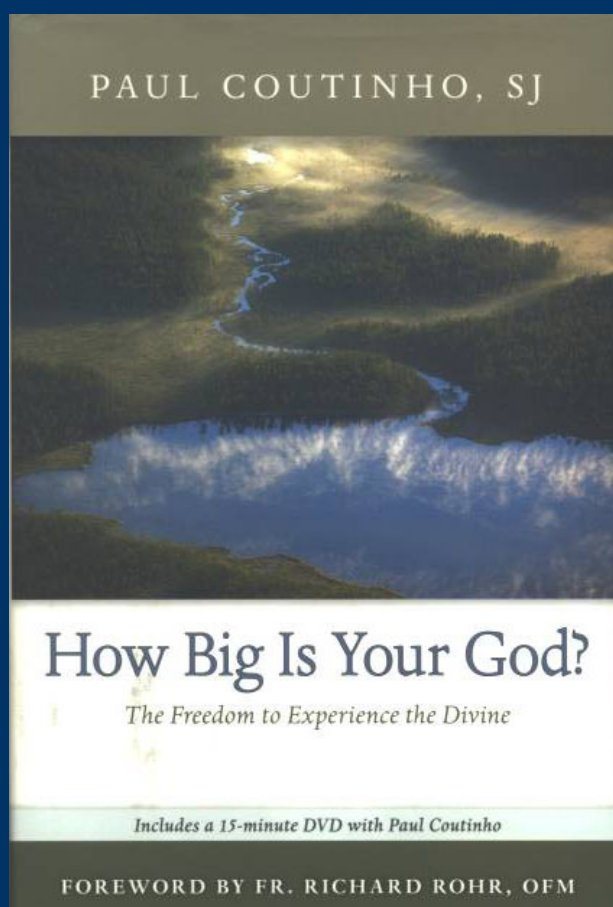
Alcoholics Anonymous

If you have a problem with alcohol and feel a sincere desire to stop drinking, you are welcome to attend a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall on Thursdays from 7:30-8:45pm. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover. The only requirement is a sincere desire to stop drinking.

Families Anonymous

If your life has gone astray due to living with someone who has a substance abuse problem, consider attending Families Anonymous on Mondays from 7-8:30pm at Palos Hospital, 123rd and 80th Ave., Palos Heights (Ambulatory Care Center, Rm. 1, enter Emergency Room to elevator to the Lower Level). For information call Warren, 708-429-2507 or Therese at 708-269-9853.

This Lenten Season deepen your experience of God by moving from religion to relationship...



Ask yourself the following questions:

- Do you know God, or do you just know about God?
- Do you believe in a God without limits, or have you placed God in a box and sealed the lid?

Indian Jesuit priest Paul Coutinho asks each of us to carefully consider questions such as these. With his warm sense of humor and a talent for telling just the right story to drive home a point, Coutinho guides us to reconsider who God is and how we can have fellowship with God beyond anything we have imagined.

The immensely powerful yet eminently readable wisdom in *How Big Is Your God?* will move us past religion as we know it and toward a relationship with God that can change the way we think, love and live!

Join us Wednesday mornings for book discussion during Lent

We invite you to come Wednesday mornings beginning February 20th through March 27th to discuss the book. We will meet after morning Mass at 10:00am. We ask you to please purchase the book and read the first six short chapters before we meet the first time.



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

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Being Chosen

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.

WHEN I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL, ONE OF MY FAVORITE GAMES WAS DODGE BALL. The first order of business was to choose two captains. That being done, the whole class would expectantly wait as the captains, standing on opposite ends of the gym, would 'choose up sides.' The first several rounds went quickly as best friends and good athletes were chosen. Amid loud cheers they would excitedly run to the side of their captain and their heads would bob up and down as they discussed the merits of each of the remaining kids not yet picked. He's pretty fast, take him. She can really hit, take her! But, eventually, the choosing became much slower. The deciding factors were no longer who had good reflexes or the best aim...they were who was the least likely to be a liability. Many times the children chosen were received not with welcoming cheers but "Awwwws and Oh, wells!" To this day, when I think of those days, I can actually still feel the way I felt then, standing there aching with anxiety. I could scarcely take a breath as each of my friends were chosen, one by one, and they happily ran off to join their teammates. And when I was finally picked, my body still remembers the joy and excitement it felt because I was considered good enough to be chosen!

LAST WEEK AT 10:00AM MASS WE CELEBRATED THE *RITE OF SENDING* WITH OUR RCIA CATECHUMEN AND THREE CANDIDATES. As a community, we prayed over them and confirmed that they are ready to receive the Easter Sacraments. Then we sent them to Holy Name Cathedral to be presented to the Bishop and celebrate the Rite of Election. This Rite is the outward sign that the Church celebrates the awesome fact that GOD HAS CHOSEN THEM.

