

# Sharings

From Father Rich Homa

**T**HE 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 presented last year before the official incorporation of the new Roman Missal.

Last week, I talked about the importance of the "prayer-meal" in the prayer and worship life of the Hebrew people, and the centrality of the "sacrificial lamb" in that prayer and worship. This week I would like to share a few thoughts about the "table fellowship" of Jesus, leading up to the Last Supper.

**I**n his public life, Jesus was known for three things: his teaching, his ability to heal, and what has become known as his "table fellowship." This was his ongoing practice of sharing meals with people. Being a good Jew, he grew up in the tradition of the prayer-meals, and he obviously was familiar with his culture's emphasis on meals as status symbols. In Jesus' day, as in our own, status was very important, and one way status was measured was whether or not you were invited to a V.I.P. dinner and, if you were, where at the table you were placed.

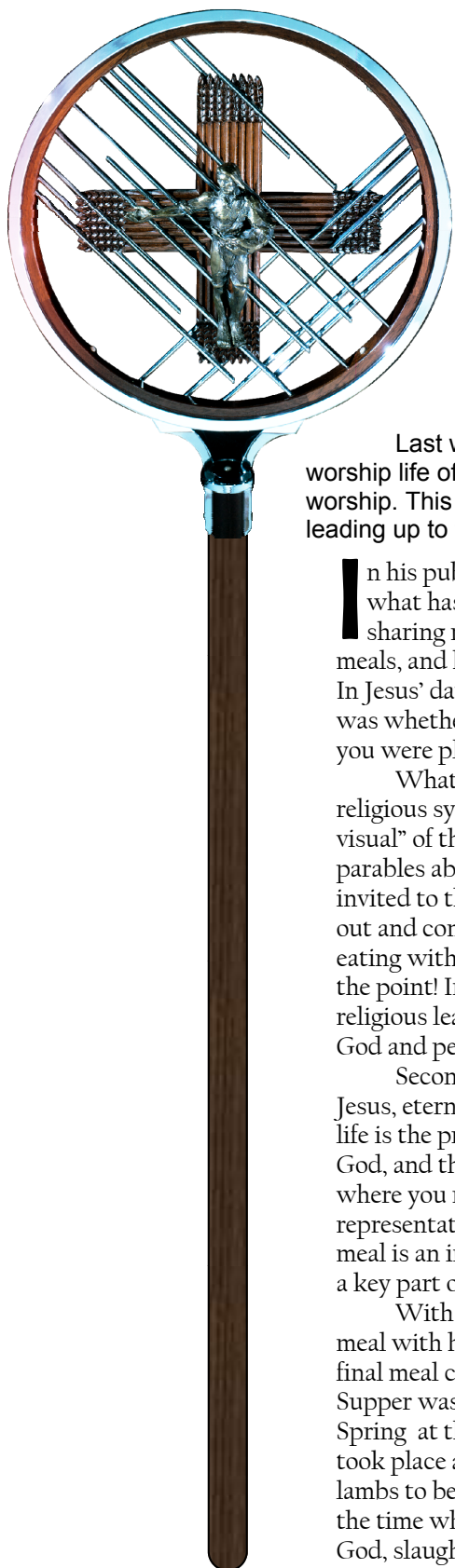
What Jesus did was to take the meal and use it as a counter-cultural, and counter-religious symbol. Scripture scholars say that the meals of Jesus were his number one "audio-visual" of the Kingdom of God. First, everyone was welcome at Jesus' meals. One of Jesus' parables about the Kingdom of God was a story of a king preparing a great meal, but those invited to the meal begged off with a variety of excuses, so the king tells his servants to go out and comb the countryside to invite everyone they met. Religious leaders accused Jesus of eating with tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners, but that didn't stop Him. It was exactly the point! In God's Kingdom, all are welcome. Sometimes Jesus even ate with the very religious leaders who opposed him, in the hope of welcoming them into his way of serving God and people, but, by and large, that didn't work out too well.

Second, Jesus used meals to teach people what life in God's Kingdom is all about. For Jesus, eternal life is not so much life in heaven after this life, but a style of living now. Eternal life is the process of recognizing all of life as a gift from God, receiving that life in gratitude to God, and then using your life to enrich the lives of those around you. Sharing food at a meal, where you receive food, are nourished by it, and then pass it on to nourish others, is a great representation of this process of eternal life. Also, the sharing of food and conversation at a meal is an important way to strengthen togetherness and unity among people, which is also a key part of life in God's Kingdom.

With Jesus' ongoing tradition of table fellowship, it's natural that he would have a final meal with his disciples as he came to realize that his time with them was growing short. This final meal came to be called the "Last Supper," and three of the Gospels say that this Last Supper was also the Passover Meal, the highly ritualized prayer-meal which took place every Spring at the celebration of the Passover. St. John's Gospel says that the Last Supper of Jesus took place a day before the Passover, because in the afternoon before the Passover meal the lambs to be eaten at Passover were slaughtered. John wanted to place Jesus' crucifixion at the time when the Passover lambs were killed, to highlight that Jesus is the new Lamb of God, slaughtered for our salvation. *(To be continued...)*

**May God bless you,**

*Fr. Rich Homa*



# Living The Word

Sunday  
Reflections for  
27th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Oct. 7, 2012

## NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: TRUE FAMILY VALUES

*When questioned about divorce, Jesus the Teacher holds up the vision of marriage found in Genesis. Mark joins this to Jesus' teaching on the place of children in the kingdom of God. Neither teaching is based on sentimentality but on a recognition of the God-given dignity of those concerned.*

### FIRST READING

*The two of them become one flesh (Genesis 2:18-24).*

The naming of animals was an act of dominion. When one knew the name of something, then one had power over it. God forms Eve out of Adam's rib. Why a rib? Possibly because the Sumerian word for "rib" was the same as the word for "life". There is a

sense of intimacy in the choice of the title "woman." Men and women were intended for each other and they complete each other. Although when this story was written, left their homes and lived with a man's family, this account speaks of the opposite occurring.

