



5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

FOLLOW JESUS | SERVE OTHERS

February 7, 2021

VISION

To be a growing community that inspires all to follow Jesus with a spirit of inclusion, compassion and service

MISSION

We encourage all to deepen their relationship with Jesus through scripture, prayer, stewardship and ministry to others

Welcome to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Dear Fellow Disciples of our Lord Jesus,
Why did Jesus come to live with us?**



You all know the word “EMMANUEL,” God with us. We all hear this often during Christmas liturgies. Jesus came to be one with us. We believe that Jesus is the true and total presence of our God and His birth was this true and total presence of God in human form. Now many people come to Jesus so that He can help them with their problems and troubles. We hear so often in the Gospel stories about people bringing their sick and troubled to Jesus so that Jesus can cure them of their ailments. Even this weekend we hear in the Gospel of Mark about Jesus entering the home of Peter and Andrew. Upon hearing that the mother-in-law of Peter was in bed with a fever, Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and lifted her up. By the evening the entire town was at their door for Jesus to cure their sick of all their illnesses and diseases.

Probably, the number one reason most people come to Jesus is just this—that He will help them with their problems and cure any illness that might be afflicting them. If you look at all our prayer requests—most of them concern illness and requests for help in whatever troubles us in this life. However, does it end there? I often comment that our human nature is an endless pit of needs and wants. If you put before God your top three needs, and somehow God would solve those problems, how long would it take you to come up with three more? See what I mean by saying we have an endless list of needs and wants?

Is there something more? Just read on in the Gospel story of this weekend. After the mother-in-law of Peter is cured, what does she do? She gets up and waits on her guests. Her response is one of action and service to others. Always look for a deeper message. She gives of herself, and what she has to do to help others, and makes life better for them. I believe this is the real example of Jesus and what He would like from us, His followers, His disciples. Of course we can bring our problems to Jesus so that He can help us with them or through them. But then do not stop there. Go on and see how and what we each can do to pass along this goodness to help others and to make life better for others; to use these gifts to make our world a better place for everyone.

This is STEWARDSHIP! We always begin this by recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. Even our very breath is a gift and presence of God. I always think that our breath is the taking in the Holy Spirit. We breathe in GOD, goodness, and we breathe out all that is not of God and God’s ways. Then as we become more aware of all that we receive as gifts, we begin to ask ourselves how we can use them for the service and betterment of others. All of our TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE is really for others. We do this as a sign of our thankfulness to God. Never, never cut God short! God loves a cheerful giver and will reward all for our generosity. Our God will never be outdone in generosity. Oh, we might not get back exactly the same way we give out, but the goodness and love of God will be poured into our hearts and lives more abundantly than we can even possibly imagine. The gifts you have received, give as gifts.

Blessings & Shalom,

Father Joe Aufdermauer, Parish Priest,
262-782-6760.



*Generous and Loving God,
Open our minds and hearts
to a greater awareness of the countless blessings
You have given to each of us.
Guide us, as we embrace
the path of discipleship through stewardship.
Let us, with gratitude, recognize the unique talents
and gifts that You have poured into us.
May we courageously
and generously share them with all
as we cultivate the Kingdom of God today.
Let our faith in Christ Jesus
be strengthened as we give of ourselves
becoming the action of Your abundant
and never-ending love in our world. Amen*

By Susan Switalski, Pastoral Minister



Seton Outreach Committee Ministry



The Seton Outreach Committee met in November to determine the grants for the first half of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Members present were: Sue Switalski, Nancy Kasun, Tim Kleibor, Gene Park, Bill Doepke, Stacia Schneider and Dave Strelitz.

The committee reviewed grant requests from various 501(c) (3) designated organizations submitted subsequent to our May 2020 meeting. Keeping in mind our purpose to further the ministry of our parish community, we elected to award grants to the following organizations:

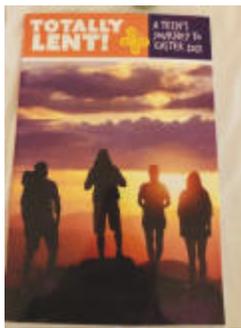
- 1) \$2000 to **Life Navigators**. Based in Wauwatosa, LN serves children and adults with disabilities and their families. Our grant will be used to fund their Family Support Program.
- 2) \$1500 to Dismas **Ministry**. Founded in 2000, DM is a national Catholic prison outreach supplying bibles, prayer books and other religious materials to prison inmates in all 50 states.
- 3) \$3000 to **La Causa**. Based in Milwaukee, our funds will be used to support their Crisis Nursery & Respite Center, providing a safe haven to children when families face emergencies such as homelessness, domestic violence or high stress.
- 4) \$3000 to the **Meta House**. Based in Milwaukee, MH serves low-income women with substance abuse disorders. Our funds will be used for personal supplies, transportation and other needs.
- 5) \$3000 to **Franciscan Peacemakers**. Based in Milwaukee, FP offers a street ministry for women who have been sexually exploited through human trafficking, prostitution or drug addiction.