That afternoon, as we arrived at the Cathedral, there was a great sense of excitement as we joined hundreds of other catechumens and candidates from many churches throughout the Archdiocese. Bishop John Manz, one of Chicago's Auxiliary Bishops, was the presider for the Rite. When it came time to present the catechumens and candidates, each one would have their name read aloud. They walked forward, shook the Bishop's hand, and lined up in the sanctuary of the Cathedral. There were so many of them it took a full 45 minutes to read all the names! And as impressive as that sounds, keep in mind that the Archdiocese will celebrate four more of these celebrations in the coming weeks.

Bishop Manz then asked one more time if we agreed that these catechumens and candidates were ready for the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. He then asked them if it was their desire to accept God's call to become one with him through the Church. Hundreds of voices replied in unison, "Yes, it is!"

MY PRAYER FOR OUR CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES, no matter how many years and miles they may travel, is that they only have good and happy feelings of the day they celebrated that God chose them.

Elect for Initiation Sacraments
Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
Michael Farthing

Candidate for Full Communion
Edward Nelson

Candidates for
Completion of Initiation Sacraments
Confirmation and Eucharist
Marcus McKibben
Nick Tessari

St. Elizabeth Seton Church
LENTEN PARISH MISSION

March 3rd, 4th, 5th
 at 7:00 pm

Presented by
 Rev. Pat Brennan, D.Min., Psy.D.

**SACRAMENT OF
 RECONCILIATION**

Sunday Night, March 3
 and Monday Morning March 4th
 following the Anointing of the Sick



Sunday Night, March 3rd at 7pm

Inner Peace in and Age of Anxiety and the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Where does all the anxiety and stress in our culture come from?
 How can spirituality help us?

Monday Night, March 4th at 7pm

The Way of Forgiveness

God always forgives us unconditionally when we sin.
 We are called also to do forgiveness work with each other.

Tuesday Night, March 5th at 7pm

Back to the Future

The future direction of the church can be found in our ancient past!
 What are those key ingredients, and are we willing to work toward them?

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Fr. Pat Brennan, serves as the Director of Development at Mayslake Ministries where he is also a spiritual director, counselor, Adult Faith formation pre-

sender, and Mission Director. Fr. Pat holds doctorates in Pastoral Ministry and Psychology. The author of more than fifteen books and articles, Fr. Pat is the director of the National Center for Evangelization and Parish Renewal. Through the Center, he produces a weekly newsletter that contains homiletic reflections.

Fr. Pat is the former pastor of Holy Family Parish in Inverness where he served for seventeen years. He currently assists on weekends at St. Julie's Parish in Tinley Park.

He co-hosts a weekly radio program, Horizons, with Dawn Mayer for the past thirty-one years. The program is heard at 6:30am on WIND, AM 560 and at 11am on WYLL, AM 1160. He is frequent speaker at conferences around the country and indifferent parts of the world. Similarly he has offered many parish missions in the past decades. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1973.

His forthcoming book is entitled Common Sense Faith, to be published by Orbis Books in the near future.

Lenten Weekday Prayer Opportunity



LENTEN LITURGY OF THE HOURS

*Daily Morning Prayer in the church (Monday-Friday)
beginning Thursday, February 14th at 8:30AM
February 18th-22nd; February 25th-March 1st;
March 4th-8th; March 11th-15th; March 18th-22nd
March 25th-29th (Holy Week)*

What is the Liturgy of the Hours?

Not many people are thoroughly familiar with this form of communal prayer. Long ago, our ancestors in faith had ways for individuals and households to praise and thank God constantly, with the poetic richness of praying at morning and evening with hymns and psalms known by heart. As time went on we lost those forms of prayer. Along with the Lord's Supper, fixed-hour prayer is considered the oldest form of Christian spirituality. The psalmist's example to praise God seven times each day, were trying to follow St. Paul's exhortation to "pray without ceasing." The apostles too used psalms in their prayers, and the psalms remain the backbone of the *Liturgy of the Hours* today. Both the ending and the beginning of the day were, to the ancients, natural times for prayer.

We learn to pray by praying, and we learn to pray the Mass through the many ways that ritual prayer enters our lives throughout the day and week. In liturgy as in life, one thing regularly leads to another: understanding leads to loving, loving to participation, participation to commitment and commitment to a transformed way of living. It seems so elementary. 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.

EVENING PRAYER

*Wednesdays, 7-7:30PM in the Church
Beginning February 20th*

What is the Evening Prayer?

We all may have heard of priests and religious praying the "breviary," which is another name for the *Liturgy of the Hours*. Although every Catholic knows that Eucharist is the official public prayer of the Church, the *Liturgy of the Hours* is considered the "other half" of our official public prayer — a half which most of us have rarely had an opportunity to experience. In the *Liturgy of the Hours*, the singing or reciting of the Psalms takes place at various hours around the clock. Praying the Psalms at different hours of the day and night is a traditional Catholic way of "sanctifying" every hour and moment of our lives with prayer and reflection.