### SECOND READING

*He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).*

This letter is part of a series that will continue until the feast of Christ the King. While Psalm 8 says that man was made little less than angels, this author reads the verse as saying

he was made less than the angels for a little while (thus making it refer to the incarnation). This celebrates the fact that Jesus was born one like us to save us.

### GOSPEL

*What God has joined together, let no human being separate (Mark 10:2-12).*

Many of the rabbis at the time of Jesus were interpreting the law to make it as easy as possible for a man to divorce his wife (wives were not permitted to divorce their husbands). They could be divorced for something as trivial as burning a meal. Jesus respected this tendency as an abuse. He was trying to protect women from exploitation, but, as we see in this reading, He was also trying to protect the sanctity of the bond of mar-

riage. He taught that God intended man and woman to become one flesh. Given this, how could they possibly separate from each other and divorce? It is absolutely clear that Jesus condemned divorce. We see this condemnation in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew's Gospel twice and Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians). This is not something that the Church made up later, as some would argue, but something about which Jesus was adamant.

## Readings for the Week

### October 1st-October 6th:

Mon.: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50  
Tues.: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Wed.: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62  
Thurs.: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12  
Fri.: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16  
Sat.: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

### REFLECTION

Jesus' teaching on divorce can sound harsh to our ears and even cause pain to anyone who has suffered the trauma of a divorce. It is important to understand that the scribes are testing Jesus the rabbi/teacher and His understanding of the law of Moses on marriage and divorce. Maybe they wanted to get Him in trouble either with the authorities (consider the preaching of John the Baptist on Herod's marital situation) or with the people who revered Moses and the law that allowed divorce. Two rabbinic schools of thought had

weighed in on this matter. Shammai allowed divorce only for adultery; Rabbi Hillel allowed it for just about anything. In Jesus' day, a more liberal interpretation prevailed, and divorce was allowed for trivial reasons. Jesus the Teacher becomes Jesus the Prophet here, going back to Genesis and proclaiming the intent of the Creator: that a man leave his mother and father's home and cling to his wife, the two becoming one. Here the woman was equal to the man, not subordinate, made "from (a rib) nearest his heart to be alongside him, equal to him, loved by him, and from beneath his arm to be protected by him." The Church's teaching flows from that of Jesus. God's plan is that marriage be graced and life-giving, a community of love and life. Children, the fruit of marriage, are to be cherished, blessed, and protected, never neglected or abused in any way.

**SPECIAL MISSION COLLECTION**

*This weekend, Sept. 29th/30th,  
we offer a heartfelt welcome  
to Fr. Joseph Arackal, a Vincentian  
Missionary priest from India...*

to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He is preaching at all the Masses and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Missionaries, all natives of India, need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood.

There will be a special collection today to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering today or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support. Please keep Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentians in your prayers.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
OF THE WORD TODAY!**



**Attention: Children Age 5-12 !  
You are invited to participate in  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
celebrated each Sunday at the  
10am Mass (except for holidays).**

**STEWARDSHIP**

COLLECTION FOR 9-23-12:  
\$20,904.89  
KIDS COLLECTION:  
\$28.89

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**WELCOME**

**Christopher Sinnott  
Karley Raymond**  
(Child: **Avery Sinnott**)

**WEDDINGS**

Please remember in your prayers those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

**Katelyn Clark and Samuel Ovale; 10-6  
Kathleen Cahill and Joannathan Cline; 10-13  
Mary Fugger and Christopher Young; 10-26  
Amy Ronspies and William Joseph Epley; 11-3**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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

<b>DJ Shiffer</b>	<b>Florence Smith</b>
<b>Betty Carcelli</b>	<b>Ellen Murphy</b>
<b>James Pierce</b>	<b>Ryan Keeney</b>
<b>Kenneth Krueger</b>	<b>LaVerne Krueger</b>

And for our deceased:

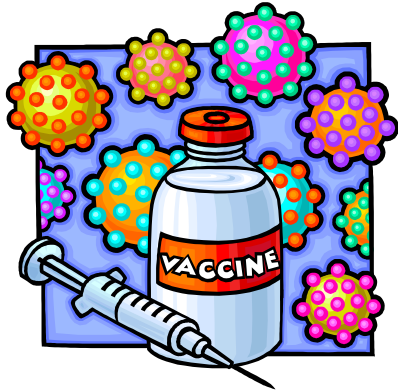
**Rev. William Goedert  
June Tunelius  
Richard Pawelek  
Nancy Noone**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Sept. 29th (5pm) **James Paul; Dorothy Moisan;  
Rugina Shutay**  
Sunday, Sept. 30th  
(7:15am) **John Koszyk; Ryan Knapp; Maria and Joseph Haber**  
(8:30am) **Thomas Fitzgerald; Otto and Yolanda Politano;  
Arnold G. Skibinski; Arnold G. and Marie Skibinski;  
James and Mary Buffer**  
(10am) **James Paul; Walter Altman; Diane Krauss; Arthur O'Connor**  
(11:30am) **Elizabeth "Betty" M. Barry; Harriet Dorken;  
Mary Biegel; Leo Surufka**  
Mon., Oct. 1st (9am) **Greg Szyndrowski; Jose Garcia;  
Walter Papciak**  
Tues., Oct. 2nd (9am) **Clara McMullen; August Ewald;  
Living and  
Deceased Members of Seniors of Seton**  
Wed., Oct. 3rd (9am) ; **MaryAnn Walsh; Michael Walsh;  
Mary Pathiyil**  
Thurs., Oct. 4th (9am) **Puchta Family; Ronald Jordan**  
Fri., Oct. 5th (9am) **Evelyn Zielezinski**

