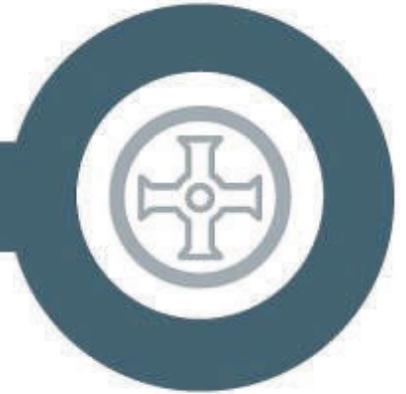


Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5, 2021

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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## THE BANE AND BLESSED

In a news article I read this statement: “It is important to remember that the future is not some place we are going to, but something we are creating every day.” A nice thought perhaps, but not a Christian thought. You and I are not creating the future. The future is coming to us, from God. God is the only one who creates the future. “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as in heaven.” God has the whole world in his hands, and God has all the future as well. That is our only hope. Advent calls us to not be deceived into thinking we create the future because if we are, well, there is no hope. In the Advent Preface at Mass these days we pray that “we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which we dare to hope.”

In the announcement of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary we hear that great promise. It comes literally out of this world. It is the news that God himself has entered this world. Jesus Christ the Lord is our hope. Jesus Christ is our future. The future is Emmanuel, God with us. Yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The Lord be with you.  
Father John Parr



The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance provides for us the means by which we can experience God's boundless mercy, and Advent is the perfect time for this sacrament. If it has been a while since you have gone to confession (years, maybe even decades), here is a "how to." And know that Fr. Parr and any confessor will be gentle and helpful in the confessional. They welcome everyone and will guide you through the process.

**A Review of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance**

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross.
2. Say: **"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months/years since my last confession. These are my sins."**
3. Tell the priest all your sins. Before you go to confession, prepare ahead of time for this. You can google "Examination of Conscience for Adults" and find many wonderful tools to help you zero in on your sins. If it helps, you can even write down what you are going to say on an index card and bring it into the confessional with you.
4. When you are finished telling the priest your sins, say, **"I am sorry for these and all the sins of my life."**
5. The priest may then offer you counsel or ask you some questions and then assign you a penance. After he is finished talking with you, he will ask you to say an **Act of Contrition**. Again, if you don't know one by heart, you can have it printed on the back of your index card and read it aloud to him.
6. After the Act of Contrition, the priest will pray the Prayer of Absolution. He will then say, "Go in peace." You respond, **"Thanks be to God."**
7. When you leave the confessional, you should do your penance as soon as possible.



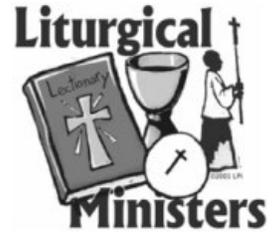
**ATTENTION ALL GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 9 THROUGH 14:** The annual Knights of Columbus **Free Throw Contest** will be held Wednesday, **December 22nd** at the Holmen Boys and Girls Club. Registration begins at 6:00pm with free throw shooting to begin around 6:30pm. You do not need to pre-register to shoot in the contest. Come and join the fun on December 22nd!!

Easy, convenient online giving is available on our website at [seasholmen.org](http://seasholmen.org). If you access the **ONLINE GIVING** button on the home page you are able to set up an account using a debit/cc or checking account and can give either one time or recurring gifts. Here you can also donate to other funds such as Christmas. Any questions, please contact the parish office.

**50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries**

Please contact the parish office by Wed., December 21, if you will be celebrating your 50th anniversary in 2022. The Diocese of LaCrosse will be offering a special Mass and need this info in order to send out invitations. Congrats on 50 years of marriage!

**Liturgical Ministers Needed**



Our Sunday worship depends on the stewardship of many individuals. Each weekend Mass, we rely on people to step up and serve God and our parish.

Currently, we are looking to add to our ministry rosters and are in need of:

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Ministers of Hospitality perform the vital functions of welcoming our members and guests and assisting God's people at Mass. We welcome individuals, couples, and families to participate in this ministry.

**Lectors:** Lectors proclaim the Word of God. We welcome any confirmed Catholic who would like to share the Word of God with others.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** We utilize two EMHC at each weekend Mass. If you are drawn to the Eucharist and to Sunday worship, please prayerfully consider if this ministry is for you.

Please contact Carol Reider to sign up or if you have any questions. **The parish NEEDS your service now.** Especially as Christmas approaches, we need to increase our numbers. Thank you.



It is the custom of the Catholic Church that priests remember specific intentions at the celebration of the Eucharist. Normally, a small offering or stipend (customarily \$10 in the Diocese of La Crosse) is given for a Mass intention. Anyone can request a particular intention for which a Mass can be offered. Mass cards, to be given to the family of a deceased person for whom a Mass is to be offered, are available when requesting a Mass intention.