Evening Prayer is the "sunset" hour of the *Liturgy of the Hours*, and begins with a light ceremony in which lamps and candles are lit for the evening activities (originally at a time when there was no electricity). During the lighting of the lamps, we sing a hymn praising "Christ our Light." Incense is burned as we sing and pray that all our prayers will rise to God just as the smoke and fragrance of the incense rises. Then, we sing from the Book of Psalms (the heart of prayer). We close the service with a hymn of thanks. This is a prayerful way to end our day and begin our evening activities.

Lenten Weekly Prayer Opportunity



DAILY MASSES DURING LENT

Monday-Friday, 9:00am



EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays, 7-7:30pm

The official public, daily prayer of the Church is the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. The daily singing and reciting of the Book of Psalms is a most ancient tradition — a way of “sanctifying every hour and moment of our lives with prayer, scripture, and reflection.” In the complete “Liturgy of the Hours”, during the course of a month, all 150 Psalms are prayed,

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish is participating in Catholic Relief Services RICE BOWL this Lent. Last weekend, Rice Bowl boxes were distributed during Masses. If you did not receive a Rice Bowl, you can pick one up on the counter in the Church Narthex. All monies raised will be given to Catholic Relief Services in an effort to end world-wide hunger. Rice Bowls will be collected on Easter Sunday.



Week One: Moussa's Story

My name is Moussa. I live with my wife and 7 children in Burkina Faso, a small country in West Africa. Most of the people in our village are farmers, but because of poor rainfall, insects and other problems, it is difficult to produce enough food. Often we can only grow enough to last 7 or 8 months of the year. We call the rest of the year "the lean season." Several years ago CRS helped us set up an irrigation system in a plot of land near the village.

We divided this land into small gardens for different farmers in the village. With CRS' help we formed committees to keep our irrigation system in good repair and to manage our water and seed supplies. In my garden I grow corn and onions. I am now able to grow enough food for my family's needs and also have produce to sell at the market. Life is much better. With the money I earned at market, I bought two donkeys and a plow to help me farm more efficiently. I am able to send my children to school, and I just built a new house. Like the others in my village, I have always wanted to provide a good life for my family. With the help of CRS, this dream has come true.

Lenten Reflection

In your prayer this week, ask Jesus to show you the areas that most tempt you to follow your own agenda over God's plan for you. Ask for the grace to break the hold those temptations often have over you. Make this the work of your Lenten fast.

Facts to Consider

Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 181 out of 187 countries on the United Nations' Human Development Index. Before the Lelegse market gardening project came to Moussa's village, many farmers were only able to grow enough food for 7 or 8 months and suffered from hunger during the dry season. Now, farmers are more resilient and are able to produce enough food to feed their families for the entire year.

- Agriculture and animal husbandry are the main activities in the village of Lelegse. Farmers typically grow millet and sorghum as their basic food crops and peanut, cowpea and bambara nut as secondary crops.
- As a result of poor rainfall, soil degradation, high population density and inadequate agricultural practices, farmers are often unable to produce enough food to feed themselves and their families for the entire year.
- Alternatives for earning money are often limited. Many farmers migrate to neighboring countries to find work. CRS helped to establish a small irrigated plot of land in Lelegse that the local population could use to practice new planting techniques. The plot is managed by three committees comprised of local farmers and community members:
 - (1) The water supply and management committee;
 - (2) the motor pump repair and management committee;
 - (3) the seed supply committee.



Thank you for your support of CRS Rice Bowl.

**ST. ELIZABETH SETON
SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY**

SEWING KITS NOW AVAILABLE

Dress and pant kits are now available in the church office to sew for the children of Haiti. Everything that you will need to create the dresses and pants are included (including pattern). Please return your finished garment to the St. Elizabeth Seton church office. Questions? Call Liz Wisnasky at 708-614-6475.

Thank you for your support!

BURIAL PALL/CLOTHING WORKSHOPS

Burial palls, diapers, dresses and boys pants are needed. Volunteers are needed to help.

■ Tuesday, Feb. 19th from 6:30-8:30pm

Smith Crossing Community Room
10501 Emilie Lane, Orland Park

■ Wednesday, Feb 20th 6:45-8:45pm

St. Dennis Church, 1214 S. Hamilton St., Lockport

■ Thursday, Feb. 21st 10am-12:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church, 171st and 70th Ave., Tinley Park

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NO WORKSHOP IN MARCH AND APRIL. WORKSHOP RESUME IN MAY.

You Can Help Victims of Domestic Abuse

If you enjoy meeting people and like knowing you make a difference, join Neat Repeats Resale on Tuesday, Feb.5th for an orientation and tour of their stores in Orland Park at 9028 W. 159th St. or Worth at 7026 W. 111th St. Share your compassion, your talent and time by giving five hours a week to make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. This is a great opportunity for those with retail experience and a passion for helping others. For information call 708-361-6860 (Worth) or 708-364-7605 (Orland Park). All sales benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.

