26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MIRACLES

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b



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September 26, 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

TO FELLOW DISCIPLES OF OUR LORD JESUS:



I surely hope and pray (and beg) you to read the readings before you come to

worship on any given weekend. Why? Because they are usually so packed with messages about our lives today. I know that I say this so often (but here I go again!), the Word of God is timeless. It affects all of us in any age.

This weekend we hear that John, one of the closest disciples, tells Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Don't we often say the same thing? Don't we want to control the situation? Don't we like to control others? "THEY" are different than are we. "THEY" are not one of us. "THEY" are not like us. Do we ever say this? Do we ever think this? Just exactly who is "THEY"? Is it not perhaps someone who is a different color, or nationality, or ethnic origin or religion or social status? "THEY" might take our jobs away from us. "THEY" might threaten our security. "THEY" might lower our property values. "THEY" might change the way we worship or believe. "THEY" might want to change our neighborhood.

John and the disciples want to stop these outsiders. Jesus has something different in mind. Jesus says, "Do not prevent them. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us".

In our first reading this weekend, we hear Moses saying, **"Would that all the Lord's people were prophets."** Jesus and Moses are telling us that everyone does not have to do things the way we want them done. "THEY" might look or think or talk or act differently than we do but do not prevent them for adding their perspective to our experiences. Do not stop them. Do not prevent them. Would that all people of God would be able to speak and act in God's name and in God's way. The most frequent words of Jesus are DO NOT BE AFRAID. We too need to hear this.

Early fall blessings and Shalom, Father Joe Aufdermauer, Parish Priest 262-782-6760

We Share Service Project for October St. John Paul II Food Pantry

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is holding a food drive next weekend, October 2 and 3, to benefit St. John Paul II Food Pantry in Milwaukee

The people of St. John Paul II ask for help replenishing supplies for their pantry, which assists those with needs. Top requests:

White rice (no minute rice) Dry pinto beans Whole Corn (canned) Mac N' Cheese Peanut butter - small jars (creamy & crunchy) Instant oatmeal Diced tomatoes Cake mix (Yellow & Chocolate) Frosting (Vanilla & Chocolate) Pineapple chunks Fruit cocktail Tuna (in water) Spaghetti and/or Elbows (pasta/noodles) Mayonnaise Ketchup

To contribute, please bring these or similar items to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton lobby. Funds collected in the "poor box" during the month will be donated to this initiative. Thank you for your support.

About St. John Paul II Parish Food Pantry

The pantry is located at 3329 S. 10th Street on the south side of Milwaukee and serves approximately 100 households once a month on Saturday mornings. Guests are provided with one bag of nonperishable food. They select their own food and have their bags packed by the pantry's workers. Most guests speak Spanish. Many are unemployed and looking for a job, are on disability, or do not earn a family-supporting wage. Guests live within church boundaries on the south side of Milwaukee and/or attend church or its schools. Based on donations, the pantry may provide extra food, clothing, personal care or other items. Also, they notify guests about resources available in the community, including English instruction, energy assistance, nutrition, and legal advice. The parish's Elizabeth Ministry provides emotional and prayer support to guests each month. For more info, visit: http://stjohnpaulii.weconnect.com/Food



40th Anniversary Picnic Wrap-up

About a year and a half ago, I was approached by Father Joe to put a committee together to create a 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held in January of 2021, around the feast day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the

date that our parish was established in 1981. Planning was scheduled to begin in the spring of 2020, but all plans for everything were put on hold due to the pandemic. January 2021 came and went with no plans in place but hopes that a celebration could become a reality before the end our anniversary year. With the disappointment of our canceled festival, but hopes that people could possibly gather outside, the Fall Seton Family Picnic was created. The goal of the picnic was not only to celebrate our 40th but also to bring our Seton family together after a long hiatus of separation. Fr. Joe's one request was that it be a "free" event for all.

