

A Message From Our Pastor, Fr. Peter

There are Saints in our Land!



This past week, the Church celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on January 4th. She is the first native-born American to be canonized by the Church. Perhaps you are familiar with her inspiring life and sanctity, but here is a brief overview from Catholic online:

"Born two years before the American Revolution, Elizabeth grew up in the

upper class of New York society. She was a prolific reader, and read everything from the Bible to contemporary novels. In spite of her high society background. Elizabeth's early life was quiet, simple, and often lonely. As she grew a little older, the Bible was to become her continual instruction, support and comfort-and she would continue to love the Scriptures for the rest of her life.

In 1794, Elizabeth married the wealthy young William Seton, with whom she was deeply in love. The first vears of their marriage were happy and prosperous. This time of Elizabeth's life was to be a



brief moment of earthly happiness before the many deaths and partings she was to suffer. Within four years, William's father died, leaving the young couple in charge of William's seven half-brothers and sisters, as well as the family's importing business. Events moved quickly from there with devastating effect. Both William's business and health failed. He was finally forced to file a petition of bankruptcy and, in a final attempt to save William's health, the Setons sailed for Italy, where William had business friends. Unfortunately, William died of tuberculosis while in Italy. Elizabeth's one consolation was that he had recently awakened to the things of God. Continued on page 4~

The Baptism of The Lord ~ January 9, 2022

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

All of our Masses are celebrated in person. You may also watch our Masses via live stream every Sunday at 8:30 am and Monday through Friday at 8:00 am.



Sunday 8:30 am: 11:00 am:

January 9, 2022 Geneva Barron 非 Thomas Corbett 非 Mass for the Parish

Monday 8:00 am:

5:00 pm:

January 10, 2022 Mike & Dan Pyfferoen #

Tuesday 8:00 am: January 11, 2022 Tim McAulay 非

8:00 am:

Wednesday January 12, 2022 Mary Diedrich 非

Thursday 8:00 am:

January 13, 2022 Apolonia Van Leeuwen 非

Friday 8:00 am: January 14, 2022 Julie Neirenhausen #

Saturday 8:00 am: 4:00 pm:

January 15, 2022 Chris McDaniels # Patricia Donaldson #

Sunday 8:30 am: 11:00 am: 5:00 pm:

January 16, 2022 Lorenz Ertl 非 Kevin Roach #
Mass for the Parish

RECONCILIATION

Monday thru Friday: 7:30 - 7:55 am Tuesday: 4:45 - 5:30 pm Thursday: 4:45 - 5:30 pm Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm Sunday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday:

Exposition @ 11:00 am Benediction @ 5:00 pm

Sunday:

Exposition @ 1:00 pm Benediction @ 4:45 pm

MARRIAGE

Contact Deacon John Vomastek at least six months ahead of time to prepare for marriage.

BAPTISM

Contact Janet Parker at least three months ahead of time to prepare for baptism.

Our Parish Family



Congratulations! Karin Cheshier & Ryan Henschell

Who were married on December 30th at Saint Ambrose



New Parishioners

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Laura & Matthew Haag Children: Natalie & Isaac

Meghan & Jeff Jansen Children: Joshua & Alexander

Prince Vincent Kochuthresia & Shalaja Kumari Prince Children: Nevin & Nadal

> Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Begins January 24th

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Monday - Friday: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday: noon - 5:30 pm Sunday: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

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Victim Hotline: 1.800.422.4453 Victim Assistance Program: 651.291.4475

Saint Ambrose Safe Environment Coordinator:

LeAnn Bauer-Staiger, <u>Ibauerstaiger@saintambrosecatholic.org</u>, 651.768.3009

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Stewardship

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

Week of December 26th, 2021

Addit Contributions	952,520.54
Votive Candles	. \$568.15
TOTAL\$	53,094.69

Special Collections:

 Building Fund
 \$9,080.00

 Christmas
 \$4,560.00

Week of January 2nd, 2022

TOTAL	 	\$12,888.44
Votive Candles	 	\$164.85
Adult Contributions	 	\$12,723.59

Special Collections:

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1st, 2021 - November 30th, 2021

Sunday Stewardship collected	\$748,097.67
Sunday Stewardship Budgeted	.\$739,332.00
Difference	\$8,765.67

November 2021 YTD Comparisons: 2021 vs. 2020

Source	2021	2020
ACH	\$312,579	\$299,369
Envelopes	\$273,585	\$268,664
Children's Envelopes	\$ 35	\$889
Plate Cash	\$ 56,975	\$ 29,336
Stock	\$ 13,243	\$ 3,938
WeShare App	\$ 88,870	\$ 67,720
Special/Misc	\$ 3,694	\$ 654
Holy Days	\$ 447	\$ 676
Returns/NSF	(\$1,330)	(\$1105)
	\$748,098	\$671,217

November 2021 Debt Payments:

Payment Type	Debt Balance	
Principal Payments	\$26,077	\$6,200,763
Interest payments	\$15,63 <u>5</u>	
	\$41,712	

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6 -7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Weekly Schedule



Sunday

8:30 am	Mass

8:30 am Preschool Faith Formation

9:45 am Elementary & Preschool Faith Formation

9:45 am RCIA - St. Anne 1

11:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Adoration - Church

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Middle School Edge

6:30 pm Confirmation Year I & II Large Group

Monday

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

1:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday

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/2(1) am	Reconciliation
7:30 am	Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

4:45 pm Reconciliation

Wednesday

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Adoration

6:30 pm K-5 Faith Formation 6:30 pm Middle School Edge

Thursday

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

4:45 pm Reconciliation

Friday

7:30 am Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass

Saturday

8:00 am Mass

8:00 am Reconciliation Retreat

2:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday

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11:00 am Mass

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5:00 pm Mass

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The many enforced separations from dear ones by death and distance served to draw Elizabeth's heart to God and eternity. The accepting and embracing of God's will - "The Will," as she called it - would be a keynote in her spiritual life. Elizabeth's deep concern for the spiritual welfare of her family and friends eventually led her into the Catholic Church. In Italy, Elizabeth captivated everyone by her kindness, patience, good sense, wit, and courtesy. During this time Elizabeth became interested in the Catholic Faith and, over a period of months, her Italian friends guided her in Catholic instruction. Elizabeth's desire for the Bread of Life was to be a strong force leading her to the Catholic Church..."

