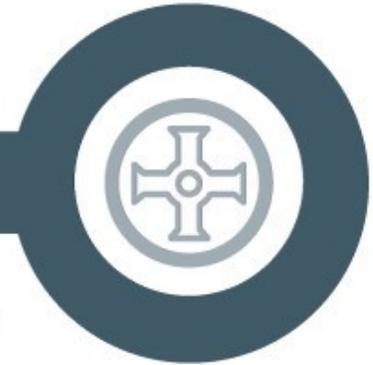




The Baptism of the Lord
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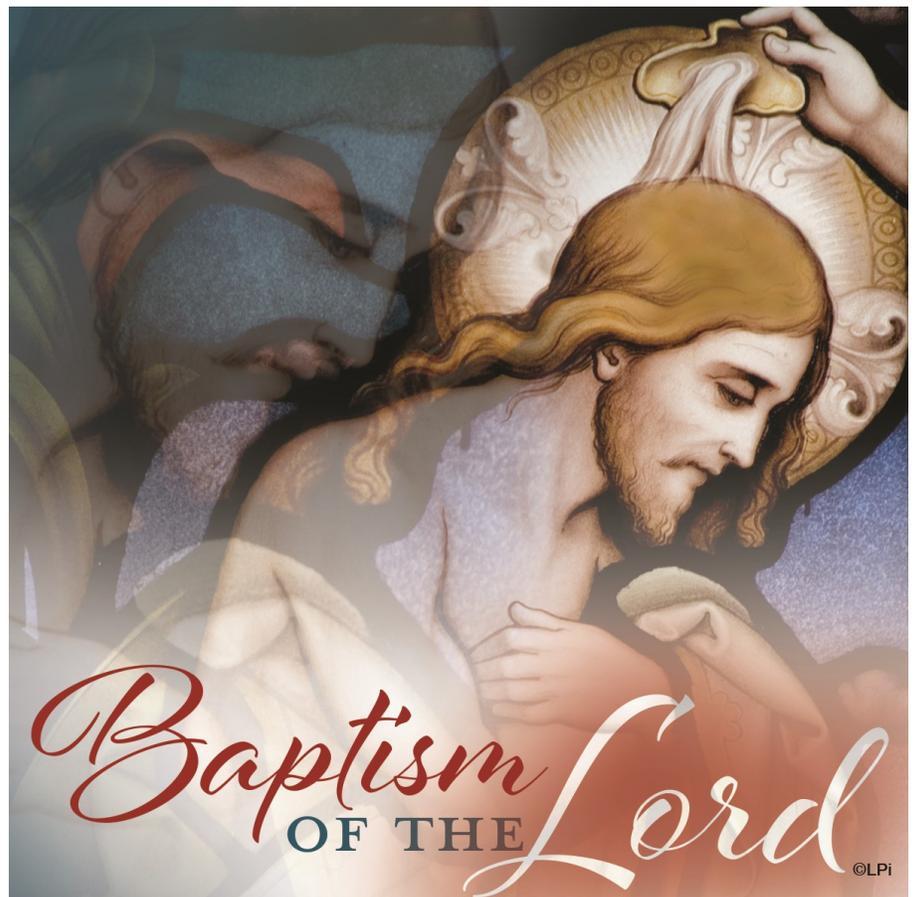


THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

Dick was my college roommate for three years. Our last year we shared an apartment with two other guys as well. Needless to say Dick and I got to know one another quite well. He knew lots of folks and lots of folks knew him and greeted him through me. He was a good student though his social life did not suffer because of it. He liked the girls. A lot. St. John's was an all men school. St. Benedict's was the women's college next door. Dick took lots of classes at St. Ben's. He was easy going, willing to assist others, likeable. I don't recall the two of us having any issues. If so, they must not have mattered since we were roommates for so long. He was serious about his Catholic faith. He went to Mass every Sunday. He was a Sunday evening Mass goer and I was Sunday morning. There was a pilot light in him that I hope has been fanned into flame. After graduation we lost touch. Not gradually but right away. I don't know why that happened but it did. I haven't heard a word from him or about him for these many years. But the fact I am writing this now tells you that he has been on my mind. No one has asked me about him, nothing has happened to remind me of him. The last time I thought about him was when the Arthur Anderson accounting firm in Minneapolis declared bankruptcy. Dick worked for them and I was concerned about his job. But even then I did not try to contact him. The fact he is on my mind concerns me. Has something happened to him? Is he well? Maybe something good has come his way, or something bad?