This year, St. Elizabeth Seton Church has joined the South West Interfaith Team, which is more commonly known as... SWIFT.

The mission of SWIFT is to promote dialogue among the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religious communities and to work together on common community projects. The hope is that the efforts of SWIFT will promote mutual respect and will build understanding among these religious communities.

Membership of SWIFT is made up of Christian churches, Jewish synagogues and Muslim mosques. SWIFT is made up of groups centered around but not restricted to the Southwest suburbs of Chicago.

It is not the goal of SWIFT to convert any group to the beliefs of another. Also, SWIFT does not take stands on political issues.

Some members of our parish have already attended some of the interfaith dinners. Also, members of Social Action Ministry have attended the Greater Chicago Food Depository service project sponsored by SWIFT.

The following calendar provides all parishioners many opportunities to participate in SWIFT events:

Sunday, Feb 24th

Swift is looking for volunteers to work at the store that Habitat for Humanity runs as a fund raising project. This has been set up for **Sunday, Feb. 24th from 9am to 3pm**. If someone can't be there for the full time, that is okay. The store sells new and used donated building supplies, tools, furniture and appliances. The work involves stocking shelves, preparing items for sale by applying price tags or cleaning and/or assembling them. The facility is called **THE RESTORE** and is located a few blocks east of Western at 180 West Joe Orr Rd, Chicago Heights.

March 10 Speakers Forum, St. Francis Woods Auditorium, Frankfort

April Tinley Park Expo, St. Xavier Expo and service project to be announced

May Greater Chicago Food Depository

June 23 Picnic, St. Stephens Church grounds

Aug Habitat for Humanity Project

Sept 22 Speakers Forum

Oct Respond Now Community Garden

Nov 10 10th Anniversary Dinner

Dec Community Service to be announced

Check the bulletin for further information on these events. You may find out more about SWIFT at www.SWIFTinterfaith.org.

God & Family *A morning of faith in the family*



Franciscan Family Gathering

February 24, 2013
10:15 am - 11:30am
in the Assisi Center
at
Franciscan Sisters
of the Sacred Heart
9201 W. St. Francis Road
Frankfort, IL 60423

Refreshments will be served.

9 am Mass at

Queen of Angels Chapel

Bring the entire family

Questions, contact Sr. Maria at 815-464-3873



1.
**Life and Dignity
of the Human
Person**

**Change a “Culture of Death” to a
“Culture of Life”**

FACTS

- Since the Supreme Court’s ruling in the Roe vs. Wade Case in 1973 over 55 million lives have been lost to abortion. As we reflect on Christ, who was innocently killed, let us also reflect on the innocent that continue to die daily in our local area due to abortion.
- Every woman who contemplates abortion has different circumstance, but some common reasons include: financial concerns, pressure from family or friends, fear, and lack of knowledge about adoption plans. Mothers and fathers need support and help when they choose life.
- Pregnancy Centers with multiple locations in the Diocese provide resources, mothering programs, parenting classes, and referrals to housing and adoption agencies. Woman’s Choice Services, Waterleaf’s Woman Center, and Birthright are some in our area.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL
TEACHING**

“We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.”

USCCB Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, November 2001

“Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. Every person is created in the image of God. Every person is precious. All social laws, practices, and institutions must protect, not undermine, human life and human dignity from conception through natural death.”

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**PERSONAL
ACTIONS**

1. Get involved or donate to local Pregnancy Centers in your area. For a list of links to resource centers go to:

[http://](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/)

www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/

2. Pray for the end of abortion, for those already affected by abortion, and for the flourishing of a culture of life.
3. Learn about more life issues, such as euthanasia, the death penalty, and more at:

usccb.org

4. Sign up for legislative action updates at:

paxjoliet.org/advocacy

5. For healing after Abortion visit:

hopeafterabortion.org



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TAX LETTERS FOR THE 2012 YEAR ARE READY

Parishioners can pick up their 2012 Tax Letter in the Parish Office them up or they can be mailed to you. Please call the parish office at 708-403-0101.



Serving All God's Children

Newborns in Need

The Seton Sowers chapter of Newborns in Need will be meeting Monday, Feb. 18th at 9:30am in the downstairs meeting room. If you knit, crochet, or sew, we can use your skills to make clothing and blankets for newborn babies who need to spend time in the hospital. If you have been looking for a good way to spend your time working for a charity, this is a really wonderful one. We can also use donations of yarn and fabric. For more information, call Carol Dimer at 708-479-6994.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



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Link

When we arrive at church on Sunday morning, we are in a particular spot at a specific time. We are mistaken, however, to think that we are just here and right now. When we walk into church and celebrate Mass together, we are linking ourselves across time and space with countless people and a long history.

