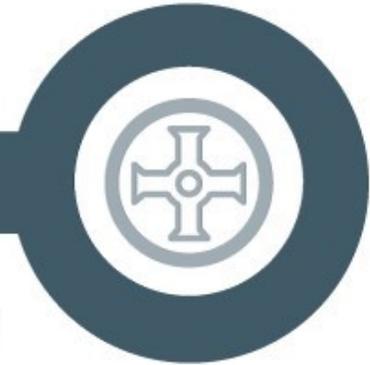




First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019

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THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

“Mind the Gap.” If you have ever been in the London Underground, you know those words well. Again and again, time after time, the announcement is repeated. “Mind the Gap.” The instruction warns passengers to be alert to the space between the dock and the train. Beware the gap!

These days of Lent the Lord calls us to “Mind the Gap.” The gap between our words and actions; between our thoughts and desires; between mind and heart. The Lenten call is urgent: beware the distance between who you are and who you are called to be. This is the season for repentance. And repentance demands honesty. It demands that each of us recognize the truth that “I am a sinner.” It demands the honesty to recognize “I need Jesus.”

I cannot be honest with Jesus if I do not make time to be with him. The call of Lent is to pay more attention to Jesus. That means more than giving up chocolate or alcohol, muscling your way through forty days, and returning to the eating and drinking on Easter Sunday. To pay more attention to Jesus means praying. It means each day giving the Lord time for prayer, meditating on Scripture, reading a Catholic article. The money spent for those chips or ice cream can be given to Christ the hungry one. To give Jesus the attention he desires means to no longer deny him the opportunity to touch our sins and heal us in Confession. To be honest with Jesus means recognizing my deepest hunger is for him and letting him feed me with his word and sacrament at Sunday Mass.

Lent calls us all to put ourselves where Christ can reach us. To put ourselves where his grace flows. Lent calls us to “Mind the Gap” in our lives, and let Him be our safe crossing.

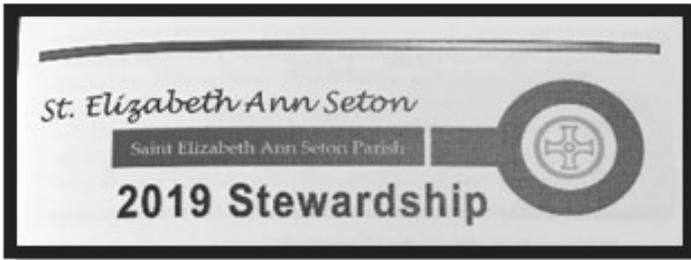
The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.

~St. Ephrem

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SEAS STEWARDSHIP



Please remember to turn in your Stewardship Response Cards to church or in the mail as soon as possible. We need to receive back a response from **each and every family** so we know that you wish to continue to be members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. Let the parish office know if you did not receive your copy. As a parish, we are in need of your time, talent, and treasure. We cannot function without your assistance and your presence. Every single person is necessary to complete the mosaic of who we at St. Elizabeth's are. Please note any **new changes** to addresses, phone, and emails. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Liturgical Season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 6th. The Knights of Columbus would like to ask our parishioners to join them in the "40 Days of Giving" for Lent to assist our Food Pantry Guests. This

program is designed for the opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others.

The theme of the program is "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". We are asking during the Season of Lent that you put aside each day during the 40 days of Lent **one Hygiene Product** (a bar of hand soap, bottle of dish soap, tube of tooth paste, tooth brush, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, deodorant, sanitary wipes, shaving cream, razors, cleaning supplies). If you and your family would prefer to donate money (equivalent to a hygiene product) instead, we, in turn, would use that money to purchase the needed hygiene products. The items can be returned to the gathering place weekly or at the end of Lent.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all to help us prepare for Easter by cleaning up our heart, mind, and soul during our Lenten Journey while we help our sisters and brothers in Christ.

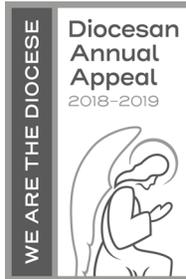


FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Want a more joyful marriage?