But thinking of him now, I thank God for him. And ask the Lord to be with him and those dear to him. And my thoughts for him are much more than nostalgia but gratitude for having shared life with him as a brother. And sharing it still and always. Indeed water is thicker than blood. Standing in the Jordan waters, Jesus assured us of that.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr



SEAS STEWARDSHIP

Beginning next week, we will have *Little Burgundy Books* available for all parishioners. The *Little Burgundy Book* follows the same format as the other *Little Books* we use for Advent and Lent; however, the theme is **Stewardship**. For the four weeks of February, each of us is being asked to spend six minutes a day with the *Little Book* and enjoy one of the Church's oldest traditions of prayer – *lectio divina* (sacred reading). The left-hand pages of the *Little Burgundy Book* have anecdotal items relating to stewardship while the right-hand pages have reflections drawing upon Scriptural passages from the Gospel of St. Mark. We ask each of us to pray with these books for the month of February to help ready ourselves to receive our **2019 parish Stewardship booklets**. When we pray with this book, we should take our time and be thoughtful. The Lord is present in these words and will speak to us. We need only to open our hearts and listen...and see where God is prompting us to give of our time, talent, and treasure this coming year. Please take one book per family. Thank you, and God bless you as you discern the sharing of your gifts this year.

SAFE HAVEN

The Diocese of La Crosse has set aside the first Sunday in Lent, March 10th, as Safe Haven Sunday. Safe Haven Sunday will help address the harms of pornography and provide resources to all parishioners to support and protect individuals, marriages, and families in overcoming pornography and making their homes safe. Safe Haven Sunday will center on the theme: **Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children**. Please join us as the church confronts a timely topic that affects many families.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Thank you to the many who made Free Throw Contest a success! It would not have been possible without everyone's help, and of course for all the girls and boys who attended the event!

In addition, we have decided to cancel this year's Super Bowl Breakfast, to lack of interest of someone taking it over. I would like to thank Dave Hawes for all his hard work and dedication in chairing this event for 11+ years. Thank you Dave!

PRAYER REQUESTS



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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Susan Amundsen | Sue Lund |
| Sara (Wozney) Balaker | Jerome Malin |
| Richard Brandau | Kevin McIntyre |
| Trudy Brieske | John Modjeski |
| Mike Candahl | Judith Niedfeldt |
| Sr. Bridget Donaldson, OSB | Ken Proctor |
| Elizabeth Donaldson | Robert C. Ristow |
| Patrick Donaldson | Bailey Rohrer |
| DeEtte Gillmeister | Celia Scholze |
| Joe Gittens | Erica Schultz |
| Sharon Grabar | Sascha Stephens |
| Lois Hanson | Pam Tischer |
| June Kukovec | Colleen Tisil |
| Kent Limberg (military) | Tim Van Eijl |

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 PUBLICIZED.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM US WHEN SOMEONE SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF THE LIST

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



The annual Baby Bottles for Birthright fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here! Birthright is an international pro-life organization that helps women struggling with unplanned pregnancies, by offering emotional support, practical resources, and referrals. The La Crosse chapter has been around since 1976, thanks to the work of our dedicated volunteers and the generous support of church congregations in the area. Please take a baby bottle and fill it with your spare change, cash, or check from January 20th through February 17th, as a tax deductible donation to Birthright of La Crosse! Please return the baby bottle and completed insert no later than February 17th! Your support will be greatly appreciated by moms and dads to be, their unborn children, and us too!

Registered Members- Please remember to inform the parish office of any address, phone or email changes. You may also access your parish records online at: lacrosse.parishsoftfamilysuite.com. If you have any questions, contact Sandy in the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION

What is Spiritual Desolation?

St. Ignatius describes desolation as, “darkness of soul, disturbance in it, movement to low and earthly things, disquiet from various agitations and temptations, moving to a lack of confidence, without hope, without love, finding oneself totally slothful, tepid, sad as if separated from one’s Creator and Lord.”

While desolation is fundamentally a movement away from feeling the reality of the presence of God, when someone experiences this darkness, it is still possible for them to live in the Spirit. In fact, they ought to. God wants to do something in the darkness that He can’t do in the light. He wants to show you something new about His love. He wants to transform you. Desolation is still God’s gift, and it’s still for our good. So while we may desire to pray earnestly for consolation to return, recognize that God wants to draw you deeper into relationship with Him even when prayer is hard. It’s worth it to trust Him in everything.

It is important to know that this is not about your performance in prayer. Often when we are in a season of desolation, we just need to put ourselves in a place to be found: to show up to prayer anyway, to go to Mass, to youth group, to go to Confession. To rest in the love of the Lord’s embrace, and make an act of faith by entrusting our lives to Him even when we can’t feel His love.

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/praising-consolation-praying-desolation/>

Important Faith Formation dates

Wed., January 23 - First Communion Parent meeting at church 6:30pm. Kids should attend their regularly scheduled class.