Jim Shutte, who had volunteered as the new festival chair, was approached with the idea of the fall picnic and the possibility of recruiting some of the past festival coordinators to create a short version of the festival as a 40th Anniversary celebration. We needed tents, food, beverages and entertainment. And voila! Everyone stepped up and said, "We can do this!" four months under Jim's leadership, the picnic began to take shape. Savethe-Dates were sent out followed by invitations, and an online RSVP initiated by Paula Strelitz. RSVPs were very much needed because we had no idea how our parishioners would react to a picnic. The response was phenomenal with over 800 adults and 130 children expressing an intent to attend. Since most of our picnic activities would occur in the main tent, Doug Ver Boeckel and his team decided to increase its size by an additional section. The dining tent and the food tent were the same size as we use for the festival. With a good attendance projection, Brian Lehman was able plan a menu and determine the amount of help that he would need, and Dave Stawicki took control of beverages. Anne Dettlaff worked her magic and supplied the needed volunteers.

Anticipating a large Mass attendance, our concern focused on the after-Mass rush for the food tent. That's when Sharon and Lauren Frye stepped up and suggested having a coffee-and-doughnut option after Mass in Sippel Hall to split up the crowd. Jan and Brian Sullivan enhanced the coffee-and-doughnut appeal by serving mimosas. And little by little, the picnic activities came together. We had lots of food selections, including some special treats like popcorn, ice cream, and cupcakes. To make it a true family event, the Kumprey family volunteered to bring their backyard to the Seton lawn, offering games and activities for all. The arrival of the New Berlin fire truck and the balloon twister also added to the afternoon's entertainment. Thanks to Father Joe for handing out all those raffle tickets and congratulations to the winners!

Taken for granted in all of this is the wonderful support and creativity of our Seton staff and their disciples. Without their assistance, the level of success would not have been the same. The preparation for Mass, the choir, the decorations, the communication, the setup and clean-up, and at least a dozen things that are not coming to mind, all combined to make this event the wonderful day that we all enjoyed so much.

And now the Seton Family Picnic has become a memory, one that reminds us of how special our parish has been and continues to be after these 40 years. The tremendous response to our outdoor Mass and the spirited singing of over 600 attendees under the big top, brought tears to my eyes. Seeing parishioners visiting, laughing and enjoying each other's company; families having fun and playing games; this was Seton's Spirit at its finest! Again, a big thanks to all who made this a memorable afternoon.

Speaking of the Spirit of Seton, I hope you all received your Spirit of Seton Special Anniversary Issue and enjoyed learning how the Spirit of Seton began and has continued throughout these 40 years. Many thanks for the talent and creativity of Tom Halverson who spent countless hours researching the photos and graphics that have made this anniversary issue a memory for all of us. Tom completed this project after the passing of Dan Natchek, who was the editor.

Happy 40th Anniversary, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish!

Therese Fennelly, Co-chair of the 40th Anniversary Picnic



Notre Dame School Milwaukee Needs You!

NDSM is looking for mentors and volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year! Mentors and volunteers are

critical members of our school community who support our students and ensure their success at NDSM and beyond. Mentors are caring, compassionate adults who devote their time to middle school students, offering them support, guidance and encouragement as they transition to high school. Volunteers support NDSM in a variety of ways, including serving as tutors, library aides, and afterschool activity leaders.

New this year, we have an exciting reading tutor program to help students build literacy skills. Volunteer orientation takes place Thursday, September 30, from 1:00-2:00 PM, so please contact us if you're interested!

To sign up or to learn more about the opportunities available, see the school's website *notredamemke.org* or contact Mary Ziino, Director of Community Outreach, at *mziino@notredamemke.org*.



"Living the Gift of Sunday" through the Eyes of the Pastoral Council

I grew up going to St Alphonsus Parish in Greendale and we had many wonderful priests. In my eyes, each of them had a special gift. I looked up to them with great respect

and admiration. Father Gloudeman was like a grandfather and would always acknowledge us before talking with our parents. He was always so caring and welcoming to everyone. Father Rascioli was much younger, but had such a great sense of humor, and he would ask the children to come sit in front of the church on the floor to listen to his homily. His homily was always told like he was reading a children's book, but I knew he had the attention of the adults too, because I could hear them laugh at various points in the stories. Father Cooper, celebrated at my First Communion Mass. He took it well when I told him that we're not allowed to eat food in the living room. "Rules are rules," he said, and thanked me for being so polite in letting him know. There were so many other memories as well.

