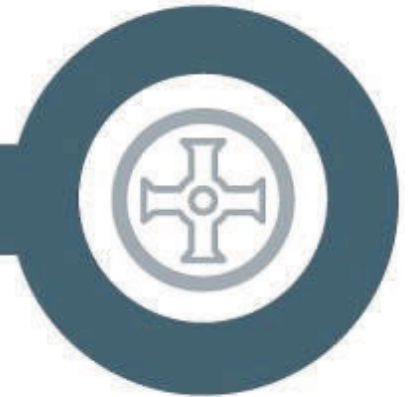


Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022

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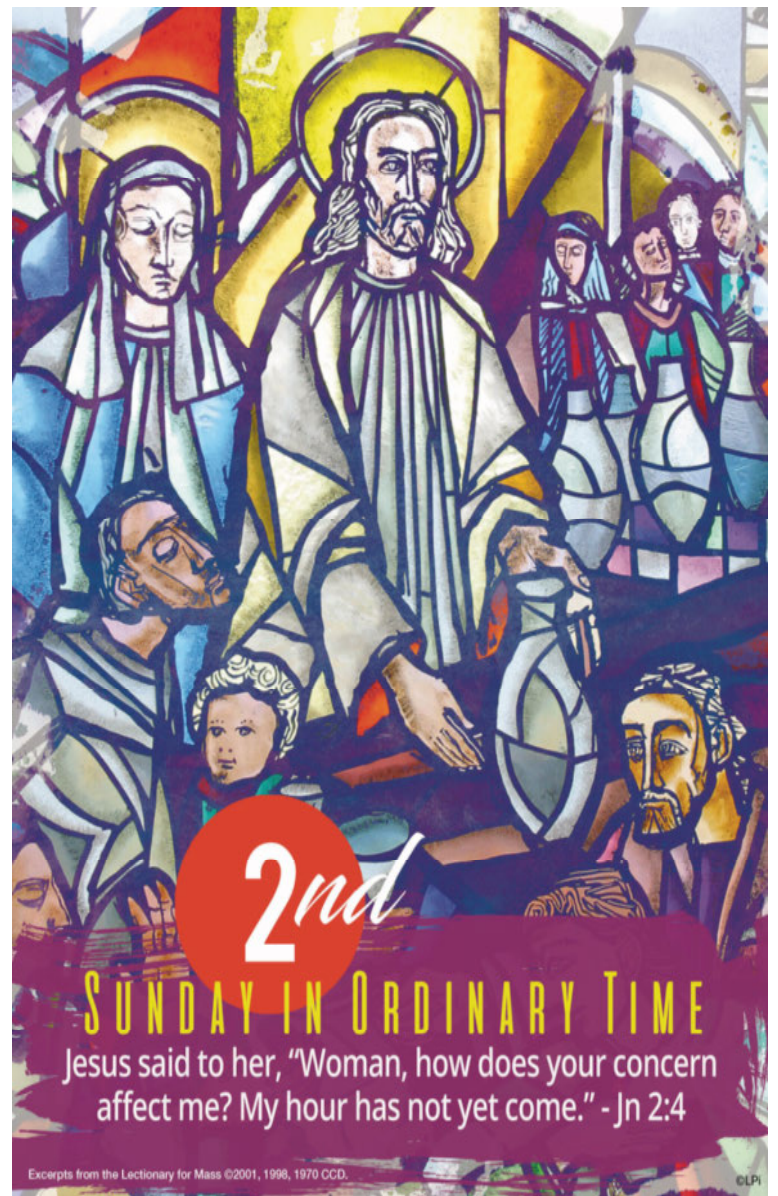
THE BANE AND BLESSED

Recently I listened to an interview with students at a Minneapolis high school. They were learning English as a second language. A young man from Egypt (who spoke very good English!) said that he appreciated being able to remove the Covid mask students had been asked to wear. He said learning a second language was difficult but made somewhat easier when you could see a person's lips move. He said it just made such a difference to be able to see a person's face.

I don't know when we will be able to stop wearing Covid masks and be able at last to put them in the drawer for good. But I hope that when that day comes we will appreciate more what it means to look one another in the face. The closest we get to Christ this side of the Kingdom is in Eucharist and in the face of another person, every person. I don't know when we will be able to remove our Covid masks and shut them away, but I hope when that time comes we will also have found the desire to remove the mask from ourselves and see ourselves as God does. God sees us as creature, sinner and beloved. I don't know when the Covid masks will come down but I pray that with them will come down the terrible notion that some lives matter more than others. Or that God loves some people more than others. Or that my life is more important than yours.

When we look into another person's face, or look at our own in the mirror, do we dare see there someone God loves enough to die for? We don't earn that love, or merit it. But if we accept it, only then does the mask come down and our world changes because we have.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr



Farewell to Fr. Parr

Fr. Parr's last weekend with us will be Jan. 29 and 30. We hope to see as many of you as possible at Mass that weekend as we gather to bid farewell to Father Parr, a good and faithful servant priest in our diocese for 43 years. We will have a card box available for those who wish to convey their personal wishes to him. We will miss him greatly, but we wish him all the best as he continues on with his journey as one of God's good servants. Godspeed, Fr. Parr.