*Orland Township will provide flu shots to all adult members of St. Elizabeth Seton Church!*



## FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sunday, Sept. 30th  
9am-1pm  
St. Elizabeth Seton  
Parish Life Center

No  
appointment  
necessary!  
**CLINIC  
THIS  
SUNDAY!**

Orland Township is once again giving flu shots in the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Life Center for residents of Orland Township. Orland Township consists of Orland Hills, Orland Park (east of Will/Cook Rd. and South of 135th St.) and Tinley Park (west of Harlem and north of 183rd St.) and Unincorporated Orland. Proof of residency is required.

**Flu shot fee for those 19 years of age and older: \$20.00**

**Flu shot fee for those 65 years and over with Medicare Part B: FREE**

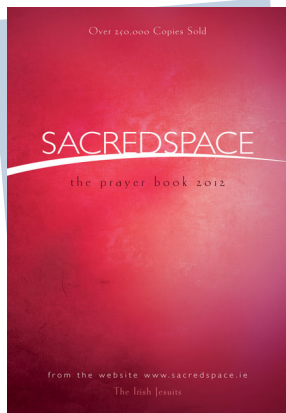
Persons over 65 will be able to receive the immunization, free of charge, by presenting a Medicare Card with Part B coverage at the clinic. This is not for those that have an HMO/Medicare Plan, as they must see their primary care physician.

**Free Flu Shot Clinic in October for children 18 years-younger**

Flu shots given free of charge to children 18 years of age-younger on Saturday, Oct. 27th at Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia, Orland Park from 9am-Noon. No appointment is necessary. Visit [orlandtwp.org](http://orlandtwp.org).

**For additional information or local flu shot clinics in our area please visit [www.orlandtwp.org](http://www.orlandtwp.org).**





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

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



*Bless*

After the sneeze, we say a quick "God bless you!" Blessing, however, is far more than an antidote to sneezing. In the Mass, blessing is a wide road of grace that runs in two directions— from us to God, and from God to us. We bless and praise God for his gifts to us. Blessed be

God forever. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you. We must bless God and recognize his gifts. We would be completely ungrateful if we didn't.

In the Mass, we also ask God to bless us and our offerings, to let his favor and his power fall upon what we have brought to him and upon our very selves. Bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices. May all of us, who receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Never more than when we are at Mass do we acknowledge that we live in God's blessing and, at the same time, ask that the blessing continue to be poured upon us.

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

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



*...But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,  
Then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy...*

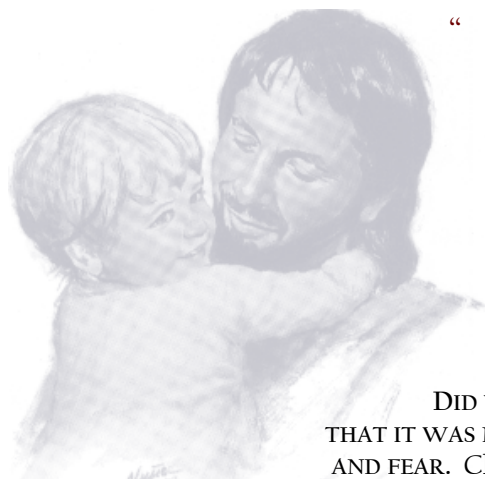
Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? Consider attending the next Exploring Priesthood Weekend. This retreat is held on October 5-7 at Mundelein Seminary ([www.usml.edu](http://www.usml.edu)) to learn about, reflect and discuss the possibilities of diocesan priesthood in Chicago. For more information contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at [bwelter@archchicago.org](mailto:bwelter@archchicago.org) or visit their website: [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com). For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at [erami@archchicago.org](mailto:erami@archchicago.org), or call 312-534-5240, and for the Permanent Diaconate Program, call Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4562 or email [bpuhala@usml.edu](mailto:bpuhala@usml.edu).

**VOCATION CROSS PARTICIPANTS**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 3rd**  
**Deacon Frank and Betty Gildea**

*Please join in prayer...*

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

HOLY SPIRIT, eternal Spring of joy and peace, it is You who open the heart and the mind to the Divine Call; it is You who make effective every impetus towards good, towards truth, towards charity. Your "inexpressible groans" rise up to the Father from the heart of the Church, which suffers and struggles for the Gospel. Open the hearts and minds of young people so that a new flowering of holy vocations may show forth the fidelity of your love, and all may know Christ, the true light of the world to offer to every human being the sure hope of eternal life.  
**AMEN.**



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

*MAY LIVE.”*

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

## **Respect Life Sunday Life Chain Sunday, October 7, 2012**

**Join us from 2:30-3:30pm in a silent, prayerful  
protest along LaGrange Rd. in Orland Park**

DID YOU KNOW THAT OVER 80% OF WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD ABORTIONS SAID  
THAT IT WAS NOT THOUGHT OUT...IT WAS AN IMPULSE DECISION MADE OUT OF DESPAIR

AND FEAR. Choosing life is infinitely harder now. Pressures and demands come from so many places. Parents, friends, spouses, employers, teachers, counselors, the media and society itself all seem to want to have a voice in what choice should be made for a new life. The scripture words above were spoken centuries ago but seem to apply even more so today.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR FOR ONLY ONE HOUR AS WE PRAY TO DEFEND THE LIFE OF THE UNBORN AND THEIR MOTHERS. LIFE CHAINS WILL BE IN OVER 900 CITIES. COME OUT TO LAGRANGE ROAD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH FROM 2:30-3:30PM WHEN ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISHIONERS WILL STAND WITH ALL DENOMINATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WE JOIN TOGETHER IN A SILENT, PRAYERFUL DEMONSTRATION OF OUR FIRM BELIEF AGAINST ABORTION.