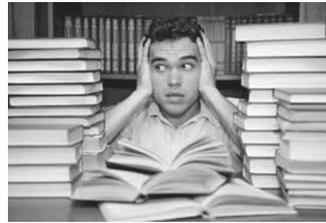
REMINDER

We now offer online giving from your checking/savings, credit or debit cards. You can access this option through our website at seasholmen.org or the giving button on the Myparish app. If you wish to give by credit/debit card you will have an additional option to pay for the transaction fee to save the parish of these fees. Thank you for your stewardship to the parish.

PARISH INCOME (FISCAL YEAR 7/1/18–6/30/19)

| | Last Week’s Collections | Weekly Budget | Difference | Annual Budget |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Envelopes/Plate/ACH | \$35,024 | \$11,031 | \$23,993 | \$573,616 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date..... | \$314,882 | \$308,868 | \$6,014 | |

PRAYER FOR FINALS WEEK



Feeling overwhelmed with finals? Don’t forget to take time to pray. Keeping your focus on God is one of the best ways to deal with stress. Here’s a prayer just for you. Screen-shot it, print it off...

whatever will help you remember to pray it and make that important connection with God that will transform this time of anxiety into a time of peaceful perseverance.

Lord,

*I come to you in hope that you will be with me through the next weeks as I trudge my way through finals. Specifically, I want to ask for three things: **discipline**, so that I can stay focused and not procrastinate on social media or other things; **patience**, so that I acknowledge that studying takes time and I should not freak out as my brain feels like exploding; and finally for **knowledge** so that I know what to study. Please guide me through these last weeks of the semester and bring me through these finals filled with your joy and peace.*

Thank you, Lord, and I love You. Amen.

From the Faith Formation Offices

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Did you make a New Year's Resolution to help others? Let us help you fulfill your New Year's Resolution! **Catholic Charities** has numerous volunteer opportunities. Whether it is working as a front desk volunteer, helping with our

community homeless facilities, or assisting in a food/personal hygiene pantry, we are in need of your assistance. Learn how you can join with us in serving others. Visit us online at cclse.org or call 888.212.HELP (4357).

CARD MAKING

Card Making for our Homebound parishioners is scheduled for Monday, January 21 from 2-4pm in the gathering place. All are welcome. No experience is necessary.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



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

Brandon Jennings
Roger Brochhausen
Robert and Winnie Merfeld
Bill and Doris Clark
Jeannie Meyer
Brohmer Family
Terry and Kevin LaFleur
Mary Ann Koelbl
Katharine Nelson
Illa and Bernice Zein
Howard and Marie Wettstein
Brent Loken
Riley Sass-Loken
Betty and Paul Von Arx
William Flannery
Tari Flannery
Matt Von Arx
Steve McLain
Albert Jr. and Theresa Tschumper
Abigail Paulsen
Sarah Lanzel
Willard Tanke
Matt Merfeld Family
Ann and Roger LaFleur
Richard Young
Tom and Madolyn DeRosa
James and Roseann Ristow
Kathleen and Ray Woodhouse
Leonard Heiderscheit
Phyllis Heiderscheit
Merlin Anthony
Viola Pfohl
Roy Pfohl
Ziehm Family and Friends
Helf Family and Friends
Glen and Dolores Gustafson
Fred and Kathryn Meyer
Dennis Kuhn
Walsh Family
Doyle Family
Joanne Mieszczyk
Paul R. Neman
Kiggens Family
Lois Clark
Mary Hagner
Rita, Lloyd and Michael Lee
Theresa Lynn Davis
William H. Davis
Roy Schulz
Randy Kreger
Candido Ratunil
Vivian Schmidt
Ray and Marie Rodenberg
Ralph and Arabelle Pestotnik
Darrell Monson
Florian and Elenor Kamrowski
Ivan Severson
Marie Slouf
Leola DeCamp Karl
Sister Mary Jo Donaldson

Lynn Schultz
Lyle and Teresa Nelson
Shirley Peterson
Alex, Theresa, Ron, and Wozney
George and Colleen Gautsch
Edward and Geraldine Melde
Elizabeth Melde
Joseph Beranek
Donald Hill
George Hammes
Dennis P. Madigan
Theona Crawford
John and Hazel Bussman
Parents of Helen Lethlean
Albert and Eleanor Skwiertz
Chester and Cora Grabski
Louis Jessesky
Frank M. Racich
Racich and Skwiertz family
Ken Ames
Al and Marie Gabel
Emily and Stanley Campbell
Mary and Tony Bauth
Edward Vahala
Maria Gasper
Jim Doherty
Marie and Ken Doherty
Lange Family
Gasper Family
Chad E Dooley
Ken Gerdes
Roger Zeman
Joe Zeman
Al Bolger
Rick Sevenants
William and Ester Powers
Bill Kroner
Russell W. Kroner Sr.
Imgrund/Blaudek family
Robert and Irene Schaller
Kyle Joseph Schaller
Robert E. White
Robert H. Drier
Dalton Colby
Dolares Hinit
Bill and Evelyn Schlimmer
Bernie and Lucille Nagel
Joh Levand
John McHugh
Lee and Alice McHugh
Thomas Schaller
Jane Schaller Engelen
Donna Dummer
Lloyd Schultz
Parents of Helen Schultz