Spouses who do things together find the most joy within marriage. Want to learn how to become more united with your spouse in all facets of your marriage? Attend the next Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat on March 28-31st at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends at noon on Sunday. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment. Scholarships are available. For more information, call 608-791-2673 or email familylife@diolc.org.

DAA UPDATE



Parish Target: \$84,910

As of 3/5/18:

Under target by \$17,839

222 donors out of 892 registered

families have pledged so far

78% of goal has been pledged

In order for us to avoid using our general operating funds to pay for any remaining appeal target, we must reach

our goal by June 30th. It's important that everyone send in a pledge no matter how large or small. Please consider giving to the Diocesan Annual appeal. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Please remember, the sick, hospitalized, military members, homebound and anyone needing of our prayers.

May they experience the healing power of God.

FAITH FORMATION

Think Fast! It's Lent.

Why is Lent 40 days?

In the Bible, the number 40 represents a period of testing or judgment. Lent's duration of 40 days reflects several other times of trial, testing and hardship found in the Scriptures: the story of Noah tells of rain falling for 40 days and 40 nights. (Genesis 7:11- 23) Moses fasted for 40 days before starting his mission (Exodus 34:28), the Hebrews wandered for 40 years in the desert (Jos.5:6) Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before beginning his ministry (Matt. 4:2).

In church history, penitents - usually guilty of public scandals such as murder or adultery - were temporarily expelled for the entire season in imitation of God's expulsion of Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden. The penitents were sent away with the admonition, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return." They lived isolated for 40 days of Lent. This temporary separation gave us the word *quarantine*, who's root is Latin for the number 40.

Gonzalez, Dan .Think Fast! It's Lent. *TakeOut Family Faith on the GO*. Pg 3. Print.

Important Faith Formation Dates

Wed., March 13 - Grades 2,3 Penance Service at church 6:30 pm

Wed., March 20 - Grades 4-6 Penance Service at church 6:30 pm, Grades 7-10 Edge Night

Wed., March 27 Grades 7-10 Penance Service at church 6:30 pm, Grades 3-6 Edge night

Wed., April 3 No Faith Formation classes, Catechist appreciation party at Features 6:30pm

PARISH INFORMATION

Besides the bulletin, SEAS has other options to find out what's happening in our parish. Our website at www.seasholmen.org is updated daily. You can access the parish Google calendar there as well. Our Facebook page and the Myparish app is where we may post important messages on a daily basis or share other activities from the Diocese or other parishes. Want to see all the Lenten events in one place? Visit the Lent page on the website and the Lent button on the app.

QUOTE FROM LAST WEEK'S HOMILY

Quote by Peter Maurin used in last Sunday's homily
Dorothy Day called him "a troubadour for Christ" and the person who most impacted her faith life.

The world would be better off
If people tried to become better.
And people would become better
If they stopped trying to become better off.
For when everybody tries to become better off,
Nobody is better off.
But when everybody tries to become better,
Everybody is better off.
Everybody would be rich
If nobody tried to become richer,
And nobody would be poor
If everybody tried to be poorest.
And everybody would be what he ought to be
If everybody tried to be
What he wants the other fellow to be.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Lenten Retreat: The Way of the Disciple, March 31 - April 6: Spend the week with us as Greg Schmitt, C.Ss.R., considers the mission, hopes, attitudes and actions of Jesus' disciples and what those teachings mean for us today. Investment: \$375 for full retreat, \$225 for commuters

For more information or to register, please visit www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

CARD MAKING



Do you enjoy making greeting cards? If so, please consider joining our homebound committee to 'create' greeting cards to mail to our homebound parishioners. **We will meet at 2:00pm on Monday, March 18.** No experience necessary (Shari Ireland will guide us through the process). This is a significant way to share your love with those in our church family that you don't see regularly. Thank you for helping us to reach out to our homebound church family with expressions of love and remembrance.

