

September 27, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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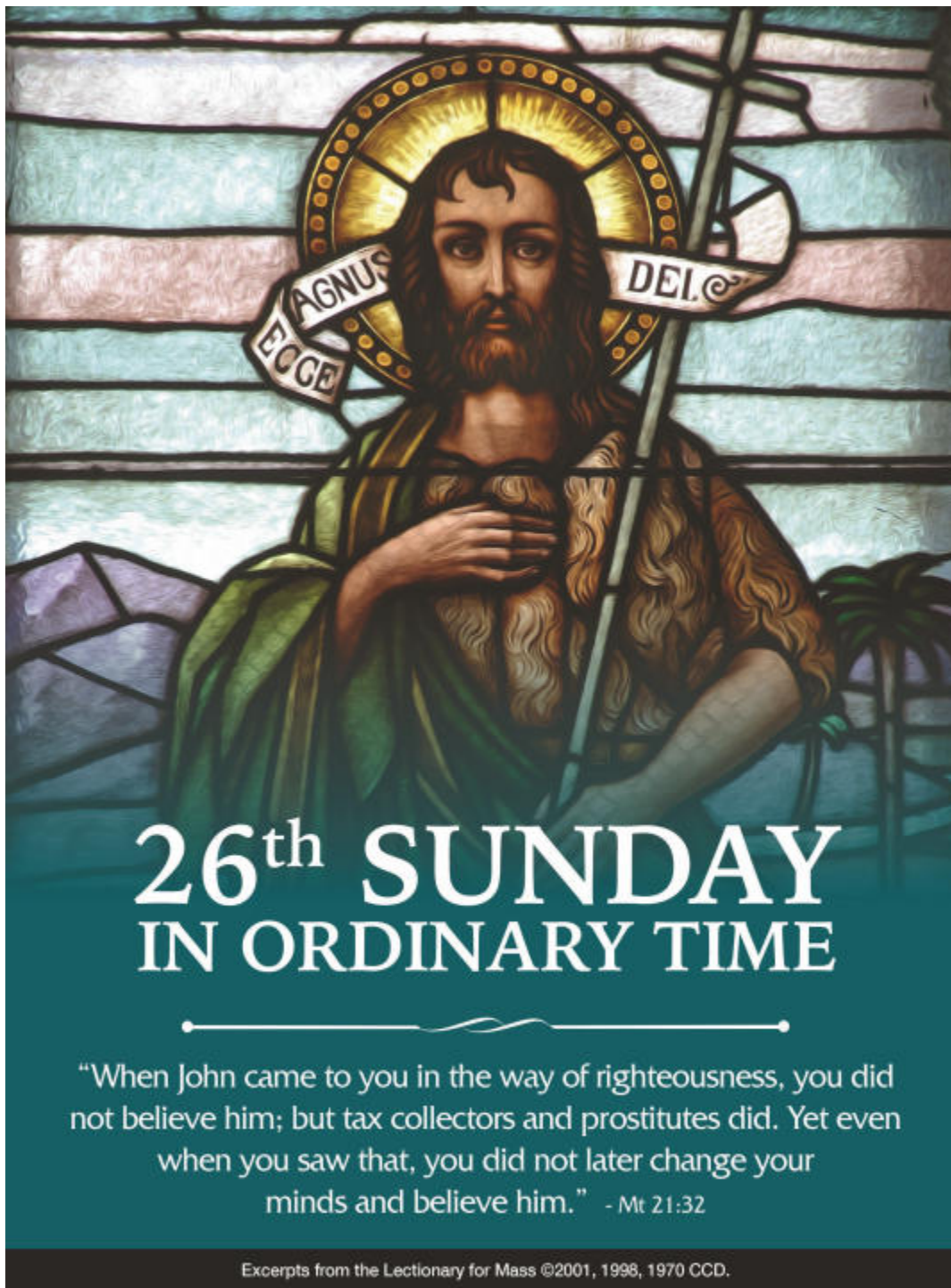
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**26th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m.
Saturday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.,

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

(except for Christmas, Easter & New Years)
Vigil (Evening Before) 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Devotions

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Prayers following Saturday 8:30 a.m. Mass

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of the Sick

Whenever serious surgery is scheduled, serious illness arises, or there has been a serious accident please call the parish office if you need a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

• Call the parish office to schedule

• Two Pre-Baptism Classes required, 1st & 3rd

Wednesday's of the month, 7:00-8:30 pm at the Parish Center, Family Room. Call the parish office to register.

• RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), Thursdays 7-9, contact Tom Schrad, (402) 493-4112

Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour prior to all masses except Saturday from 4:00-4:45 pm

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

• Minimum 6 months notice of marriage date is required.