The location for St. Elizabeth Seton parishioners is 15200 LaGrange, by Pier One Imports (There are no graphic images on the signs depicting abortions. The signs distributed have ONLY positive life supporting messages such as: Life—the First Inalienable Right; Jesus Forgives and Heals; Adoption: The Loving Option; and Abortion Hurts Women.)

### **The Mass: How It Forms And Informs Our Faith**

Fr. Steve Lanza, pastor of St. Julie Billiart Parish, 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, will lead a discussion on “The Mass: How It Forms and Informs Our Faith”, on Monday, Oct. 1st from 7-9pm. Catholics attend Mass each Sunday (or, at least, they’re supposed to). Some Catholics attend Mass daily. For those who do attend regularly, the Mass helps to form us in faith. Ritually and sacramentally it forms us as a people of faith as well as informing our faith. We will look at these two aspects of the Mass, formation and information, in this workshop.

Fr. Lanza has been a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago for 29 years, is currently the pastor of St. Julie Church. Fr. Lanza has contributed to US Catholic Magazine; Catechumenate: A Journal of Christian Initiation; and Today’s Parish. He is co-author of the Foundations in Faith series and has contributed to the Faith First textbook series. He has also contributed to the call to Faith textbook series. He is co-author of the Apprentices in Faith website, a resource Adult Initiation Ministry. He has been a team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate since 1987.

### **Marian Catholic Arts and Crafts Show**

Marian Catholic High School Band Parents host the 31st Annual Oktoberfest Arts and Crafts Show at Marian Catholic High School, Chicago Heights, on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 10am-4pm. There will be crafters, homemade baked goods for sale, prize drawings, and wonderful, homemade German food. Admission is \$1. Seniors and children under 12/FREE. For more information call Lisa Collins at 708-502-5472.

### **Who Is My Neighbor?**

On Thursday, Oct. 4th from 7-9:30pm at St. Christopher Church, 4130 W. 147th St., Midlothian, Marilu Gonzalez will led an 80-minute presentation on the issue of immigration that consists of prayer, video (mission trip to the Arizona/Mexican border), young adult pilgrims speak about the mission experience and open the Gospel message through dialogue.

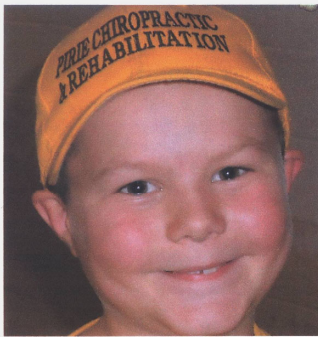
Marilu began her work with Immigration Reform from 2005-2009 as a consultant to the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform and in 2009 she was named the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Immigrant Affairs and Immigrant Education Immigrant Education Coordinator.

### **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 at 708-429-2507 or Therese at 708-269-9853.



**Tickets must be purchased in advance**



**Your donation is Tax deductible**

**GREETINGS FROM TEAM DJ!!**

DJ Shiffer, the 7yr old son of Parishioners Erin & Damon and the grandson of Paul and Denise Buschman (choir), is battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. On Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, The Shiffer Family & Friends are hosting a Cosmic Bowling Benefit at Strike & Spare Bowl, in Lockport, IL. From 2:30-6:30p.

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

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

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



**Life Moves On Bereavement Ministry**

St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St., Tinley Park, will begin Group Support Sessions on Monday, Oct. 1st for anyone who has lost a loved one and would benefit from peer support. Sessions on Monday evening for five weeks from 7-8:30pm in the Cahill Parish Life Center-Rm. 2 For information, call Mary at 708-466-0064, or Mary at 708-429-6043 or Linda at 708-532-2488.

**Benefit for Lisa Johnston**

Parishioners are invited to join in the "Benefit for Lisa" on Friday, Oct. 12th from 7pm-Midnight at 115 Bourbon Street, Merrionette Park. Lisa Johnston, Orland Park resident, has been diagnosed with Fallopian Tube Cancer, a very rare cancer accounting for only 1-2% of all gynecological cancers found in women in the United States. Lisa has overcome many medical issues in her lifetime: nine brain surgeries; two blood clots to her lungs; brain seizures; and now, she is in a fight for her life. Her government medical allotment (CHIPS) will be exhausted on her 50th birthday. Your support is appreciated. Tickets are \$30/person (\$35/at-the-door). Visit [www.benefitforlisa.org](http://www.benefitforlisa.org) for tickets or contact Bette Jo Maldonado at 708-557-1966 or [bettejo1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bettejo1@sbcglobal.net). Ticket includes full buffet, beer, wine, soft drinks, homemade desserts. Entertainment provided by Keith Christopher Entertainment Group.

**Social Action Ministry**

**Join us as we celebrate together at a special Mass with Fr. Rick Frechette of NPH Haiti Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 Chicago Hilton Bus service provided.**

A bus will leave the St. Elizabeth Seton Church Parking lot, 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills at 3pm and return at approximately 7pm. Mass will be held in the Chicago Hilton at 5:15 p.m. Fr. Rick Frechette is the celebrant. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. An optional box lunch is being offered for \$4.00 with choice of ham or turkey sandwich, side salad and a cookie and bottled water. Box lunch ticket is available in the parish office. Please indicate choice of meat. Questions? Please call Liz Wisnasky at 708-614-6475.