Our committee intends to meet again in May 2021 to determine its final awards for the 06/30/21 fiscal year. We welcome requests from organizations seeking support for programs that extend beyond our parish mission into the local, national and international communities. If you know of an organization seeking support, please suggest they complete a grant application which can be downloaded from our website, or contact any of the committee members for information.

These are all worthy organizations and we recommend that you contact them directly in the event you seek additional information about their missions or your desire to be more involved. We would also welcome new members to our committee to assist in the research, review and consideration of these requests. Thank you for your support and interest in our efforts.

Jan 2021: The committee mourns the passing of member Bill Doepke this month. Bill was a highly dedicated parish member with a strong sense of community and charity. We will miss him dearly.

Dave Strelitz



Teens ~ Totally Lent!

Last Sunday all of the teens preparing for Confirmation received their own personal “Lent in a Bag.” Due to the snow, Grades 7-10 Christian Formation classes were canceled. Therefore Grades 7-10 will receive their “Lent in a Bag” on Sunday, February 21,

when they meet again. These were prepared specifically with the focus on teens, a variety pack of daily suggestions for prayers and activities from which to choose the walk through Lent that best suits them.

Bags are available to the parish: If your teen is not registered for Christian Formation this year, but you would like for your teen to have “Lent in a Bag,” the bags will be available as long as supplies last:

- Pick one up in the Youth Ministry Office beginning Monday, February 8, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.
- Pick up the teen “Lent in a Bag” before or after Mass the weekend of February 13-14
- Drive-thru bag pick-up (with the At Home for Lent & Holy Week): Sunday, February 14,



12 pm-2 pm; east side church under the canopy
Teens: Give yourself the opportunity to experience Lent in a deeper way this year!

Peace,
Mickey Holtz, Director of Youth Ministry

At Home for Lent & Holy Week

Lent is about preparing our hearts and lives, humbling ourselves, and remembering Jesus’ life through His ministry, His death, and finally His incredible resurrection. Our **At Home** bag contains items to help guide you on your Lenten journey as you deepen your relationship with Jesus.



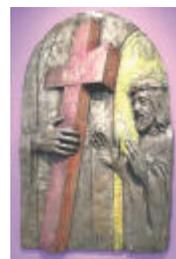
From Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, you’ll find resources that just might help you create your best Lent yet.

- Pick up your bag before or after Mass the weekend of February 13/14
- Drive-thru bag pick-up: Sunday, February 14, 12-2 pm; east side of church under the canopy



Stations of the Cross

Through prayer and meditation led by **Frater Joe**, you will have the chance to pray the “Prayer of Lent,” the **Stations of the Cross**.



Traditionally prayed on Friday evenings in our Sanctuary, this year you may choose a time and format that fits your schedule and follow Jesus’ journey to the cross.

- **Outdoor:** in an open-air atmosphere while maintaining social distancing; Seton’s west parking lot; dawn to dusk, beginning February 19; (*optional: connect to video on your mobile device*)
- **At Home:** accessing a video on your device and trying out this prayer experience from any location; beginning February 19

Visit mystelizabeth.com/lent to connect.



**Self Care in the Time of Covid -19
Presenter- Julia Marie Hogan
February 21, 2021 - 6:30 p.m**

Do you find yourself feeling overwhelmed and stressed by life right now? Have you been feeling overwhelmed due to your life's upheaval over COVID -19? Your schedule is busy, you are faced with making new decisions every day, and it's easy to feel like you don't have time to de-stress. Add a global health crisis, and you just might find yourself in a great need of care. Self-care is an important tool for managing stress but it is often overlooked or overcomplicated. Julia Hogan, LCPC, a Catholic licensed therapist and author, will share practical ways you and your family can practice authentic and effective self-care from a Catholic worldview.

Join us on February 21, at 6:30 p.m., as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton hosts Julia Hogan as she walks us through some steps we all can take to help us through these incredibly challenging times. This event will be hosted as a Facebook Live event. Please join through the **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Facebook Page** or through our own Seton website.