• Scheduling is done by the couple with the parish priests.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

• Those discerning a call to the Priesthood should contact one of the parish priests or Rev. Andrew Roza, Vocation Director of the Archdiocese of Omaha, at (402) 558-3100

• For Permanent Diaconate, you may contact any of the priests or deacons or contact Deacon James Keating, at (402) 558-3100 ext. 3010.

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish?

Fill out the following information, return it in the collection basket or to the parish office and within the next few weeks someone will call to make an appointment to meet you, share information with you about our parish, and complete your registration.

_____ (name) _____ (date)

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_____ (email) _____ (phone)

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(402) 707-3496SEA_overflow23@live.com

Parish Council President: Cameron Gales. (402) 212-6117

Perpetual Adoration:

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Prayer Line: For anyone in need of prayers, please call:

Shelly Gray..... (402) 493-3006
or Fran Thomas..... (402) 493-7243
or email to: seaprayers@yahoo.com

Vocations Committee: Bob & Ruth Zaruba (402) 630-6140

Vocations Icons: Sue Niggemeyer (402) 496-0225

Financial Stewardship Report

Sunday Giving for the week ending September 20, 2020

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| Envelopes: | \$8,432 |
| Online Giving: | \$5,612 |
| Children's Envelopes: | \$N/A |
| St. Vincent de Paul: | \$205 |

PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office by October 15th.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 402.493.2186.

The Knights of Columbus will be having a pancake breakfast after all morning masses on **Sunday September 27th.**



Please join the parish Vocations Committee in thanking **Father Lewis** for his great service to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Priesthood Sunday, September 27. We will not have a formal gathering, but feel free to acknowledge Father Lewis in person or with a greeting card. You may want to wish him a happy birthday at the same time.

Youth Seeking a Relationship with Jesus



**Overflow Youth Ministry
St. James & St. Elizabeth Ann
Parishes**

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*Youth Seeking A Relationship With Jesus;
Overflowing To The Nations.*

Overflow is back! We are meeting in person again!
We are excited to see everyone!

High School Overflow will meet Sunday, October 4th,
at St. Elizabeth Ann.

We will meet from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Middle School Overflow will meet Saturday,
September 19th at St. James.

we will meet from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

PRAYER SHAWL DISTRIBUTION IN THE TIME OF COVID 19

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Elizabeth Ann is pleased to offer a new way to distribute prayer shawls to you, at this time of need in our community. Prayer shawls will be located on the west side of the main church entrance (at the former HOPE desk) beginning on the weekend of October 3/4. The recipient doesn't need to be an SEA parishioner and no charge or donation is expected. We ask only that you **DO NOT OPEN ANY BAGS** until you get home with the one you have selected. This is in order to preserve the cleanliness of all the shawls.

We love presenting these shawls in person, but since that is now difficult, we ask that you select one and then sign the attached card with your name, the reason for the shawl (e.g., loss, surgery, recovery, to be given to: (name) etc. Then place the card in the slotted container. This information will be kept in confidence!!

Know that we, the PSM members, are holding you in prayer and hoping the shawl you select will remind you of the love of God, which is always present and the love that your community has for you at this time of need....Wrap yourself in abundant, healing love.

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER SHAWL QUESTION OR REQUEST PLEASE CALL:
Joan Connor at 402-493-3702

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group continues to work on making prayer shawls in their homes. If you wish to join in this ministry and work from your own home, you can call Mary Ann Miller for additional information at 402-468-4014.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Monday September 28,

- 1:00 p.m. SEA/SJ Book Review Club, Parish Center
- 7:00 p.m. Soccer Board Mtg., Parish Center

Thursday October 1,

- 8:00 p.m. AA Mtg., Parish Center Family Room

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY Sept. 28,

5:30 p.m. †Sharon Patterson

TUESDAY Sept. 29,

5:30 p.m. †Paul & †Mary Wenzl

WEDNESDAY Sept. 30,

5:30 p.m. †Annette

THURSDAY Oct. 1,

5:30 p.m. †Roger Habrock

FRIDAY Oct. 2,

5:30 p.m. †Tim Grant

SATURDAY Oct. 3,

5:00p.m. †Geraldine Rogers

SUNDAY Oct. 4,

8:00am. †John, †Marijean & †Nancy O'Brien

11:00a.m. †Sharon Patterson

BULLETIN DUE DATES:

The weekly bulletin deadline is Noon Monday for the following Sunday.

Early bulletin deadlines: Friday, September 25th Noon, for Sunday, October 4th

Call Dawn at 493-2186, fax to 493-0630 or email: dawnwillis@stelizabethann.org.