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for someone, we have openings for intentions throughout 2022. Please contact Sandy in the Parish Office (526-4424).



### Faith Formation Dates

- Dec. 5 Sunday School for Pre-K and Kindergarten at Children's Palace 9:15am
- Dec. 8 No Faith Formation, Immaculate Conception Holy Day
- Dec. 12 First Penance Parent Retreat 11:45 am after 10:15 Mass
- Dec. 15 Confession grades 7-10 meet at church 6:30 pm
- Dec. 18 First Penance 4 pm



### Good Mourning Grief Group

Losing a partner, a soulmate, a spouse, or a child "demands" the greatest inner strength a person can apply, and it requires the help and wisdom of fellow grief travelers. The next meeting for SEAS Good Mourning Ministry will take place on **Wed., Dec. 15th at 1:00pm** in the room across from the kitchen. Please join us if you are able. Contact Carol Reider at the parish office if you have any questions.

### Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse

Women's Christmas is rooted in a delightful Irish tradition. On the Feast of Epiphany, the celebration of the coming of the Wise Men to the Infant Jesus, Irish women left the care of their households to the men for a few hours so they could enjoy each other's company away from their domestic responsibilities, especially after the busyness of Christmas preparations. At the FSC, we bring together the tradition of Women's Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany for this special program. Come gather with other women to rest and reflect on the year that was, enjoy a simple but hearty meal, share our stories and receive a blessing for the new year.

**Thursday, January 6, 2022—5:30 –8pm**, Presenter: FSC staff, Investment: \$50, includes meal and gift, Registration deadline: December 30. Spaces are limited, and this event sells out every year. Register today: [www.FSCenter.org](http://www.FSCenter.org) or 608-791-5295

### Bishop Callahan's Advent Video Message

Bishop Callahan has recorded his Advent video message, which can be viewed on the Advent page of our parish website at: [seasholmen.org](http://seasholmen.org) along with all our parish Advent events.

**Give in thanksgiving.** "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next weekend is the collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously in the envelopes provided in your monthly packets or place in a plain envelope marked for Retirement Fund for Religious and place in the collection basket. Thank you.

Having a hard time finding that perfect **Christmas gift** for someone special? We now have **donation cards** available in the office so that you can make a cash donation in someone's name. The certificates read, *"In the spirit of joy this Christmas season, a donation to the Holman Food Pantry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was made in your name."* See Carol Reider for a donation card for your gift recipient. Thank you and God Bless!



Now would be the perfect time to send in your Annual Appeal pledge. If you want it to be on your 2021 tax contribution, please send your check to the Diocese before the end of the month. Donations can easily be made online at: [diolc.org/donate-online](http://diolc.org/donate-online).

We have a ways to go but are so very grateful to those that have shared their treasure with this important appeal. Prayers are always welcome.

**Parish Target: \$90,240**

**As of 11/30/21: \$36,720 Pledged/Received**

## CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, December 5</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 am Mass † Mark Phillips	
9:15 am Wee Believe Sunday School	
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS
<b>Monday, December 6</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass † Laura (Scholze) Koboski	
6:30 pm RCIA	
<b>Tuesday, December 7</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b>
8:30 am Mass † Emily Campbell	
4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting	
6:30 pm Bible Study	
<b>Wednesday, December 8</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Parish Office Closed - Holy Day of Obligation</b>	
8:30 am Mass † Eugene Scholze	
No Faith Formation classes tonight	
5:00 pm Mass † Andrea Jessesky	
<b>Thursday, December 9</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass † Greg Yehle	
6:30 pm Sacrament of Penance	
<b>Friday, December 10</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass † Brent Loken	
<b>Saturday, December 11</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance	
	<b>Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
5:00 pm Mass † Joe & Ruth Beranek	
<b>Sunday, December 12</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 am Mass † Susan Schafer	
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS



**Vigil of Christmas**  
**Friday, December 24**  
**Masses at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm**  
**Christmas Day**  
**Saturday, December 25**  
**Masses at 8:00 am and 10:15 am**  
 (There will be no 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 25)

### No reservations are being taken for Christmas Masses.

We ask that everyone in your party arrive 15 minutes before the start of Mass as we will fill all available seats at that time.

Masks are strongly recommended.

**The Parish Office will be closed Fri., Dec. 24, Mon., Dec. 27 and Fri., Dec. 31**

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH RECTORY & OFFICE

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 Pastor Emeritus, Msgr. Delbert J. Malin

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend:** Sat. 5:00 pm and Sun. 8:00 & 10:15 am

**Weekday:** 8:30am

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8am-4pm, Fri. 8am - noon

**Gluten Free Hosts:** St. Elizabeth's has gluten free hosts available. Please contact Fr. Parr, and he will make the necessary arrangements.