Julia Marie Hogan is a counselor in Chicago and owner of **Vita Optimum Counseling & Consulting, LLC**. She also leads workshops and writes on topics related to self-care, relationships and mental health. Her book, *It's Ok to Start with You* is all about the power of embracing your authentic self through self-care and is passionate about empowering individuals to be their most authentic selves. You can find more of her writing online at juliamariehogan.com.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Prayers Requested for First Eucharist Families

We are immensely blessed to have 25 children preparing to receive First Eucharist in the spring. These children will be getting to know Jesus better through reading God's Word in the Bible, attending weekly Mass (in-person or online), weekly family activities, two reflections, and a retreat. As you can see, they will be devoting a substantial amount of effort and time engaging in this amazing journey to First Eucharist. As the Eucharist brings us deeper into communion with God and our church community, we ask the Seton community to remember these young people and their families in your prayers, as they progress to receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Please pray for them in general; pray for them by name; pray for them often!

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| Adam | Amaya | Amelia | Anna | Austin |
| Brady | Braidon | Bryce | Cade | Claudia |
| Emme | Jack | Jake | Joel | Kylie |
| Lucas | Maggie | Noelle | Norah | Peter |
| Quinlan | Rachel | Stella | Violet | Zachary |

*Barb and Johannah Lee
Coordinators of Child Ministry*

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Monday, February 8 **St. Jerome Emiliani**
St. Josephine Bakhita

7:30 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM For the living and deceased members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Thursday, February 11 **Our Lady of Lourdes**

7:30 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM For the intention of Thomas Regan (Phyllis Heller)
 †Kenneth Theys & Family
 (Bob & Diane Kutschera)

Saturday, February 13

4:00 PM Reconciliation
 5:00 PM †Patricia Baudhuin (Family)

Sunday, February 14 6th Sunday in Orderly Time

8:30 AM †Jim Delimat (Delimat Family)
 †Gloria Ludka (Family & Friends)

10:45 AM For the living and deceased members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021



Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Counting Team #6
 9:30 AM RCIA (Sippel Hall)
 7:00 PM Scripture Group (Reflection Room)

Monday, February 8, 2021

6:30 PM Small Group Faith Sharing (Matthew/Mark Rooms)

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

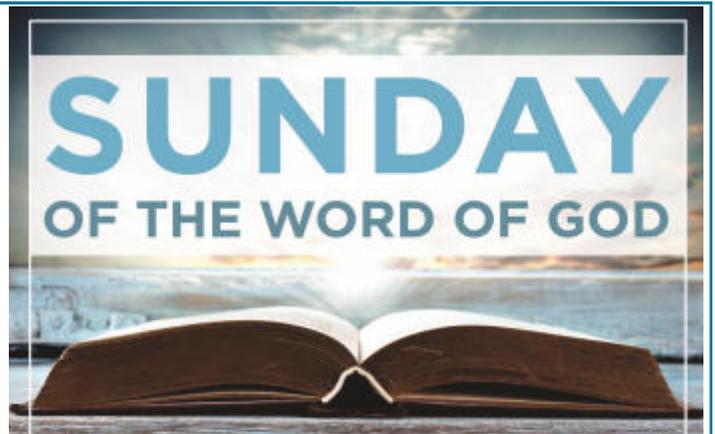
7:00 PM AA Meeting (Sippel Hall)

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

6:30 PM Women's L.I.F.E. Night (Zoom)

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Counting Team #7
 12:00 - 2:00 PM Drive thru Lent & Holy Week Bag Pick-up (East Canopy)
 7:00 PM Scripture Group (Reflection Room)



REFLECT

First Reading:

We hear how Job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the "gospel" (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

Gospel:

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?

How Can We Serve You?

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Parish Office: 262-782-6760

Christian Formation Office: 262-782-8982

Parish Website: mystelizabeth.com

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass:..... 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

Daily Mass:..... 8:00 AM Mon. & Thurs.

Rosary: 7:30 AM Mon. & Thurs.

Individual Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday 4:00 PM-4:30 PM

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Announcing.....

Seton's 40th Anniversary Trivia Series

As part of our year-long 40th Anniversary Celebration, we have created a **Trivia Series** which will focus on different topics and events that have been a part of our 40-year history. You can choose to test your knowledge or just enjoy reading the answers. Check out the insert flyer in your January statement or go to the Seton website and click on to the 40th Anniversary logo. The first set of questions will begin with our **patron saint, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.**

Be a part of the celebration!

Whether you have been a Seton member since the beginning or a recent member, we welcome your participation in our year-long 40th Anniversary by sharing memories and photos of parish life events such as ground-breakings, child and youth programs, special occasions like Baptisms, First Communions and weddings, parish ministries, choir, social events and parish fundraisers; our festival and auction.

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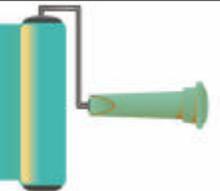
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