Small Effort, Big Difference

Just a small effort on your part can make a big difference to the mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

When you name **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** as the Payable on Death (POD) or Transfer on Death (TOD) beneficiary of your investment, checking or savings account, you help us continue our important work. A gift like this won't affect your lifestyle and it will make a tremendous impact on those we serve.

Please contact your financial advisor, retirement account administrator or banker to facilitate this process. You can also reach out to Tony LaMar, *Legacy Planning Officer*, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or ajlamar@archomaha.org.

Finding God Later in Life, October 3, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Mary Eileen Andreasen, RN, M.S., M.A.* and *Sister Ann Marie Petrylka, OSM*. Being retired or semi-retired brings new opportunities and challenges. The greatest advantage is more time to experience God's love and reflect on God's continued plan for our lives. How can we come to know God better in later age? What do we have to leave behind and what do we have to learn anew? What are the difficulties? Come and explore new ways to hear God's gentle call in later life. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Lunch is available at the Center for \$11.02 (includes tax). Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 32-8819.

The Saint John's Bible: Heritage Edition Workshop, October 3, at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Brad Neary, M.A.* *The Saint John's Bible* is the first handwritten bible, commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than five hundred years, on approximately 1,150 pages and including 160 major illuminations. A copy of the large, seven-volume leather bound Heritage Edition, which is a fine art reproduction of *The Saint John's Bible*, has been donated to St. Benedict Center and will be on permanent display starting in the summer of 2020. This workshop is for those who might be interested in becoming docents for the Saint John's Bible: You will get to know *The Saint John's Bible*, learn "why" and "how" the original manuscript was created and become familiar with the illuminations. Brad Neary will present *on Zoom*, he will *not* be here *in person*. Attendance possible in person or via Zoom (please specify). No charge, but registration required at www.StBenedictCenter.com or (402) 352-8819.

Dreams on the Spiritual Journey, October 9 – 10, retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with **Father William J. Jarema, M.S., M.Div., M.A.S.** Within your lifetime you will have over 100,000 dreams; and God will not waste our night time dreams, so dreams can provide meaningful adjustments within our daily lives. Modern psychology has confirmed that dreams can help us understand ourselves better and take the right steps toward "Living life to the full" (John 10:10). On this weekend we will explore how through the symbols and images of our dreams we can discover treasures of personal growth and healing. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to Saturday, closing with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

Encountering the Gospels in the Saint John's Bible, October 11, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Father Michael Patella, OSB, S.S.D.*, from *St. John's Abbey*, Collegeville, MN. The images in the Gospel books of the *Saint John's Bible* invite us to meet Christ and follow him in discipleship. With prayer and reflection, and by using the Bible's calligraphy and illuminations, this retreat will guide participants to view new ways of understanding Christ's call. Social distancing will be observed, please bring your mask. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch is available at the Center for \$11.02 (includes tax). Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call #402-352-8819.

P.R.E./SCHOOL NEWS



We have regular classes this Wednesday, September 30. There are so many wonderful holy companions to learn about this week! St. Wenceslaus, Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, St. Jerome, St. Therese of Lisieux and the Guardian Angels. Some students may come home with paper plate angels or lovely color pages of St. Therese's roses. (Jo Kusek, 402-572-0369)

The Knights of Columbus Council #9771 of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will be hosting a Soccer Challenge on Sunday, September 27th after the 11 AM Mass (approximately 11:45 PM). The Challenge will be held on our soccer fields south of the parish center. Boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate! Winners from each age division will have the opportunity to advance to the Knights of Columbus state level competition!



The challenge consists of 15 penalty kicks per player. The goal will be divided into various point 'zones' for accuracy and scoring. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Schmidt at 515-450-8687 or bjs9860@gmail.com

SEA Website Link: <https://www.stelizabethann.org/>
Access the Weekly Bulletin and More

SEA Facebook Page: @stelizabethann
Please LIKE and find SEA/Other Info.

- Electronics Communication Committee
Rebecca "Becky" Weitzel - Liaison, 402-321-7003

THE SHOW MUST GO ON....

At Skutt Catholic, our spring musical cast has persevered through weeks of Zoom rehearsals and the moving of the spring musical to the fall. With live indoor music and theatre performances deemed unsafe we have moved our production outdoors. Our theatre director, Mrs. Lara Marsh, is also the Director for Nebraska Shakespeare, so we are leaning on her years of experience with Shakespeare on the Green. We are excited to be bringing live theatre back to the area. On October 1 (7:30 p.m.), October 3 (7:30 p.m.), and October 4 (2 p.m.), we will be presenting *Big, the Musical* outside on the Skutt Catholic Music Green.