**Sign-up in the Narthex today! Box lunch tickets in the parish office.**

**Burial Pall Workshop UPDATE**

**Burial Pall Workshop/Clothing dates:**

- (pall) Friday, Oct. 5th from 6:30-9pm; St. Damian School, 5300 W. 155th St., Oak Forest
- (pall) Tuesday, Oct. 9th from 6:30-9pm; Zion Lutheran Church, 171st and 70th Ave., Tinley Park
- (pall) Monday, Oct. 15th from 6-8:30pm; St. Dennis Church, 1214 Hamilton St., Lockport
- (pall/clothing) Thursday, Oct. 18th from 10am-12:30pm; Zion Lutheran Church, 171st and 70th Ave., Tinley Park
- (pall) Friday, Oct. 19th from 6:30-9pm; St. Damian School, 5300 W. 155th St., Oak Forest

Thank you Seton Angels for your generous donations. Pillowcases are needed, along with flat sheets, matchbox cars and beanie babies. It is the Seton Angels who keep this project growing.

**STORAGE SPACE NEEDED!**

We are in great need of a permanent storage location to keep our supplies and hold our boxes for our shipment pickups. Call Liz at 708-614-6475.

**Help Sew From Home!**

**(Sewing Kits in the parish office)**

Sewing kits come in three types: Diaper; Dress; Pants. Each kit contains cutout fabric/sewing notions, directions on how to assemble the item. As you sew, please say a prayer for the child who will receive your gift of love. Kindly return your completed work to the parish office. Each item you make will make a difference in a child's life.

**OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS** the Catholic Bishops of Illinois will be distributing four bulletin articles to provide guidance and reflection points for Catholics exercising their right to vote in the upcoming 2012 election. These articles are based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) publication, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org). Additional information about specific policy issues addressed by your elected officials can be found on the Catholic Conference of Illinois (CCI) website at [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org). The CCI website will also have all the articles posted as they are released.



## Election 2012 Election 2012

*This is the second of four bulletin inserts to offer guidance and reflection points from Illinois' Catholic Bishops in preparation for the elections of November 6, 2012. (The first insert was an introduction to this effort.) A conscience formed by our Catholic faith is needed to bring our moral principles to the debate about issues and candidates. We feel compelled, here at the beginning, to clarify the definition of conscience, because some cite their conscience as a justification for immoral public policy positions or support for a candidate whose positions conflict with the common good.*

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." [John 14:1-7]

"How can we know the way?" This is a question Christians have been asking since the beginning, and one that we must continue to ask today. Like St. Thomas, we know that we cannot find the truth by turning in upon ourselves. Rather we look to Christ and to His Church—for the Church is one with Christ.

To help us know the way, God has placed in each of us a CONSCIENCE, which "bears witness to the truth in reference to the Supreme Good."<sup>1</sup> In the words of the Second Vatican Council, "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey."<sup>2</sup> Conscience does not make us morally self-sufficient, but points us toward the truth for which we were made and which alone can make us free. [John 8:32]

Thus, while one must never knowingly act against the clear judgment of his or her own conscience, it is also true that a conscience can only act as a reliable moral guide when it is well-formed. With a spirit of humility and love we reaffirm the words of our brother bishops, reminding all the faithful that it is the "moral responsibility of each Catholic to hear, receive, and act upon the Church's teaching in the lifelong task of forming his or her own conscience."<sup>3</sup>

A well-formed conscience requires, first of all, a genuine desire to embrace goodness and truth and to avoid evil. For Catholics this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition.

Because sin and neglect can distort the judgment of our conscience, prayerful discernment—aided by the wisdom of the Church and the grace of the sacraments, especially reconciliation and the Eucharist—is necessary for a well-formed conscience. Catholics must understand that if they fail to form their consciences they can make erroneous moral judgments.

Conscience is more than a feeling or intuition; it is a judgment of reason whereby a person recognizes the moral quality of a specific, concrete act.<sup>4</sup> Moral decision making requires the clearest possible understanding of the specific act being judged. In short, a well-formed conscience will be a well-*informed* conscience.

It is to that end that we offer these words of guidance, and to which we implore you to make every effort to learn the teachings of the Church and to form your conscience well.

In the next insert beginning on October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss how a well-formed conscience and prudential judgment guide the decisions we make as citizens and voters. Additional information can be found on the Catholic Conference of Illinois website, [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org), or in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) publication, *Faithful Citizenship* ([www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org)).

Calling all 5th graders and older  
who would like to be an altar server...



Please come to one of these initial practices:

**Wednesday, Oct. 10th from 4-5pm**

**Saturday, Oct. 13th from 9:30-10:30am**

**Wednesday, Oct. 24th from 4-5pm**

**Saturday, Oct. 27th from 9:30-10:30am**

We will schedule follow-up sessions  
after these initial practices.

**Fr. Stan Kuca**

**Calling All Teens!**

## **TEEN MISSION TRIP 2013 MEETING**

***If you're interested in traveling with about  
30 other teens for a week of mission work  
in a needy community this summer...***

then bring at least one of your parents to our information meeting for Mission Trip 2013 on **Wednesday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30pm** in the Seton Gym Lobby. We'll discuss our travel options, dates, and costs, so bring your calendars and... if you'd like to reserve your spot — a \$75 deposit. The 2012 Mission Trip is open to Eighth graders through High School Seniors.