All the good she would go on to do – founding a religious community, establishing the first free Catholic school in America, founding two orphanages, and witnessing in every day life to the joy of a life given to Christ – began with encounter with the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. In one letter she wrote, "My sister dear, how happy would we be if we believed what these dear souls believe, that they possess God in the Sacrament and that he remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick."

As we prepare to begin Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration as a parish, I wanted to share with you some inspiring words from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. May we be given a share of her faith and wonder at the Real Presence of Jesus who comes to be our true treasure and our source of peace:

My Savior, my Jesus, hide me, shelter me. Shelter the shuddering, trembling would that lays itself in your hand. Yes, again I begin, Oh give me that clean heart, give me your Spirit. Oh my God, how short may be my time; help me, draw me on. How much of my day is past I know not. Save me, let not the night overtake. Blessed saints of God, pray for the wandering weary soul who has stayed so far behind. You have reached the summit, pray for me.

There is a mystery, the greatest of all mysteries: not that my adored Lord is in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar – his word has said it, and what is so simple as to take that word which is truth itself? – but that souls of his own creation, whom he gave his live to save, should remain blind, insensible. He has given the free, the bounteous heavenly gift [so that we] shall approach his true and holy sanctuary, taste the sweetness of his presence, feed on the Bread of Angels. My poor soul is lost in wonder at his forbearing mercy.

Jesus then is there. We can go receive Him. He is our own. That he is there is as certainly true as that the Bread removes my pain, my cares, and warms, cheers, soothes, contents, and renews my whole being. Merciful God, I do possess you. Kindest, tenderest, dearest friend, every affliction of my nature absorbed in you is still active, nay, perfected in their operations through your refining love. Hush my soul, we cannot speak it, tongues of Angels could not express our treasure of peace and contentment in him. Let us always whisper his name of love as the antidote to all discord that surrounds us. The harmony of heaven begins, while silent from all the world, we again and again repeat it – Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Peter Williams

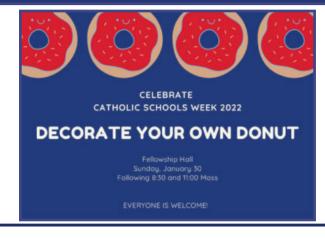
Celebrating Catholic Schools Week!

Celebrate Catholic Schools week with our parish school!

January 24th - January 30th

We will have hospitality on Sunday, January 30th.

Join us after 8:30 & 11:00 am Mass and decorate your own donut!



Faith Formation

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 9th:

Preschool: 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Preschool & Elementary grades K-5: 9:45 am - 10:45 am
Middle School Edge: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Confirmation Year I & II Large Group: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 12th:

Elementary students grades K-5:
 Middle School Edge:
 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday, January 17th:

Preschool:
Preschool & Elementary grades K-5:
9:45 am - 10:45 am

Middle School Edge: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

HAPPY RETIREMENT YVONNE!

Thank you, Yvonne, for your 17+ years of working in the Faith Formation department! Yvonne has been simply delightful to work with and her knowledge of so many things will be missed.

May God bless you, Yvonne & Dave, for all that you have shared with our parish and community. Enjoy a beautiful next chapter!



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parents of children preparing for their First Reconciliation were notified via email this week of the upcoming retreats and reception of the sacrament on either **Saturday, January 8th** or **Saturday, January 15th**.

If you did not receive an email and you have a child preparing for their Frist Reconciliation, please contact Patti Watkins @ 651.768.3011.

Trivia Night ~ January 29th

9th Annual Trivia Night!

Saturday, January 29th 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Doors open @ 6:00 pm

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\$20 per person 8 per table maximum - \$160 / Table

Registration and payment can be made after Masses on: January 15th & 16th & January 22nd & 23rd

Payment may also be dropped off to the parish office.

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Pop, water, and popcorn will be provided, feel free to bring food and adult beverages for your table.

Registration forms are also available in the commons area or on our website.

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Need more information?
Contact: Clare & Tom Schisler
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before 1/28/22 to: tnschisler@msn.com

Table reservation name

Phone number:			
Email:			
Participants at table:			
Payment Amount:	Check #:	Cash:	

Music Ministry ~ Thank you!



THANK YOU!

With grateful hearts, we send a sincere thank you to all who had a hand in making the Christmas season so beautiful – music ministers in the Children's and Adult choirs, video and sound technicians, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers, sacristans, environment volunteers, church staff, and anyone we might have missed. You all served the Saint Ambrose community with grace and joy. Thank you so much.

As the Christmas season concludes, we invite anyone who would like a *RED* poinsettia to take one home after the 5:00 pm Mass this **Sunday**, **January 9th**. We will leave the white poinsettias for a few more weeks of Ordinary Time.

Keep in mind that new members are always welcome in the music ministries: adult choir for singers high school and older, and children's choir for students 3rd to 8th grade. We welcome instrumental talent as well.

Call or email: Jackie and Bob Harvey, Directors of Music and Liturgy 651.768.3007 or Jackie.harvey@saintambroseofwoodbury.org





"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

- Lk 3: 16 b c







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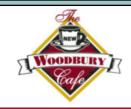
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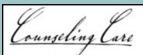
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