Make your reservation through the form on skuttcatholic.com. Due to social distancing, ALL tickets are reserved. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$6 for students. Payments can be dropped off at Skutt Catholic, Attn: Musical Tickets or mailed to Skutt Catholic High School, Attn: Musical Tickets, 3131 S. 156th Street, Omaha, NE 68130. Contact Chris Storm at chrisstorm@skuttcatholic.com with any questions.



You're Invited

ST. JAMES/SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL SOAR DEVELOPMENT EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

2020 continues to give us opportunities for reinvention! In that spirit, we are hosting a revamped SOAR on November 21st. This year's event will be online, and we will offer a delicious take-out meal option in the school gym.

Our school relies heavily on fundraising. Contributions from our parishioners and local businesses help forward our mission. Thus, your involvement and contributions to SOAR 2020 are vital to the students and staff of SJS.

We need your help now more than ever! There are many ways that you can still help SOAR be a success. You can visit the auction website to purchase tickets in advance for the take-out meal. For the online auction, we are in need of gift cards, silent/live auction items, and monetary donations. Sponsorships are also a great need at this time. We will promote sponsors through social media, at the take-out event, through email, on our event website, and in our virtual event catalog. If you know of a business that may be interested, please let us know. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

So again, we invite you to the new SOAR for 2020! We are looking forward to another memorable SOAR, but it can only happen with your support. We are a people who know the power of community. By working together, we can transform this challenging situation into a successful SOAR, which would be a powerful testament to the spirit and community of SJS.

November 7 | Online Bidding Begins
November 21 | Virtual Event



- **Silent & Live Auction closes at 8:30 PM**
- **Live Raffle Drawing will follow**
- **Take-out dinner from Taxi's Grille & Bar available for pick up in the school gym from 5:30-7:30.**

For your convenience you can purchase meal tickets, participate in the auction, and make donations online at bidpal.net/sjssoar2020.

You may also submit payments and donations to the school office.

Please contact thoward@sjsomaha.org with any questions.

St. James/Seton Catholic School
Attn: SOAR Dinner, 4720 N. 90th Street, Omaha, NE 68134

PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO-LIFE UPDATES

Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign

From September 23rd through November 1st, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St.) and the Bellevue Health Clinic (1002 W Mission Ave.). More information can be found at www.40daysforlife.com.

33rd Annual Life Chain

Own the message. Let Omaha know that Pro-Life is pro-love, pro-woman, and pro-information! Join in the Life Chain on Sunday, October 4th, 2020 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Our parish will be standing on the north side of West Dodge Street from 80th Street to 84th Street. Signs will be provided at our location. Please contact Whitney Bradley, Respect Life Apostolate Coordinator with questions: wabradley@archomaha.org; (402) 557-5516.

Pro-Life Prayer Opportunities

Please consider a peaceful prayerful presence on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93rd St. on Mondays or Thursdays (abortion days) anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Come when you can for as long as you can—no time is too short, and no prayer goes unheard. A priest or other volunteer leads prayers during the 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. prayer hour on Mondays. Prayers are also offered at this location on Saturday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parking is available in the parking lot of the former Hope Evangelical Free Church located at 9313 Binney St. You are also invited to pray on Thursdays (8:30 – 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.), Fridays (7:30 – 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.) and Saturdays (6:30, 7:30, 8:00 (Spanish), and 9:00 a.m.) at the Bellevue Health Clinic at 1002 West Mission Avenue in Bellevue. Parking is available in front of Essential Pregnancy Services located at 908 West Mission Avenue.

September 22nd- October 27th, 2020: Grieving with Great Hope. Grieving with Great Hope is a journey for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. We recognize there are no stages to grief. Grief is as unique as your fingerprint. This journey, firmly grounded in our Catholic Faith is a 5-week workshop/support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild or friend. This workshop will be held 6:30pm to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Dining Room at St. Cecilia Cathedral 701 N. 40th Street, Omaha, Ne. Attendance is necessary for each session and seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at jtardy@catholiccem.com or 402/391-3711.



"Jesus, I want to experience the rest you offer today. I give you the problems I can't solve, the pain I can't heal, the desires and urges I can't control. Teach me to relax in the quiet of your presence and hear your voice." Jesus, I love you.