"Remember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity together with our Pope. . . ." Throughout the world, believers are hearing the same Word and sharing in the same Bread of Life. We link ourselves with believers across the entire world. "Remember also, Lord, your servants who have gone before us with the sing of faith. . . ." We link ourselves with those who have died and with all the faithful saints who proved their love.

Not just here and not just now but across a universe of faith and a history of loving fidelity we link ourselves with others at Sunday Mass.

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



In today second reading Christ offers salvation to all who believe. Are you being called to bring the message of universal salvation to God's people as a priest, religious, or deacon? For information about the diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago, contact Fr. Brian Welter at bwelter@archchicago.org or call 312-534-8298 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, contact Deacon Bob Puhala at bpuhala@usml.edu or 847-837-4562.

Vocation Cross Participants Needed

Participants are presented the Vocation Cross at the 9am Mass on Wednesday and pray for Vocations for the week. The cross is returned the following Wednesday for the 9am Mass.

Sign up in the parish office.

PRIESTS WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

- 2-17 Rev. John V. Era, CM
- 2-18 Rev. Noel Beltran Reyes, M DIV
- 2-19 Rev. Michael G. Zaniolo, STL
- 2-20 Very Rev. Paul C. Stein, STL
- 2-21 Rev. Thaddeus J. Bojczuk
- 2-22 Rev. Mariusz J. Nawalaniec
- 2-23 Rev. John M. Griffith

*Holy Spirit open your hearts and minds of young men and women 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.*

Fish Fry! All You Can Eat!

ST. ELIZABETH SETON'S MEN'S CLUB

20TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

Parish Life Center,

167th Street and 94th Avenue

Friday March 15th, 4:30-8 PM

BACK TO THE BASICS!

Adult Ticket \$10.00

**Teen 11 to 15 yrs
Ticket \$5.00**

**Kids 10 &
Under \$3.00**

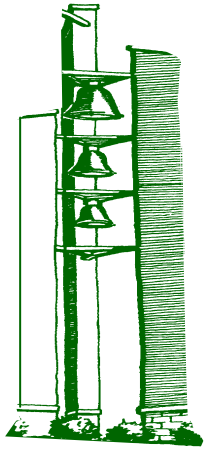


Pre-Sale Prices until March 10th - Adults \$8, Teens \$4

**Tickets sold after all Masses on
Feb. 23/24, March 2/3, March 9/10**

Fried Perch, Fried Shrimp, Shrimp & Pasta, Pizza, Pasta Marina,

Fresh Salad w/croutons, Roll w/butter, Tater Tots, Homemade Coleslaw



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

**FEB. 18TH — BUS TRIP—
ST. MARTHA CHURCH
MORTON GROVE**

Bus leaves St. Elizabeth Seton at 10am. Return home at 4pm.

**MARCH 5TH
LUNCHEON TICKETS**

Tickets for the March 5th luncheon catered by Polonia will be sold in the church office for \$9/person or call Sharon at 708-614-9092 for information.

**MARCH 12TH
MORNING OF REFLECTION**

Keep this date open for a morning of reflection with Fr. Ron Hicks. This will take place after he celebrates the 9am Mass. Coffee and treats will be served. A free-will donation will be taken for Fr. Ron's trip to visit Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos in El Salvador for Easter.

APRIL 17-18TH

We will be visiting the National Shrine of St. Joseph, Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help where she appeared in October of 1859 and also Lambeau Field near Green Bay, Wisconsin.

ALL ARE WELCOME

**MORNING
OF
LENTEN
REFLECTION**

with
Fr. Ron Hicks
Tuesday,
March 12th



Father Ron Hicks will be the celebrant at the 9am Mass in the church. The Morning of Reflection will immediately follow in the Parish Life Center

Coffee "and" will be served – please sign up in the church office.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

THIS FEAST COMMEMORATES CHRIST'S CHOOSING PETER TO SIT IN HIS PLACE AS THE SERVANT-AUTHORITY OF THE WHOLE CHURCH (SEE JUNE 29).

After the "lost weekend" of pain, doubt and self-torment, Peter hears the Good News. Angels at the tomb say to Magdalene, "The Lord has risen! Go, tell his disciples and Peter." John relates that when he and Peter ran to the tomb, the younger outraced the older, then waited for him. Peter entered, saw the wrappings on the ground, the headpiece rolled up in a place by itself. John saw and believed. But he adds a reminder: "...[T]hey did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home. There the slowly exploding, impossible idea became reality. Jesus appeared to them as they waited fearfully behind locked doors. "Peace be with you," he said (John 20:21b), and they rejoiced.

The Pentecost event completed Peter's experience of the risen Christ. "...[T]hey were all filled with the holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4a) and began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them. Only then can Peter fulfill the task Jesus had given him: "... [O]nce you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). He at once becomes the spokesman for the Twelve about their experience of the Holy Spirit—before the civil authorities who wished to quash their preaching, before the council of Jerusalem, for the community in the problem of Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. The healing power of Jesus in him is well attested: the raising of Tabitha from the dead, the cure of the crippled beggar. People carry the sick into the streets so that when Peter passed his shadow might fall on them.

Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says, "...I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong.... [T]hey were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel..." (Galatians 2:11b, 14a).

At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18). What Jesus said indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a martyr's death, probably in the company of many Christians.

Second-century Christians built a small memorial over his burial spot. In the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine built a basilica, which was replaced in the 16th century.



This year, send a “taste from home” and “a note” to our troops to show we care!

DONATION: \$4.00 A BOX

You do not have to select a flavor. Please make checks payable to: **Girls Scouts San Diego** and drop it off in the box located in the Narthex or in the parish office. Donations accepted through Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

www.sdgirlscouts.org/otm

EXCERPTS FROM THANK YOU NOTES

☀ We are currently on deployment, far away from home and those we love. Your thoughtful gift of our favorite cookies makes us feel a little closer to home. We are proud to serve our country and grateful that girls like you serve your community through Girl Scouts.
— *CDR Robert Koonce, USN; Commanding Officer, USS Key West*

☀ Grown men do cry. The Thin Mint cookies brought back memories of home. With all our hearts, thank you for thinking of us.
— *Deanna Moore, Supply Officer, USNS PATHFINDER (T-AGS-60)*

☀ Your Tagalongs are the greatest thing since sliced bread and cell phones! You have lifted my spirits. Sending you a million hugs to share.
— *AWS (1) Trevor Godwin, USN; Fleet and Family Support Center, Japan*

☀ The boxes of cookies brought smiles to a lot of faces and let us know that America’s future leaders are watching out for us. We are happy to know you care. God bless you.
— *BMC(sw) Andreas L. Carver, USN*

What is Operation Thin Mint®?

Operation Thin Mint® (OTM) sends America’s favorite cookies and notes of support to U.S. military troops far from home. Girl Scouts and their cookie customers team up for this program developed by Girl Scouts San Diego in 2002.

Who receives cookies? How many?

This year, San Diegans will send the two millionth box of Girl Scout cookies and tens of thousands of notes to troops serving in places like Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, Japan, Korea, and aboard ships in many locations, including the Persian Gulf, Western Pacific, Red Sea and Indian Ocean.

How does the public participate?

During the annual cookie program (Jan. 29-March 11, 2012), San Diegans purchase OTM cookies from Girl Scouts. The cookies are earmarked for OTM, and customers receive a receipt.

How do the military and APL assist?

The Secretary of the Navy authorizes Operation Thin Mint®, and the Army and Navy help distribute the cookies to members of all services. Because APL, a commercial shipping firm, generously provides refrigerated shipping overseas, every dollar donated for cookies purchases cookies.

Are Thin Mints the only cookies sent overseas?

No, troops receive every variety of Girl Scout Cookies.

Are Operation Thin Mint® donations tax-deductible?

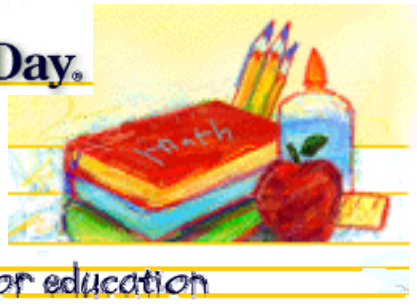
Yes, as customers do not receive the cookies or benefit directly by paying for them.

Cut along dotted line and include with your donation. Thank you for your support.



 **Market Day.**

**PICKUP IS
THIS
WEDNESDAY**



raising funds for education

Pickup is Wednesday, February 20th from 5:30-6:30pm in the St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall. Pay by credit card online or pay with cash or check at the sale. We look forward to seeing you! Call Jen Krueger 708 873-1387 or Linda Nemecek 708 429-1583 with any questions.

Mom & Tot Storyhour at CJB



*Join us for our
Final Winter Session*

Friday, February 22nd

from 10:30-11:30 AM

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

Storyhour is open to all 2-year 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. Please call 708-403-6525 ext. 150.



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

Golden Opportunities Coupon books offer 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 valid once a month.

Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

■ **Sunday, Feb. 17th 5:30-8:30pm**

Teen Mass and Open Gym

We'll start at 5:30pm with Teen Mass in the Stations Chapel in the back of church. Afterward, we'll play basketball, volleyball, Spud, kickball, whatever in the gym. Families are welcome to join us for Mass, and friends are welcome to join us for the whole night.

■ **Sunday, Feb. 24th 2:30-7pm**

Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John, IN

Join us for a special Lenten field trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion, an outdoor, larger-than-life, narrated Stations of the Cross, located on a picturesque hillside in St. John, Indiana, about 45 minutes southeast of Seton on U.S. 41. Afterward, we'll stop at Schoops Hamburgers for dinner, so bring some money. We may need some parents to help drive and families are welcome to join us. Please RSVP on the Branches Facebook page or call Mr. Hall at 708-403-7834.