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekday: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am except Tues. 7:00 am

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 three sessions early in the pregnancy.

Marriage: Our church is trying to create successful marriages. This takes some time. Arrangements for a wedding date are to be made at least six months before the anticipated date.

Anointing of the Sick: Communal celebrations in fall and spring. 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS Please call the parish office.

Parish Council Members

Alyson Haugen.....769-3465
Laura Antonie.....526-6047
Len Beranek.....526-3623
Jennifer Fisk.....783-0246

Brian Clements.....526-2198
Les Giesler.....526-9625
Angie Hendrikson....385-4213
Shelly Linskey.....526-2286
Christine Olson.507-766-3654
Larry Warzynski.... ..526-6474

Finance Council Members

Barry Ploessl.....526-9364
Janice Dvoracek.....526-3957

Shawn Handland.....526-2257
Pat Stephens.....526-2480
Larry Warzynski.....526-6474

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sunday, January 13 | | The Baptism of the Lord |
| 8:00 am | Mass | † Marion Ross |
| 9:15 am | Simple Living Gathering | |
| 10:15 am | Mass | People of SEAS |
| 7:00 pm | KC General Meeting | |
| Monday, January 14 | | Weekday |
| 8:30 am | Mass | † Hannora Parr |
| 6:30 pm | Pastoral Council Meeting | |
| Tuesday, January 15 | | Weekday |
| 7:00 am | Mass Poor Souls | |
| Wednesday, January 16 | | Weekday |
| 8:30 am | Mass | † Charles Brueggen |
| 6:30 pm | Youth Faith Formation classes | |
| Thursday, January 17 | | St. Anthony, Abbot |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service | |
| Friday, January 18 | | Weekday |
| 8:30 am | Mass | † Fr. Raymond Pedretti |
| Saturday, January 19 | | Weekday |
| 8:00 am | Pray the Rosary | |
| 4:00 pm | Sacrament of Penance | |
| | Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 5:00 PM | Mass | † Members of the Hakala Family |
| Sunday, January 20 | | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00 am | Mass | † Marion Ross |
| 10:15 am | Mass | People of SEAS |

CONGRATS



Monsignor Malin has been honored with the Iverson Freking Award, a community award to acknowledge the dedication of people involved with ecumenical activities and community building. In his over 60 years as a priest, Monsignor Malin has served God's people faithfully in a number of capacities.

Among other roles, he has served as a pastor, a chaplain at Fort McCoy, a high school principal, and of course, praying and discerning with parishioners in the establishing of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. Our blessings to Msgr. Malin!

Congratulations, Monsignor Malin!

HAPPENINGS IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Today we welcome, **Raegan Marie Schams**, daughter of Kevin and Alexandra Schams, to our faith community in the celebration of Baptism.

It is now our privilege to help this child grow in faith.

We have a great gift of faith to share.

REST IN PEACE



Mary Ann Bina, age 86, died Fri., Dec. 28, 2018. Her funeral was celebrated at SEAS on Thurs., Jan. 3, 2019. Mary is survived by her husband, Joe,

children, Wayne (Tammie), Robert (Carol), Allen, Christine, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

May she rest in peace.

Cecil Rochester, age 88, died Thurs., Dec. 27, 2018. His funeral was celebrated at SEAS on Fri., Jan. 4, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Norene, their children, Cathryn, Carol (William), Celia (Brad), Joel (Kim), Cindy (Larry), SueAnn (Chris), Jayne (Jay), Janet, Karin (Jeff), Anna (Brian) Patricia (Tom), grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Please keep Cecil and his family in your prayers. *May he rest in peace.*

APPEAL UPDATE



New Year, time to finish up with the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Please if you have not done so, send in your pledge card as soon as possible. No pledge is too small or too large and prayers are always welcome. Extra pledge cards can be found in the gathering place or you can easily donate online at:

diolc.org/donate-online

Parish Target: \$84,910

As of 1/8/2019: Short by \$22,492

Thanks to the 205 donors who have pledged so far

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:8-10

WEDDING BANNES

III. Lacey Mathison and Travis Zabinski