The following hours are OPEN at St. Elizabeth Ann's Perpetual Adoration:

Sunday 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 4AM, 5AM, 7AM, 9AM, 10AM, 12PM, 7PM, 8PM, 9PM, & 10PM; **Monday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 6AM, 7AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 7PM, & 10PM; **Tuesday** 12AM, 1AM, 3AM, 5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM, 7PM, & 11PM; **Wednesday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM, 11AM, 5PM, 7PM, 8PM, & 11PM; **Thursday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM, 6PM, 8PM & 9PM; **Friday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 6AM, 8AM, 9AM, 10AM, 11 AM, 2PM, 5PM, 6PM, 7PM, 8PM, 9PM, 10PM & 11PM; **Saturday** 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 6AM, 8AM, 9AM, 10AM, 11AM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 7PM, 10PM & 11PM. So can you spend at least one hour a week to show God how much you love Him?

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

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"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." (Philippians 2:3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends, and those who make you angry.

ABLAZE WORSHIP MINISTRY 2020 CONFERENCE

"THE JOURNEY EVERY SOUL WILL TAKE - EXPERIENCE IT NOW" - OCT 9th & 10th; ST.

GERALD'S 96th & Q; CONFERENCE SPEAKER JOHN CARPENTER will join ABLAZE and Dive into the "Last Thing" Topics of the 3 Realms of Heaven, Hell & Purgatory from 1st Hand Experiences.

- REGISTRATION by OCTOBER 5th
@ WWW.ABLAZEWORSHIP.ORG. COST \$30, CHILDREN and TEENS ARE FREE; INCLUDES BREAKFAST and LUNCH; LIVE STREAM PASS \$25
MORE INFORMATION including the schedule ONLINE

FAITH FORMATION

Question of the Week for September 27-October 3

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Key Passage: "The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" (Matthew 21:30-31)

Question for Adults: How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

Question for Youth: This Gospel reading is about young adulthood. With which one of these sons do you most identify? Share your reasons.

Question for Children: How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

Preferential Option for the Poor

"Use riches with generosity, appreciate them with discernment, and be strongly detached from them, because they do not belong to you. God has merely entrusted them to you to share with the poor." (Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan)

Faith Reflection

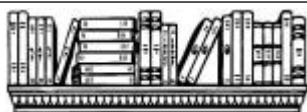
This Monday, September 28, we have the option of celebrating the Memorial of St. Wenceslaus. Whenever I hear about this saint, I find myself humming the Christmas carol, "Good King Wenceslaus". What a lovely melody!

King Wenceslaus of Bohemia was born in 908 A.D. When he came of age, he helped unite his country that was only in part Christian. The people called him the "Good King" of Bohemia because he gave alms, was just to rich and poor, visited prisoners and promoted the religious and educational improvement of his people. He made peace with surrounding nations too.

So back to the Christmas carol, "Good King Wenceslaus". This carol with five verses, tells the story of Wenceslaus on December 26, the Feast of Stephen the Martyr. "Good King Wenceslaus looked out on the feast of Stephen. When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even. Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel, when a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel."

Wenceslaus asks where the poor man lives, and tells his page to give the poor man not only wood, but also food and drink. As they make their journey through the woods, the page tells the king that he can go no further. King Wenceslaus tells his page to follow him and step where he steps. As he does so, he finds there is warmth in the saint's tracks. "In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dented; heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed. Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth and rank possessing, ye who will now bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing."

What an unusual Christmas carol to sing on December 26. Interestingly enough, the celebrant at Mass will wear red on both December 26 and September 28. St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, and St. Wenceslaus was also a martyr for the faith, killed by his brother's faction that did not want a Christian on the throne. Baby Jesus' footprints would be quite small on December 26, but both St. Stephen and St. Wenceslaus follow Him! May we have the courage to follow Christ too!



St. James/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton **Book Review Club** meets **Monday, September 28**, at **1:00 p.m.** [NOTE TIME CHANGE] in the St. Elizabeth Ann Parish Center. Carol Gehrman will be reviewing A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel by Amor Towles.

Jean Linse, 493-2728 for information.

Fr. Lewis is requesting that parishioners pray this prayer daily for protection during this pandemic:

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."



In memory... Please remember in your prayers the soul of †Glynn Ward, mother of Jan Simpson of our parish.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE KEEPING SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

PARISH OFFICE HOURS WILL BE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH FROM NOON—1:00 PM

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, we kindly ask you to receive at the end of the line during this time of COVID-19.



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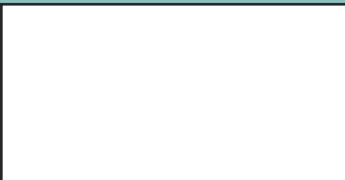
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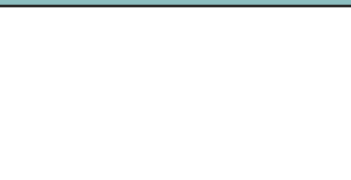


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