Wedding at Cana Prayer

*Mother Mary,
Why did you bring the problem with the wine to Jesus?
What did you expect him to do?
What led you to believe he would do something?
What had you already seen and heard
that led you to trust that he could help?*

*With such simple confidence you told the servers,
"Do whatever he tells you."
We see your faith in him
and in his power to make things right.*

*Even as you told your son
that the wedding couple had run out of wine,
we pray you will tell him and ask his help
when we run out of hope, perseverance and faith,
of patience, wisdom and virtue...*

*Teach us to trust in him as you did...
Ask him to make fine wine
of the water of our lives...*

Help us to do, willingly, whatever he tells us...

*Intercede for us, blessed Mother,
in the everyday Cana moments of our lives...*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us...*

*Fr. Austin Fleming
www.concordpastor.blogspot.com*

Marriage Assistance

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on Feb. 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

Attention Parishioners— If you give online and wish to stop receiving envelopes, please contact the parish office. When you give online, remember you will not get the extra envelopes then for holy days and such. You are always welcome to just put your offering in a plain envelope marked with your name. Our parish website also has an online giving tab with different funds that you can donate to.

If you are not computer savvy and would rather fill out a form and have Sandy in the parish office set you up for ACH giving, those forms can be found in the gathering place. We highly encourage online giving. It's safe and convenient. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sandy Jerue in the parish office. Thank you for your stewardship.

The annual fundraiser for **Birthright of La Crosse** begins next weekend. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The envelopes will be available to take home Saturday, January 22, 2022 and Sunday January 23. Please **return the envelopes found in the gathering place** at your earliest convenience or **by Sunday March 6, 2022**. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.



Congratulations to the children who have made their First Penance in December.

Seize the moment

Family life is hectic. Yet no matter how chaotic your life, each day presents opportunities to talk about your Catholic faith and pass on your family's values. God is with us always and in all ways, and some of the most sacred conversations start in the smallest of moments.

Faith at bedtime The end of the day is an ideal time to talk with children about their faith and pass on your family's values.

Story time- Read one or two books together before bed (or a chapter of a book for older children) and talk about the "teachable" messages in the story. Learning to share, caring for someone who has been left out and the value of friendship are all common themes in many children's books.

Prayer time- Praying before bed brings both parent and child back to what matters most- our relationship with God. Allow children to offer their petitions to God by naming the people they'd like to pray for (remind kids that Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies, too). Bedtime offers a unique opportunity to teach traditional Catholic prayers- Hail Mary, the Lord's Prayer, and Glory Be- through nightly repetition. The Guardian Angel Prayer is comforting for children of all ages. Busse, Heidi. "Seize the Moment" *Take Out*. February 2014. pg 4. Print

Faith Formation Calendar

Wed., Jan. 19 - Faith Formation classes 6:30pm

Wed., Jan. 26- Faith Formation classes 6:30pm

Wed., Jan. 26- First Communion Parent meeting at church 6:30pm

Sun., February 6 -Wee Believe Pre-K/Kind. Sunday School at Children's Palace 9:15 am

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is established to bring us together as a Catholic Faith community. Our parish life centers on the Eucharist, during which we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord among us. As a baptized faith community, we the people of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish are open to the spirit of Jesus who brings us new life.

We provide support for all members through liturgy, worship, the sacraments, religious education, service and social events. We reflect a familial love in our ministry to one another. We are witnesses to the Christ who has touched our lives. We are His Church and proclaim his Gospel. We pursue justice and peace. We are responsible to the community at large of Holmen, the Diocese and the World.



If you're an avid outdoor enthusiast, hunter or simply enjoy a tasty meal of wild game, we have a very special event for you. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton HUBERTERS was formed in 2015 in an effort to raise money for St. Elizabeth's Parish and surrounding community through their Sportsmen Night and Wild Game Feed event held annually on the 3rd Saturday in February (this year Feb. 19th). Along with the event, they have raffles with prizes for the outdoor activities. If you are interested in more info, please contact Pat Brueggen in the parish office at 608-526-4424. UTV raffle tickets are also still available to purchase if not attending the event.



Sunday, January 23rd, we will offer a prayer service as part of the Pilgrim Icon Program. The K of C Pilgrim Icon Program began in 1979. Every few years the Supreme Knight chooses a new icon to share among the 16,000 Knights of Columbus chapters around the world. The new icon features St. Joseph holding the Christ child. Our parish has the privilege of displaying this icon Jan 20th - Jan 26th, when it will move to another chapter and parish. For a detailed description of the Pilgrim Icon Program, please visit: www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/249543/knights-of-columbus-saint-joseph-icon



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 the parish office.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass †	David Scholze
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS
Monday, January 17	St. Anthony
8:30 am Mass †	Willie Neuendorff
Tuesday, January 18	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Dennis Vosen
Wednesday, January 19	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Andrea Jessesky
6:30 pm Faith Formation classes	
Thursday, January 20	Weekday
8:30 am Mass	Special Intention for Religious Vocations
Friday, January 21	St. Agnes
8:30 am Mass †	Diane Scholze
Saturday, January 22	St. Vincent
4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance	
	Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Mass †	Cecil Rochester
Sunday, January 23	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass †	Steven Clements
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS
6:30pm Confirmation Session	

PCCW- Parish Council of Catholic Women Needs You!

