



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

I have never done well in math. And I know why. It is not because of my teachers. As I look back I realize that those who taught math to me were very good at their work. Even in college the one math class I had to take was memorable because of the professor's opening line on the first day. "This is math 101," he said. "Or as I like to call it, math for dummies." I knew I was in the right class.

I think I struggled in math because, like golf, it didn't come easy and so I gave up. If a math problem didn't work out properly, I tried again working the same way and expecting a different result. And if that failed, I did the same thing a third time thinking the correct answer would now appear. Today I recognize that I struggled with math because I was never willing to ask for help.



It was foolish of me as a student to be so proud and refuse to seek help. But I kept on being the fool not just about math but also other things in life that kept me from learning and growing and enjoying. I have kept on being the fool because you can't escape yourself that easily as a child or teenager, or later in life as it turns out.

Over the years I have learned my need for help, God's help and that of others. Now I am truly playing the fool when I refuse to ask for the help I know I need. The season of Lent is fast approaching. There is no better time to recognize both the need for help and the one who stands ready to offer it.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr

SEAS STEWARDSHIP

If you have not already done so, please pick up your mail in the gathering place. This is an important Stewardship mailing along with a letter from Fr. Parr and Lenten schedule at SEAS.



Thank you to Lindsey and Emil Meindl for their wonderful Stewardship talks at all the Masses last weekend. Thanks also to all of you who picked up your 2018 Stewardship Packets at Mass after their talk. If you were out of town, the packets will be available for you to pick up in the gathering place this weekend. In the packet, you will find a booklet that outlines all the volunteer opportunities we have available in the areas of Worship, Faith Formation, Family Life, Social Justice, and Buildings/Grounds. We ask you to read through the packet and then prayerfully consider how you would like to share with and support our faith community over the next year. You will also find a Pledge Card on which to write the ministries you are interested in, those you are already active in, and those you wish to “retire” from. Please write this information for each family member, and be as specific as possible so we can connect you to the right ministry. The Pledge Card also has a space for you to indicate your level of ongoing financial support. Remember, no gift is too small or too large and, as always, we appreciate your generosity. Please return your Time, Talent, and Financial Pledge card in the envelope provided or in the church collection basket at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please call the office. Together, we are St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish! God Bless you and your families.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony’s Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. Then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Al Antony
Sara(Wozney) Balaker
Trudy Brieske
Sr. Bridget Donaldson, OSB
Elizabeth Donaldson
Patrick Donaldson
Sharon Grabar
Robert Heim
June Kukovec
Kent Limberg (military)

Sue Lund
Jerome Malin
Kevin McIntyre
Robert C. Ristow
Bailey Rohrer
Daniel Schultz
Lynn Schultz
Lynne Taylor
Phyllis Thaldorf

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Our diocese will be celebrating the observance of National Marriage Week February 7th – 14th. This is a wonderful time for all married couples to renew their vows to each other and to celebrate their marriage to one another. Being married is not always easy, but it is always worth the struggle. As Pope Francis tells us, “We are well aware of the many difficulties and trials there may be in the life of a married couple. There are always arguments in marriages, and at times even plates are thrown. But we must not be sad about this: this is the human condition. And the secret is that love is stronger than the moments in which we argue, and I therefore always advise married couples never to let the day draw to an end without making peace. A little gesture is enough: a caress, see you tomorrow, and tomorrow we start afresh. This is life, and we must face it in this way, with the courage of living it together. Married life is beautiful, and must be protected.” Together, let us celebrate the marriages among us....including the over 15 couples we have here at SEAS celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year! Congratulations to them and to all our married couples!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their Annual Super Bowl Breakfast this Sunday from 7am to Noon. All proceeds are going to the Holmen apartment residents affected by the recent devastating fire.

Charity, Unity,
Fraternity and Patriotism



FAITH FORMATION

You asked for it and it's BACK!!! One of the many ministries we have here at St. Elizabeth's is the ongoing **Adult Formation Studies**. We began this ministry last year with the Adventure from Adam to Jesus "God's Love Story" and continued it during this past Advent with "Traveling with Mary," the studies of the Joyful Mysteries from the Gospel of Luke. This Lent, we will offer "**A JOURNEY OF LOVE**," four reflective presentations on the Sorrowful Mysteries. These begin on **Tues, Feb 20th from 6:30-7:30 following the Stations of the Cross which begin at 6:00pm.**



Please join us as we journey with our Lord and walk in His footsteps of love on the way to His Cross. By focusing on the 5 mysteries of the rosary, you will be drawn deeper into scripture and, as you meditate in prayer on the rosary, into a deeper relationship with our Lord. Each session will include a short presentation followed by small group discussion. These sessions are suitable for all ages and will make for a great way to challenge yourself in scripture knowledge and meditative prayer within the Rosary. Make plans now to attend and bring your friends too. All are welcome.
Mr. Brueggen

FRANCISCAN CORE

Viterbo University's second annual Franciscan CORE is scheduled for June 10-15, 2018. This five-day summer service camp for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, offers education, experience, and reflection on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using a Franciscan lens. Franciscan CORE seeks to develop empathetic and grounded leaders for the world and the Church through: **Compassion** for those on the margins, **Outreach** to those in need, **Reflection** on God's call, and **Experience** of community and service. For more information or to apply, visit : www.viterbo.edu/Franciscan-core. Registration is now open.