What struck me most about all of them was their homilies. Each week they had a message that seemed to relate to me or someone in my family. They seemed so wise, so caring, so insightful. Aside from singing, my favorite part of every Mass was the homily and still is today. Whether I felt good or bad about myself going into a Sunday Mass, I was always challenged to look at my life and the lives of those around me in a way that would help me find answers to what was bothering me that day, or how to share how fortunate I felt with others. What Sunday always brought me wasn't answers to my problems, but it helped me to appreciate everything before me and how to live and act through God.

I can't say I always appreciated the gift of Sunday. As I grew older, I did feel the weekly messages were repetitive. I started to think that, as an adult, I really did have all the answers now and I could think these things through just as easily on my own. While it is true that I did have that ability, what I didn't realize is that Sundays provided that atmosphere for reflection and consideration. That without Sundays, it was quite easy to live in a world of Saturdays and never really realize why I was so tired on Mondays. I never really noticed that I wasn't reflecting at all on God, myself or others as much as my golf, my work or my money.

I am ever so grateful to have met my wife. She still appreciated Sundays and provided that weekly

discipline to attend church, and it was so refreshing to hear the homily again; to hear that outside perspective on what else may be important today. To realize what was missing on Sundays was the thought and reflection on my own life. That gentle reminder that there are concerns in life that are easy to ignore when you have concerns of your own. The reminder that as a Church, we make each other stronger, happier, and better just through sharing.

So reading about *Living the Gift of Sunday* really just brings me back to how important it is to make time to reflect on what God has to tell us. We will likely never hear God as clearly as when we share and reflect on these lessons together.

Thanks,

Brian Sullivan, Pastoral Council Member



Cookies Needed for St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program Wednesday September 29

Our parish will be providing dinner for St. Vincent de Paul's Meal Program on Wednesday, September 29. They are currently providing carryout meals for their guests. Please consider baking a batch of Cowboy Cookies for dessert. There is no need to sign up. The recipe is available on the Seton website. Using the *Getting Involved* tab, click on *Human Concerns*, then *St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program* and scroll down to the *Cowboy Cookie Recipe*. Cookies should be packed in sturdy containers that will not be returned. Please bring them to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's lower kitchen by 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 29. Questions can be directed to Cindy Schaus at 414-405-4086 or *rschaus@mac.com*.

Baptism Formation Session

Have you recently welcomed a new baby into your family?



Congratulations! We are so happy for you. Part of the Baptism formation process, for anyone wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism, includes attending our Baptism formation session. The next opportunity (offered every other month) for attending this session will be October 6 at 6:30 PM. For more information, please visit our website at https://www.mystelizabeth.com/baptism.

Sue Switalski, 4 Pastoral Minister

BUILDING BLOCKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Formation isn't just for kids!

Last weekend, Father Joe mentioned that we are called to be formed in Christ continually throughout our lives. One of the suggestions he gave was to challenge ourselves to read a book or learn something new about our faith. Did you know, here at Seton, we have a WONDERFUL library with many books and resources to help you grow in faith? The library is located just as you walk into our lower level offices. Come on in and check it out! To make it even easier, our fantastic librarians have pulled some books to highlight, located on a cart just outside the sacristy. Take a peek and if you find one you are interested in, fill out a card to check it out for a time, and take it home.

More Formation opportunities!

On October 10 and 11, our Adult Formation Speaker Series opens with Pam Lownik Director of Social Concerns and Outreach, St. Mary Hales Corners.

This year, we will be focusing on highlighting elements of our parish mission and vision statement. In October, we will be growing closer to Christ through INCLUSION. Her presentation is entitled:

Encouraging a Spirit of Inclusion during Deeply Divided Times.

We grow in faith through education, awareness and safe spaces to dialogue about the deep racial issues we face today: our growth experience; our work; why the only place that can do this work is in a church, grounded in faith.

We hope you can join us on Sunday morning, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Sippel Hall; it also will be repeated Monday night, at 6:15 in our Sanctuary. God's Peace~

Sue Switalski Pastaral Minister



Book Club

Seton Book Club will meet on Wednesday, October 6, in Sippel Hall at 1 PM. The book to be discussed is The Mystery of Mrs. *Christie* by Marie Benedict. If you have questions about the meeting or the book club in general, please call Mary McInerny, 262-786-8559.