■ **Wednesday, Feb. 27th 6:30pm**

Gym Lobby — Mission Trip Meeting/TUF

Bring at least one parent with a checkbook to this meeting (see info below). Stick around for TUF Night.

■ **Sunday, March 3rd 5:30pm**

Living Stations Practice

MISSION TRIP MEETING

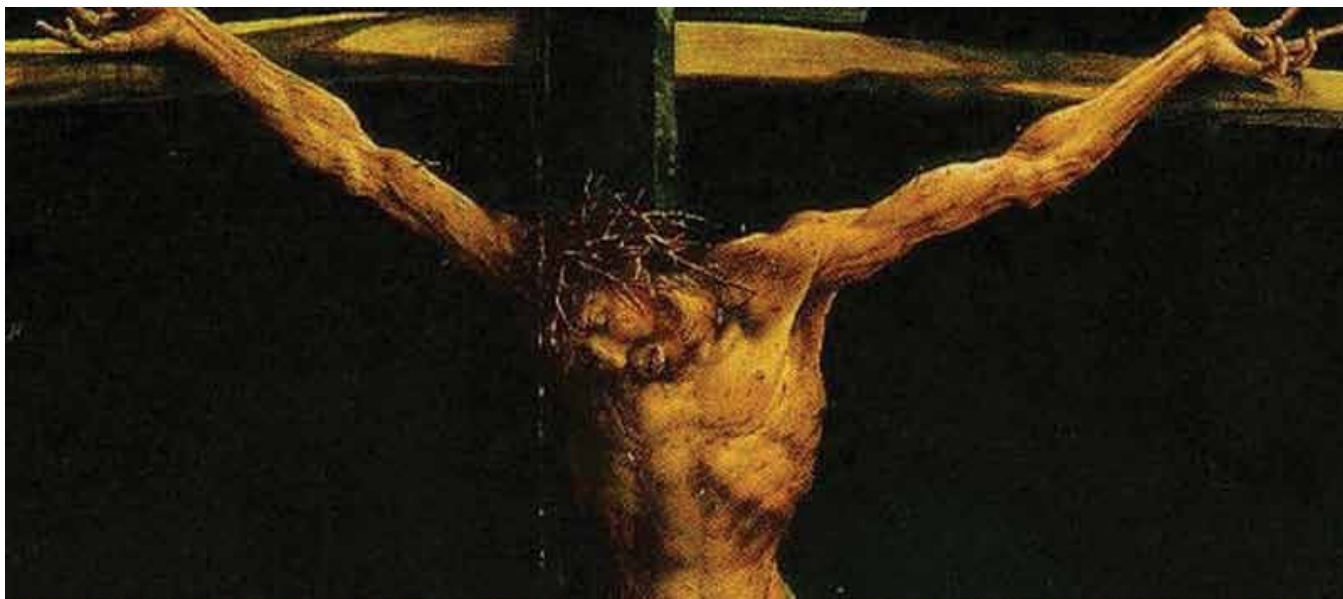
The Mission Trip registration forms and books are in, and we need to collect more money. Total cost for the trip will be \$400, but if you worked at least two of our big three fundraisers last year (car washes/Orland Hills Party in the Park), you get a \$50 discount and only owe \$350. If you already paid the \$75 deposit, be sure to deduct that from your payment. We need to collect at least half of your final payment at this meeting. At least one parent is asked to attend the meeting along with the teen participants. And, once again, we still have two openings left! If you want to join us in Kansas City July 14-20, fill out a form in the Parish Office today and turn in a \$75 deposit.

Call co-adult leader Bruce Hall at

708-403-7834 with questions.

Visit Branches on Facebook.





RELIGIOUS LIBERTY & THE H.H.S. MANDATE

Pluralism and Diversity ✠ Faith Based Organizations ✠ Religious Freedom

His Eminence

Francis Cardinal George, OMI

Archbishop of Chicago

February 27, 2013 at 7pm
Incarnation Church
5757 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, IL
Call 773-779-8440

SETON SAINTS

Boys VOLLEYBALL

REGISTRATION

Registration for Seton Boys Volleyball will be conducted until Friday, February 22, 2013. Registration forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Seton Parish Office during normal business hours. Any registrations received after February 22 will be placed on a waiting list with no guarantee of team placement. A late fee of \$ 25.00 will be charged for all late registrants who are placed on teams. Team placement requests will not be honored. Please carefully read all the information on this registration form. Keep the top portion of this form for reference about the parent meeting.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Open to boys in grades 4-8 who are parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton and active members of the Seton Religious Education Program.
- Boys must be enrolled in the religious education program. This is a league requirement.
- Boys must make a serious commitment to this program. Players will not be allowed to miss practices/games for other sports or activities. Do not register your son if you cannot make this commitment.