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

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/ACH/CC/Plate.....	\$17,280	\$11,031	\$6,249	\$573,616
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$380,449	\$397,116	-\$16,667	

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY TODAY

Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family,
Safeguarding Children

The Diocese of La Crosse is setting aside this weekend as Safe Haven Sunday in order to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life, and culture. If you would like to receive information on how you can protect your children from pornography, you can participate in a 7 day email challenge from the publishers of "Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture." **Just text SECURE to 66866.** If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please contact the parish office.

RICE BOWLS



Join our faith community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of

encounter with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the gathering place beginning Ash Wednesday. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Rice bowls can be found in the gathering place after the Ash Wednesday Masses.

LENTEN PRAYER BOARD

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Once again this Lent, we are going to set up a **Lenten 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.



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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	Brian Clements.....526-2198
Laura Antonie.....526-6047	Les Giesler.....526-9625
Len Beranek.....526-3623	Angie Hendrikson....385-4213
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	Larry Warzynski.... ..526-6474

Finance Council Members

Barry Ploessl.....526-9364	Shawn Handland.....526-2257
Janice Dvoracek.....526-3957	Pat Stephens.....526-2480
	Larry Warzynski.....526-6474

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 10	1st Sunday of Lent
8:00 am Mass	People of SEAS
9:15 am Simple Living Discussion Group	
10:15 am Mass †	Diane Wheeler
7:00 pm KC General Meeting	
Monday, March 11	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Neil Kleinschmidt
Tuesday, March 12	Lenten Weekday
7:00 am Mass †	Henry Scholze
4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting	
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	
6:30 pm Sacrament of Penance	
Wednesday, March 13	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Dorothy Scholze
6:30 pm Youth Faith Formation classes	
6:30 pm Sacrament of Penance	
Thursday, March 14	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Richard Matushek
6:30 pm Choir practice	
Friday, March 15	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Harold Jerue
Saturday, March 16	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am Pray the Rosary	
4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance	
	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM Mass †	Katherine Furman
Sunday, March 17	2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 am Mass	People of SEAS
10:15 am Mass †	Diane Wheeler



Parishioners are invited to pray **Stations of the Cross** at **6 PM on Tuesdays, during Lent followed by the Sacrament of Penance.**

The **Sacrament of Penance** is celebrated every **Saturday at 4 PM.** The Sacrament also will be celebrated **at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays during Lent.** Communal celebrations of Penance with several priests available will also be celebrated **on Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27 at 6:30pm.**

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. Even if you have been away from the sacrament for some time, consider making a commitment this Lent to avail yourself to this grace-filled encounter with our Lord.

REST IN PEACE



Anthony Racich, age 39, son of Angie Racich, died Saturday, February 23, 2019. His funeral was celebrated at SEAS on Saturday,

March 3. Please keep Anthony and his family in your prayers. **May he rest in peace.**

Mark Phillips, age 48, son of Thomas and Mary Phillips, died Saturday, February 23, 2019. His funeral was celebrated at Dickinson Funeral Home on Saturday, March 3. Please keep Mark and his family in your prayers. **May he rest in peace.**

MEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Parishioner Emil Meindl will once again be conducting a Lenten Sunday Scripture Study for Gentlemen only. This Sunday Scripture Study will be held on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Guest Room across from the kitchen in the church from March 7th – April 11th.** Come and join other men for fellowship and support and to learn how the Sunday readings relate to your daily life. The readings will be provided for you, but bring a bible if you have one. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE JOIN US

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 with "Traveling with Mary" the studies of the Joyful Mysteries from the Gospel of Luke. Last Advent we studied the "Role of the Holy Spirit." Again this Lent we will continue our studies and by special request, we will be taking a **"Walk Through the Mass."** Three reflective presentations include the importance of the sacrifice being offered, the Eucharist, and why do we do that? These presentations will include: video presentations by Fr. Robert Barron, Q and A, and small group discussion led by Mr. Brueggen. Dates are **Tuesdays, March 12th, 19th, and 26th from 6:30-7:30 following the Stations of the Cross.** Please join us as we journey through scripture discovering the ancient liturgy of the Mass and the call of the Church to invite all those back to the Supper of the Lamb. These sessions are suitable for all ages and will make for a great way to challenge yourself in scripture knowledge and meditative prayer.