PETS BLESSING

Calling all feathered, furry, finned, and scaled friends! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish will once again be blessing all pets on Sunday, October 3 at 12:30

PM. Gather near the portico in the east parking lot. Please make sure your pets are leashed or caged to keep everyone safe and friendly. It is tradition to bless pets on or near the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. To find out more about who St. Francis was and why we bless our pets, check out this link explaining a bit more on his life: https://youtu.be/ qYynL7fH0P8

Serve Others:

Consider donating pet food or gently used blankets and towels to the local animal shelter around this time of the year. The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi provides an opportunity to teach children about endangered or abused animals and what we can do to help.

Share Your Story

Send us a photo of your pet blessing with a short description. We just might share it on social media!

Interested in Helping the Refugees from Afghanistan?

September 26, 2021 is the Vatican's World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Here in Wisconsin, refugees from Afghanistan are arriving at Fort McCoy, often with little beyond the clothes they are wearing. Locally, NEW items, such as underwear, undershirts, socks, blankets, baby onesies and feminine products are being collected at The Hunger Task Force, 201 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee; Unity Lutheran Church, 20700 W. North Avenue, Brookfield; and the Islamic Resource Center, 5235 S. 27th Street, Greenfield. These have been requested by the State Refugee Coordinator and are being delivered to Fort McCoy by the Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition, Catholic Charities of La Crosse is also collecting donations to assist the refugees. You can go to their website for more information.

Women's Morning of Reflection

Save the Date! Our Women's Morning of Reflection will be IN PERSON this year. Our guest speaker will be Gabriela Cabalero-Moersfelder and we will gather on November 13 from 8:30 to noon. Watch for more information soon. Mark your calendars for this wonderful annual event!

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PASS INTENTIONS			
Sunday, September 26 26th Sunday in Orderly Time			
8:30 am	†Donald J. Chrzan (Dolores Chrzan) †Mary Flaherty (Mary Beth & Douglas Biehn)		
10:45 ам	Living and deceased members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton		
Monday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest			
7:30 am 8:00 am	-		
Thursday, September 30 St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church			
7:30 am 8:00 am			
Saturday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels 4:00 PM Reconciliation			
5:00 PM	†Donna Mae Schmidt (Bob & Merry Schmidt) †Florian Jozefacki (Don & MaryAnn Bodden)		
Sunday, October	3 27th Sunday in Orderly Time		
8:30 am	†Donald J. Chrzan (Dolores Chrzan) †Carla Waraksa (Junell Kendziorski)		
10:45 ам	Living and deceased members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton		



Banns of Marriage Jeffery Mankini Miranda Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday, September 26

	Counting Team #4
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Christian Formation K4-10
	(Entire Complex)

Monday, September 27, 2021 10:00 AM Monday Morning Book Club (Reflection Room) **Tuesday, September 28** 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Sippel Hall) Saturday, October 2 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM SVDP truck in Seton's parking lot Sunday, October 3 Counting Team #3 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM SVDP truck in Seton's parking lot 12:30 PM Blessing of the Animals (East Parking Lot) 1:00 PM Reconciliation Reflection (Sippel Hall/Sanctuary)



Readings for the week of September 26, 2021 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/ Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Parish Directory

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	
	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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SVDP Truck

The fall St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive will take place Saturday, October 2, from 9 AM-3 PM and Sunday. October 3, from 8:30 AM-1:00 PM. In addition to

clothing, we are accepting small household items. For pickup of larger items, please contact SVdP, 262-569-0763. Thank you for your support.

Interested in the Catholic Faith?

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be starting sessions for anyone who is wishing to find out more about becoming Catholic. These sessions are for adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith with a possibility of receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Communion, or Confirmation. These sessions are also open to those who have been raised in a different faith and would like to explore what becoming a member of the Catholic Faith might look like for them. If you are interested, please contact Sue Switalski at 262-782-8982 as soon as possible. Sessions begin in October!





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