League/Season: Our boys will compete in the St. Alexander Boys Volleyball League. The games will start around the last week of March and run until the middle of May. Games days have not been determined but most likely will be played on week days in addition to a few weekends depending on the number of teams as well as gym time submitted by the participating schools. The league schedule for each team will consist of 4 dates in which 3 matches will be played to complete the season. This type of schedule should allow boys the flexibility to participate in more than one Spring sport. Most teams will compete in one or two tournaments.

Practices: Practices should start sometime in the early part of March. Practice schedules will be set once all coaches have been selected. Practices will be conducted during the week, after school, in the evening and possibly on the weekends at the discretion of the volunteer coach and his/her schedule. Unexcused absences from practices/games will not be permitted. Practices are closed to parents and other spectators.

Fees: The fee to play will be \$135 which includes leagues fees, uniform and offsite gym rental if needed. Payment will be due at registration. No refunds will be issued after 3/6/13. Make checks payable to Cardinal Bernardin Athletics. *** Please note that if a uniform is not needed, you may deduct \$25 from your registration fee as mentioned above.

See additional information on reverse side of this page

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ **Current grade:** _____
Address: _____ **Town:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: _____ **Age:** _____ **Date of birth:** _____
Father's Name: _____ **Mother's Name:** _____
Email: _____
New or Returning Player: _____ **Uniform: Yes or No (order form on 2nd page)**
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **Check or Cash**
Check #: _____
Paid via GiveCentral.org : _____ **(write "yes" if you paid using this option)**

I authorize my son to participate in the Seton boys volleyball program. I understand that this program is very competitive, not recreational, and will require him to regularly attend scheduled practices and games. I understand and accept the policy that unexcused absences and behavior issues could result in decreased playing time for him. I understand and accept that he will not be excused for other sports and non-school related programs.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Parent Meeting: There will be a **MANDATORY** parent meeting for **ALL NEW ATHLETES** on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. **ALL NEW athletes and at least one parent must be present at this meeting.** Personal information sheets, waivers, medical authorization forms and handbook guidelines will be discussed. Athletes will try on sample uniforms at this meeting. Policies regarding excused and unexcused absences will be discussed at this meeting.

Uniforms: Our uniforms will be the same design as last year. Athletes should inspect their uniform from last year and order the appropriate size for this year. If your uniform is still in good condition, it will be your decision if you want to order a new one or not. Samples of the uniform will be available on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 from 6:00pm until 7:00pm in the Parish Life Center (this is prior to the parent meeting for new players). Athletes can try on uniforms at this time. All athletes are encouraged to do so. If you are unable to attend these meetings, please contact the Athletic Director to arrange for a time to try on the uniforms. **UNIFORMS WILL BE ORDERED ON March 6, 2013.** Once the uniform order has been placed, no changes will be made. Athletes that wish to make changes to their uniform once the order has been placed will be referred to the supplier. Additional fees charged by the supplier will be the responsibility of the athlete and his family.

Physicals: All athletes must have a current physical on file with the school in order to participate in the Bernardin athletic programs. The Archdiocese requires that all athletes have a current physical on file authorizing them to participate in sports programs. The physical must cover the entire term of the sports season. Our spring sports program runs from March 15, 2013 until May 31, 2013. A current physical is one that is dated from June 1, 2012 to the present date. Physicals are due by March 15, 2013. Copies of the physical form should be turned in to your coach. **Athletes that do not have a current physical on file will not be allowed to participate in practices or games.** If you need a physical form, please contact the athletic director.

Additional Requirement * ALL PLAYERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF INSURANCE.**

Team placement: The St. Alexander Volleyball League has multiple levels of competition. Depending upon registration, certain grade levels may have multiple teams. The teams will be placed at the appropriate level of competition based on input from the coaches, league officials, and outside sources. If multiple teams exist at a certain grade level(s), a skill assessment may be conducted. Players and parents will be notified of the day and time if a skill assessment is needed. All decisions on team placement will be final. Request for team placement will not be honored. Rosters may be capped at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

Coaching: Any one interested in coaching please contact the Athletic Director. The phone number and email address is listed below.

Questions? Call Seton Athletic Director Bob Myjak at 708-403-6525, x 149.
Email: rmyjak@steseton.com

UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Volleyball shirt: Youth sizes: YS YM YL Adult sizes: AS AM AL AXL AXXL
Volleyball shorts: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Number requested: _____*

* Volleyball: any two-digit numbers from 00-99

Although we cannot guarantee jersey numbers, we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Mailing address: St. Elizabeth Seton , 9300 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL 60477. ATTN: Bob Myjak. Office hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

2/23 & 2/24	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 W. Krol B. Rose P. Rose M. Rose J. Rose J. Schuman R. Sharp M. Taska R. Vlaming	C. Chor 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 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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SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 8AM-1PM

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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