If you have questions, call Bruce Hall, Adult Co-leader, at 708-403-7834.

**The HOPE Employment Support Ministry will meet on  
Tuesday, October 9th at 7pm  
in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall.**

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

**OUR FEATURED SPEAKER THIS MONTH IS PAUL CAMERON**

#### **STRATEGICALLY LANDING JOBS**

Paul's presentation will be: **Strategically Landing Jobs**. He will cover the "3 S's" in formulating an excellent job search strategy – Speed, Smarts and Selling! **Speed** — Tips and ideas on how to get results faster, specifically understanding what motivates people to take action and using that information to help employers act on your information. **Smarts** - Learn how to use technology and social media in combination to your advantage.

**Selling!** - Learn to use specific selling techniques that can be used to generate interest from employers within your interviews.

**The HOPE Employment Support Ministry is open to everyone:** All of our services, to both job seekers and employers, are free of charge. Our monthly meetings consist of networking, resume review, guest speakers and open forums.

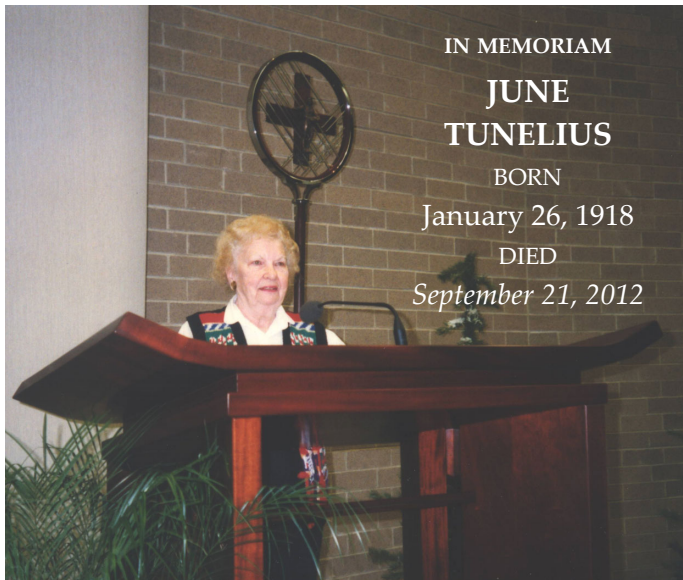
**Need a resume tuned up?** Send your resume to [ajunkans@aol.com](mailto:ajunkans@aol.com) and then come to the next meeting to receive feedback and discuss suggestions.

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

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

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

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



IN MEMORIAM  
**JUNE  
 TUNELIUS**  
 BORN  
 January 26, 1918  
 DIED  
 September 21, 2012

**JUNE TUNELIUS** was a dedicated and involved parishioner from the moment she joined our parish in September of 1987. June was one of our first lectors (both at the 5pm and the 9am weekday morning Masses), served as a Minister of Care, Eucharistic Minister, and volunteered “uncountable” hours in our parish office.

Just recently, she left for Pennsylvania to participate at her granddaughters wedding as a lector. At the wedding rehearsal, she practiced proclaiming the reading at the church (and received a standing ovation). She died shortly after.

June always had a great outlook on life and will be greatly missed by the parish family of St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton Church at a future date.



**Third Annual 2012  
 CJB GOLF OUTING  
 Thursday, Oct. 4th  
 Silver Lake Country Club  
 18 holes of golf, lunch,  
 dinner, raffles, games**

The Third Annual CJB Golf Outing, benefitting our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, has been set for Thursday, October 4th at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. Golfers will enjoy 18-holes of golf, lunch, refreshments, and exciting games on the course, great raffle prizes, and dinner. Golfers will also have a chance at winning a car, and one golfer will have a chance at winning \$1,000,000 dollars! For info/download forms: visit [www.cardinaljbschool.com](http://www.cardinaljbschool.com) or call Katie Walsh at 815-690-2165 or email [katenpat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katenpat@sbcglobal.net).



**CARDINAL'S  
 NETWORK**

**What Is A Crowd?**

This week, the doctors told me to avoid crowds because there are periods in the treatment of cancer with chemotherapy when the immune system is low. Even a common cold can become an uncommon danger. Avoid crowds.

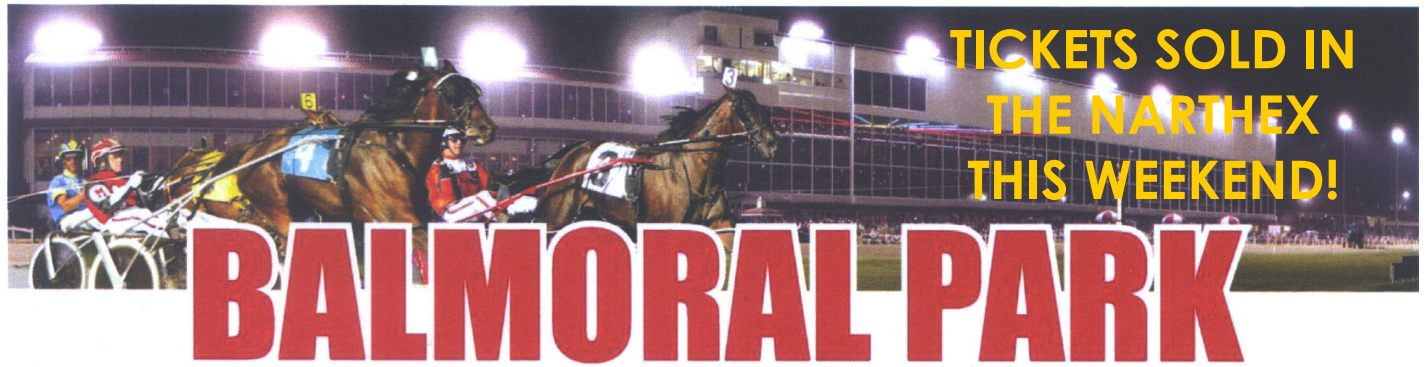
Are three people a group and twelve people a crowd? No matter how the question is answered, my public schedule has been reduced. More than ever, one comes to appreciate the forms of presence that don't depend on physical proximity.