In order for us to continue with fundraising events such as the annual Rummage Sale and Bazaar or any new ideas, we **need a President** for our PCCW. If you are interested in lending your time and talents to this group, please contact the parish office. The position will include running the meetings held only a few times a year, organizing committees for the annual Rummage Sale and Christmas bazaar, along with any other events or fundraisers. Please prayerfully consider this position with our parish women's group.



Happy Birthday to
Fr. Parr (Jan.17th) and Msgr. Malin (Jan.19th)!



PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

Parish Council Members

Alyson Haugen
Jennifer Fisk
Brian Clements
Christine Olson
Mary Lenz
Kathy Nicklaus
Bill Heinz
Patty Heiderscheit

Finance Council Members

Larry Warzynski
Shawn Handland
Janice Dvoracek
Barry Ploessl
Pat Stephens



PRAYER REQUESTS

Bailey Rohrer
Phyllis Thaldorf
Heather Yang
Addison Quinn Usitalo

Please remember, the sick, hospitalized, military members, 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 published. Contact the parish office to add and to remove requests. Thank you.

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SAYING GOOD-BYE IS AS IMPORTANT AS SAYING HELLO!

As a parish, we have the opportunity to say hello and welcome to our new parishioners; however, we rarely have the opportunity to say thank you and farewell to those who leave our parish. Saying Good-Bye is difficult but it is so important.

As a member of the Faith Community of St Elizabeth's, no parishioner should one day simply just disappear. If you are retiring and moving to a warmer climate, or perhaps downsizing and relocating out-of-town - for whatever reason, please do not just move away and not let us know.

We know that St Elizabeth's is not always on the "to-do" list as one packs and prepares for a move. But we request that you do add the Parish Office to the list so we might properly say God bless you, thank you and good-bye!



Thank you to our amazing snow shoveling crew! They have been doing such a great job keeping our sidewalks clear during these snowstorms. We can't thank you enough. If you want to be part of this group and lend a hand,

contact the parish office. We appreciate your stewardship of time and talent!



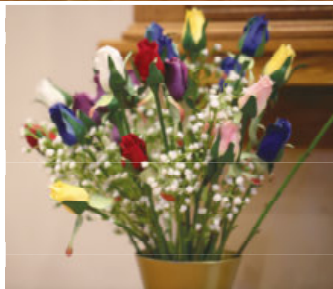
Let's not only reach and exceed our Diocesan Annual Appeal target but let's make it a goal to do so earlier than the deadline of June 30. We as a parish can achieve this. Please, consider donating to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Target \$90,240

As of 1/11/21 total pledges are \$55,659 with 153 out of 830 registered families having participated. If you have not yet pledged, PLEASE consider doing so. No amount is too small. Thanks.

The Rosebud Program

The Elizabeth Ministry program at SEAS is a visual reminder of the power of prayer through the Rosebud program. At the front of the church in the sanctuary, you will see a vase of roses.



These roses each represent a sacred life and each color represents a different prayer request. When the occasion arises, simply approach the altar, pick out the appropriate rosebud, and place it in the vase. A journal is available to fill out with your name or with an anonymous notation whatever details you would like the parish to hold in prayer. Prayer cards for the various situations are located next to the roses and can be taken home and kept for personal meditation. The roses will serve as reminders to all members of the parish to hold your intentions in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Reider at 608-526-4424.



Welcome to all our guests and visitors. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Elizabeth's, please stop in to the parish office and pick up a registration packet. We would love for you to become a part of our parish family.

To find out more about what's going on at SEAS, visit our website at seasholmen.org or LIKE us on Facebook.

Baptizing Your Child

Having a new baby? Congratulations!! Please call Carol at the parish office to schedule an appointment for Baptism prep. At this time, Baptism preparation is being completed privately, and each child is baptized individually. Families can choose to have the Baptism during Mass or after the 5:00 pm or the 10:15 am Mass. We look forward to welcoming your new little one into our parish family.



The Christmas flowers around the altar have been donated in loving memory/honor of the following:

Wallenfelsz Family
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Lensmeyer Family

Liturgical Ministers

We continue to be in need of liturgical ministers, particularly at our 5:00 pm Saturday Mass and our 10:15 am Sunday Mass. If you would like to serve as a Hospitality Minister, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or Proclaimer of the Word, please contact Carol Reider at 526-4424 or carol@seasholmen.org to be added back to the rosters and/or to receive updated training. We are in true need of your service at this time. As always, thank you for your stewardship.