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Baptism involves membership in the church. Parents are to attend a preparation session.

**Marriage:** Arrangements for a wedding date are to be made at least six months before the anticipated date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Individual celebrations upon request. Please call the office when family members are hospitalized.

**Confirmation:** Two year preparation program in grades 9 and 10.

### PASTORAL VISITATION

Anyone who desires a personal home visit is invited to call the parish office.

### CATECHUMENATE

Anyone wishing to become a full member of the Church is invited to visit the parish office.

**We will be starting fresh with the prayer list January 1. If you so desire to have the name you have submitted to remain on this list, please call the office by Dec. 17th. Thank you and God Bless you.**



Lorraine Atkinson  
 Renee Borkowski  
 Rod and Linda Halvorson  
 Sherry Hanson  
 Julie Malin  
 Ken Proctor

Cindy Ritteman  
 Bailey Rohrer  
 Aubrey Scott  
 Diane Scholze  
 Phyllis Thaldorf  
 Addison Quinn Usitalo

Please remember, the sick, hospitalized, military, homebound and anyone needing of our prayers. May they experience the healing power of God.

When requesting that an individual be added to our prayer list, you must have the consent of the individual or their family for their name to be publicized. Also, be sure to inform us when a name should be removed.

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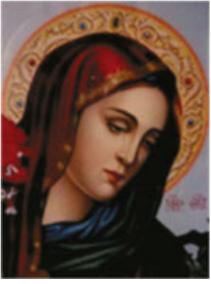
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**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**

**This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Mass Times  
8:30am and 5:00pm.**

**The parish office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 8.**

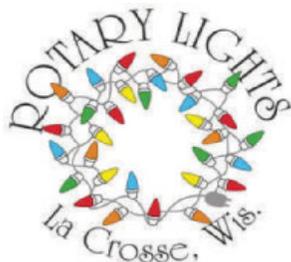


If you would like to make a donation toward Christmas flowers to decorate the church, you can use the flower envelope in your November/December packet or use a blank envelope with your donation and the name of the person(s) you would like to memorialize.

A list of those who are honored and remembered will appear in a January bulletin. Thank you.

**La Crosse's Rotary Lights**

Help assist Rotary Lights in its mission of collecting non-perishable food items to help feed the hungry in the greater La Crosse area. Please bring your family (and your non-perishable food items) to the Rotary Lights display in Riverside Park. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy an evening together. The SEAS Holmen Food Pantry is the recipient of the donated food items on the following evenings:



- Tues., Dec. 7**
- Fri., Dec. 10**
- Sat., Dec. 18**
- Fri., Dec. 24**
- Thurs., Dec. 30**



**Calling children and young people of all ages...** We invite the children and young people of the parish to participate in the Offertory Procession by bringing in food from home to donate to the food pantry or by taking one of the food items from the basket in the back of church. Simply meet in the back of the church when the Offertory song begins. Parents are welcome to accompany their children. Thank you for living out Jesus' call to feed the hungry!

**Attention Parishioners**

If all goes as planned, new carpeting will be installed in the church beginning Monday, December 27th. That being said, there will be no daily Masses Dec. 27– Dec. 30. Please make note.



Please celebrate the Lord's mercy in the **Sacrament of Penance** during these days of Advent on **Thurs. evenings (Dec. 2-Dec. 23)** at 6:30pm, Saturdays at 3:45pm. Please feel free to contact Father Parr if you wish to schedule a time more convenient for you.

**Altar Servers**

Fr. Parr is looking for altar servers! Anyone 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older, male or female, is invited to serve. Serving at the altar is a great way for young people to be involved in parish life. Please contact Mr. Pat Brueggen for information on training. If you are already trained, please sign up on the app or simply volunteer to serve when you come to Mass. We greatly appreciate your service.



Tickets Available Now- St. Elizabeth's Huberters are selling tickets for their annual **Sportsmen Night and Wild Game Feed**. The event is scheduled for

**Saturday, February 19, 2022**. Tickets are \$50.00 each and include all you can eat wild game, beverages and a chance to win 1 top prize.

To purchase tickets, contact Pat Brueggen in the parish office and check out their Facebook page at: Saint Elizabeth's Huberters for updates and for info on 2 other raffle tickets available to purchase for chances to win a UTV and a custom rifle.



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Dr. Tim Grey covering the span from Jesus' early calling of the disciples to choosing Peter to hold the keys to the Kingdom. The Church is now the key to God's ever expanding love and His salvation plan for His children through His Son Jesus in His New and Eternal covenant made in the Eucharist.

**Tuesdays, Dec. 7th, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21  
6:30pm - 7:45pm**

For more information contact:  
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