In faith, we believe that we are always surrounded by persons who are invisible: Jesus and his friends who are also ours, the angels and saints. A constant reminder of this invisible world we all inhabit is the promise of so many prayers that now sustain me. I am grateful that we are never alone.

**Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
 ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO  
[www.archchicago.org/cardinalsnetwork](http://www.archchicago.org/cardinalsnetwork)**

**Volunteers Needed at Neat Repeats**

Neat Repeats Resale stores are looking for volunteers to work in their stores with a boutique atmosphere. Share your compassion, your talent and time. Give five hours a week and make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. Volunteer Recruitment Days are Thursdays Oct 4th and Oct. 18th at 9028 W. 159th St, Orland Park, or 7026 W. 111th St., Worth. Come in, enjoy a tour, meet other volunteers, and learn why Neat Repeats is a great place to volunteer. For information please call Orland Park at 708-364-7605 or Worth 708-361-6860. All sales at Neat Repeats Resale benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia is a non-profit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.



**Welcomes**  
**St. Elizabeth Seton Parish**  
**NIGHT AT THE RACES**  
**Sunday, October 21, 2012**

Please come join us for an exciting night of Fun and Friendship at  
 Balmoral Park Racetrack!

**Your special evening will include:**

- Complimentary Clubhouse Admission
- Complimentary Official Racing Program
- Two hours of an all you can eat buffet, including: Create your own pasta station, specially prepared chicken & fish entrees, salad bar with a variety of cold salads, homemade soup du jour, vegetable of the day, potato or rice, a dessert table & Unlimited coffee, soda & tea.
- Voucher drawing by Balmoral Park
- Special Race Dedication for St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
- Group Photo in the Winner's Circle

**Drive on your own \$35**  
**Or take the bus, and leave the driving to us! \$45**  
**Bus leaves Seton at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Call Anna at (708)-532-6731**

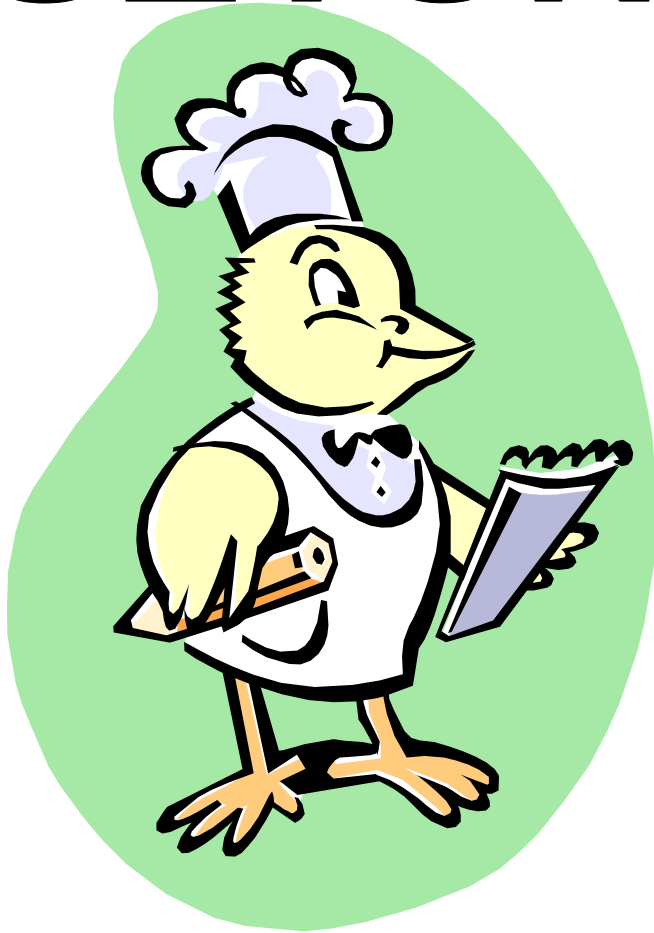
**Dining Room opens at 6:00 pm**  
**Buffet runs from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm & Desserts available until 9:00 pm**  
**First Race at 7:10 pm**



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

26435 South Dixie Highway / Crete, IL 60417  
 (708) 672-1414  
[www.balmoralpark.com](http://www.balmoralpark.com)

# SETON



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

**Pre-Sale Dinner Prices:**

**Adults-\$8**

**\$3 Children/under 12**

**AT DOOR:**

**Adults-\$9**

**\$4 Children/under 12**

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

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



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



## Men's Club News

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Second Meeting of the 2012 Year

#### ■ Wednesday, October 10th

#### General Meeting

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

#### AGENDA:

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

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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

#### 2012-2013 Men's Club Officers



2012 Men's Club President: Gene Zabilka



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

Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick McMahon

Vice President: Greg Skrzypiec

Treasurer: Ron Dickover

President: Gene Zabilka

Secretary: Stephen Juska

# Branches

## SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

#### ■ WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3RD GYM LOBBY AND TEEN ROOM 6:30PM

Mission Trip organizational meeting followed by TUF Night. The meeting will last about 30 minutes, and parents should attend. Bring \$75 (check made out to St. Elizabeth Seton) if you'd like to reserve a spot. TUF Night will continue until 8:30pm.