LENTEN PRAYER BOARD

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This month we are going to set up a "prayer board" in the gathering place to encourage one another to hold each other and our intentions in prayer during this Lenten season. We are asking for you to write and post your prayer intentions on this board... with or without your name added. These intentions can be personal (illness, employment, etc.) or universal (world peace, poverty, etc.). People can then take one or more of the prayers off the board and add it to their prayers during their time in Mass and then take them home for prayer and contemplation during the week. This way we can share our intentions with one another and foster an awareness of the needs within our parish family. During this Lenten season, let our prayer for one another rise like incense to our loving and compassionate Redeemer.

Get the whole family involved in this parish activity!

ELIZABETH MINISTRY



Elizabeth Ministry is a new ministry we are beginning here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach program for women to affirm, support, encourage, and assist women in response to their needs during their childbearing years. The Elizabeth Ministry program is based on the scripture story of Mary and Elizabeth and the support and love they showed to one another during the Visitation (Luke 1:39-45). This is a program in which women support other women who are in situations that they have experienced. At this time, we are asking women with experiences in the areas of infertility, pregnancy, pregnancy loss, birth, adoption, or infant crisis to prayerfully consider if you would like to be a part of this new ministry and then please indicate this interest on your Time, Talent, and Treasure Stewardship Pledge Card. At the end of March, we will gather all those who are interested in becoming Elizabeth Ministers for further information and training. If you have any questions, please call or email Carol Reider at the parish office. Thank you.

PARISH INCOME (FISCAL YEAR 7/1/17-6/30/18)

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$6,669	\$10,594	-\$3,925	\$550,888
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$316,315	\$370,790	-\$54,475	

50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

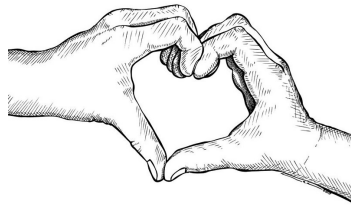


The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. It is such a joy to experience the wisdom of these couples who have

lived through the joys and sorrows of married love. If you are celebrating 50 years this year, please contact Sandy in the parish office. We will forward this information on to the Diocese who will then invite you to a special celebration at Christ the King Chapel in La Crosse on July 8th. We need this info by March 1st. Thank you and God bless your marriage for many more years to come.

FROM THE DESK OF SR. BRIDGET

This prayer was shared with Sr. Bridget, and she would like to share it with anyone else who may be undergoing a similar experience. She would also like to thank everyone for all their prayers and support!



Thank you and God bless.

Coping with Cancer

It is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

Ever Abiding One, I need you in my life now more than ever.
 Each day brings its own set of challenges for my vulnerable spirit and body.
 Help me to live with the conditions of my illness without giving in to discouragement or despair.
 Do not let the questions and the unknowns drown out the voice of your tender presence.
 Guide the physicians to make good decisions.
 Give me courage and wisdom to make my own good choices in treating this illness of mine.
 Teach me to embrace the gift of each new day and to give thanks for those who help me through the ups and downs of this process.
 Constantly assure me that you will not forsake me. You will be by my side, my Trusted Guardian.
 Help me walk the delicate balance of hope and surrender. Amen.

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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

Karen Anderson.....526-9687
 Laura Antonie.....526-6047
 Len Beranek.....526-3623
 Francis Brown.....783-2744

Brian Clements.....526-2198
 Les Giesler.....526-9625
 Angie Hendrikson....385-4213
 Shelly Linskey.....526-2286
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Ryan Malak.....608-385-3326
 Janice Dvoracek.....526-3957

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 4	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am - Noon KC Super Bowl Breakfast	
8:00 am Mass †	Harold Jerue
9:15 am Wee Believe Sunday School	
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS
Monday, February 5	St. Agatha
8:30 am Mass †	Fr. Joseph Grassl
1:00 pm Good Mourning Ministry	
Tuesday, February 6	St. Paul Miki and Companions
7:00 am Mass †	Fr. Joseph Grassl
6:30 pm RCIA	
Wednesday, February 7	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Fr. John Rossiter
6:30 pm Youth Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday, February 8	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Allan Seipel
6:30 pm Choir	
Friday, February 9	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Fr. Joseph Grassl
Saturday, February 10	St. Scholastica
8:00 am Pray the Rosary	
4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance	
	Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Mass †	Madelyn Grabowski
Sunday, February 11	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass †	Sandy Beranek
9:15 am Simple Living Discussion Group	
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS

GOOD MOURNING MINISTRY



Losing someone close to us demands the greatest inner strength and requires the help and wisdom of companion grief travelers. There is much we can learn from others who are on

similar journeys. All are welcome to join our next gathering of Good Mourning Ministry on **Monday, Feb. 5 at 1:00 pm** in the guest room at church. If you have questions, please contact Sr. Bridget Donaldson or Carol Reider at 526-4424.

ETERNAL REST



James Haug, age 87, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018. His funeral was celebrated at SEAS on Saturday, Jan. 27. James is survived by his wife, Angie, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and siblings. Please keep James and his family in your prayers. *May he rest in peace.*



Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

Mass Times

8:30 am, 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm

Please visit seasholmen.org and click the Lent tab under **EVENTS** in the main menu for more Lenten resources.

INCHING CLOSER



Let's not only reach our 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 \$82,615

As of 1/30/18 we have pledged \$62,958 with 222 out of 900 families having participated. If you have not yet pledged, **PLEASE** consider doing so. No amount is too small. Thanks.

THIS WEEKEND

KC Super Bowl Breakfast

Sunday, February 4

7am-Noon

Ham and Eggs, Potatoes, Toast and Beverages

Carry-Outs Available

\$7.00 (11 years and older)

\$3.00 (6—10 years)

Free (5 years and younger)

All proceeds will be donated to the Holmen Fire victims.