#### ■ SUNDAY, OCT. 14TH SOUL SURVIVOR 6:30-8:30 PM

Join us in the Cornerstone building (167th and 94th Ave.) for our first Soul Survivor of the year. It's "Election Night 2012" but you won't find Obama or Romney on the ticket, just four of our own teens (Morgan, Jonathan, Ayo, and "Alphonse") are running for President, so come hear their "platforms," and decide who has the best ideas for running our country. You'll get to grill them, too, to find out how their views line up with your own. You can bet this won't be a boring debate.

#### ■ SUNDAY, OCT. 21ST TEEN MASS 5:30PM OPEN GYM 6:30-8:30 PM

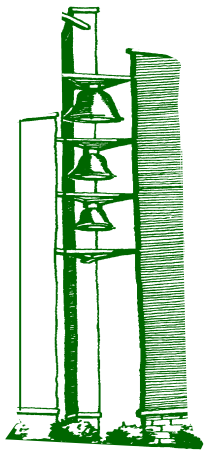
Your family and friends are invited to join us for our monthly Teen Mass in the church Narthex starting at 5:30pm, and keep your friends with you for two hours of volleyball, basketball, kickball, Spud, and other open gym activities.

#### ■ SATURDAY, OCT. 27TH MOVIE NIGHT OR TBA

For those of you who can't make Sunday night meetings, mark this date on your calendar for a special Saturday night activity. We will try to do these the fourth weekend of every month. Stay tuned for more details.



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



## Seniors of Seton

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### SOS OCTOBER 2ND MEETING

Tickets will go on sale at \$7 for Salina's catered Pulled Pork Luncheon for our Nov. 6th meeting. Entertainment by Swing'n Sugar Squares.

#### OCTOBER 17TH/18TH

#### Last Call for Faith & Heritage Trip

Travel by luxury coach from Seton to Springfield, IL to visit St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare, the Lincoln Pres. Museum, lunch at Maldaner's Landmark Rest. (since 1884), First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln's Tomb. Overnight with four meals, admission to all sights and more included! Massages available with apt. \$235 pp-dbl. Call Anna at 708-532-6731.

#### OCTOBER 21ST — BALMORAL PARK

Tickets available in the Narthex this weekend, in the parish office and at the October meeting.

#### NOVEMBER 28TH

#### CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Keep this date open for the Denny Diamond and the Family Jewels appearing at the Silver Lake Country Club. Dinner and show will be \$34.

#### DECEMBER 11TH

#### ST. THERESE'S SHRINE

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

**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.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

## FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

*Tuesday, Oct. 2nd*

PERHAPS NO ASPECT OF CATHOLIC PIETY is as comforting to parents

as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not just for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. St. Benedict (July 11) gave it impetus and Bernard of Clairvaux (August 20), the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

#### COMMENT

Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God's enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out until life's end.

#### QUOTE

*"May the angels lead you into paradise;  
 may the martyrs come to welcome you  
 and take you to the holy city,  
 the new and eternal Jerusalem."*

RITE FOR CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10/6 & 10/7	5:00PM	7:15AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
<b>GREETERS</b> Attention All Ministers! Ministers schedules available at: <a href="http://www.steseton.com">www.steseton.com</a> 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 Shemanske B. Shemanski 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
<b>LECTORS</b>	M. Hamilton	K. Oliver	E. Rachel Espina R. Hicks	M. Quinn M. Eisenberg	G. Rekar M. O'Sullivan
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	M. Murphy L. Murphy C. Murphy	N. Zufan J. Zufan M. Walter	A. Gaspardo A. Grebenor M. Welser	M. DeHaan H. Gacek M. Bialka	M. Kedzierski S. Walsh M. Kate Green
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	M. Abbatemarco S. Abbatemarco A. Sharp B. Raymond B. DeJonge D. Pacholski J. Harris J. Paluch J. Connelly L. Jeffrey M. Miller M. Paluch	M. Fundator C. Nolan L. Skrzypiec D. Nykiel A. Weishaar J. Janiak	W. Bekta T. Leeson S. Weishaar R. Hicks A. Roti C. Bannon C. Kirk D. Palagi E. Pawlak J. Juds M. Galka P. Skowronek	S. Michalek J. Federico T. Federico F. Scellato R. Grill R. Laud J. Eisenberg J. Kokotan-Krauss J. Frese K. Frese L. Kocsis M. Gabrione M. Schmidt	J. Bilas D. Daley J. Mitchel L. Koning M. Morajda T. Wolski M. O'Connor K. James B. McMahon T. Scorzo

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 8AM-1PM

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Principal, **Mary Iannucilli**    Administrative Assistant, **Cindy Labriola Devlin**

**Pastoral Staff**

**Rev. Richard Homa**, Pastor  
**Rev. Stanislaw Kuca**, Associate Pastor  
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**Donna Stolinski**, Business Manager  
**Claudia Nolan**, Director of Liturgy  
**Linda McKeague**, Director of Music  
**Elaine Pawlak**, Religious Education Coordinator

Pastor Emeritus: **Rev. William T. O'Mara**

Resident Priest: **Rev. William Gubbins**

Deacon: **Frank (Betty) Gildea**

Deacon: **Joseph (Nancy) Bishop**

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**Frank Siwec**, Staff    **Marie Makuch**, Staff  
**Joseph Shake**, Staff    **Michael Makuch**, Staff  
**Mark Siwec**, Staff

### 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**