

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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THE BANE AND THE BLESSED



A few years ago a friend and I visited the state of Washington. In our effort to reach Port Angeles we crossed a long and high bridge. A very long and high bridge. It was a cold and rainy day. The ocean inlet below us was dark and foreboding. Though neither of us said it, we were nervous and spoke not a word until we reached the other side. We placed our trust and our lives in the skill and decency of those unknown workers who built the bridge. No one could watch their every move. No one could look over their shoulder as they drilled and measured and welded. There were never enough bosses to check on their work. These workers were good and decent deep in their bones, and worthy of trust.

Of course our communities and nation and world are filled with good people. We could not survive without the gallantry of those who put their lives aside for our sake in times of emergency. We could not survive without the daily sacrifices of business people and public service workers whose honesty often is unheralded but who do their level best without thanks or glory to make our lives

better. The person who sells shoes, or prepares the Big Mac, or drives the long haul truck, done with care and craftsmanship enhances our lives though seldom we take notice.

As this new school year begins, I am thankful for the teachers, administrators, custodians, coaches and office workers whose daily even tedious sacrifices not only make our today better but also our tomorrow. In the classrooms of our community and our world, teachers are touching minds and hearts and souls. They are powerful indeed but only because they serve others and lift up others to be servants as well. Powerful because they use their gifts to help others discover their own.

Bridge builders and business people, teachers and taxi drivers, brain surgeons and pizza delivery guys, all those who know that all life is holy and act in accordance with that, make for a better world today and remind us of the one to come.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr

SEAS STEWARDSHIP



The Stewardship committee has decided to switch up the time of year when you will receive the Stewardship packets. They will no longer be mailed in the fall but rather look for those in Spring of 2018. If you have previously

signed on for a particular ministry that you can no longer commit to, please let the office know as soon as possible.

For those of you that wish to now lend us your time, talent or treasure, you do not have to wait until the mailing. Just call the parish office to discuss in what ways you would like to share at this time and we will be happy to add you to any liturgical ministry, council or committee, or activity.

On our parish website at seasholmen.org, you will find a listing with explanations of time, talent and treasure here at SEAS.

Consider a new ministry this year. Think of something that will reinvigorate you, provide the greatest service, bring out your best talents, and help you to meet more of your fellow parishioners.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council #9385, we like to congratulate Mike Larson for being named our Knight of the Month for September. Mike is always willing to give a helping hand, even with all of his

other commitments at home and work. This was especially noticed through time commitment he gave us with the Soccer Challenge, Kornfest Run, and Kornfest Breakfast!

In addition we named Allan and Judy Swift and their family as the Family of the Month for September. They are always willing to help out. They are a very busy family, and they always find time to help the Knights; this was very evident as they helped us out with the Kornfest Breakfast!

When you see Mike Larson and the Swift family, please make sure you congratulate them on this wonderful award!

Reminder to all Knights that our General Council Meeting is Sunday October 8th at 7:00 pm in the gathering space at St. Elizabeth's.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



Children sometimes criticize and make fun of others; so do adults. Check yourself against these three criteria when criticizing your spouse (or anyone): Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? If not, it's probably fault-finding or gossip.

COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT



Franciscan
Spirituality Center

College-age students of all faith backgrounds are invited to participate

in a Busy Student Retreat this fall at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street, La Crosse.

Please register at www.FSCenter.org or call for more information/608-791-5295.

Busy Student Retreat

Discovering Pilgrimage: Sacred Steps in a Crazy World

October 8-22

Investment: \$10

PRAYER REQUESTS



PRAY FOR ...

Kristy Albitz
Sandra Alderman
Madelon Anderson
Sara(Wozney) Balaker
Ramiro Balderaz
Judy Bockenbauer
Mary Ann Booker
David Brandau
Trudy Brieske
Cobbins Family
Theresa Lynn Davis
Elizabeth Donaldson
Patrick Donaldson
Harry Doweiko
Richard Dudkiewicz
Donna Dummer
Robin George
Sharon Grabar
Madelyn Grabowenski
Delores Gustafson
Brenda Horman
Marion Johnson
Renee Johnson
Steve Keyser
Chris Krueger (military)

Jack Kruse
June Kukovec
Kent Limberg
Jerome Malin
Dick Matushek
Karen Matushek
David McCarthy
Dorothy McDougall
James McGowan, Sr.
Kevin McIntyre
Flo Page
Donna Pedretti
Ken Proctor
Maggie Radebaugh
Robert Ristow
Cindy Ritteman
Bailey Rohrer
Tom Ryan
Barry Schaller
Erica Schultz
Lynn Schultz
Ralph Steele
Lynne Taylor
Thompson Family
Phyllis Trussoni
Jim and Tracey Walsh

FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation program is underway as of Wed. Sept 6. at the Holmen Middle School.

We had a great first couple of weeks of getting to know each other. Students have found their classes, text and activity books have been handed out and we are all set for an excellent year of getting to know our Lord. Last week we had an all student Mass.



If you still need to register your child, please stop in at the Holmen Middle School cafeteria by 6:15pm to take care of paperwork and fees. We will get them into a class right away and assign them book. Please have your child bring a pencil, folder and a prayerful heart.

Important Faith Formation Dates

SUN. Sept. 24 - Confirmation Mentor Session #1 at church 6:30 pm

WED Sept.27 - First Communion Parent Meeting 6:30 pm in church (children attend class)

9th grade Parent Meeting 6:30 pm in HMS Auditorium (children attend class)

SUN. Oct. 1 - Wee Believe Pre-K/Kind. Sunday school 9:15 am **NEW LOCATION 520 Amy Dr. Holmen**

WED Oct. 4 - Anointing of the Sick service at church 6:30 pm hosted by the 7th grade students

SEAS Trivia

How long has Fr. Parr been the pastor at St. Elizabeth's?

Answer in next week's bulletin. Like us on Facebook for more trivia and parish activities.

CARD MAKING FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you enjoy making greeting cards? If so, please consider joining our homebound committee to "create" holiday cards to mail to our homebound parishioners. 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. They meet the third Monday of the month from 2-4 pm; Sept.-April. No meeting in December. Mark your calendar with the following schedule.

- Sep.18 - Halloween
- Oct. 16 - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 20 - Christmas
- Dec. OFF
- Jan. 15 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 19 - St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 19 - Easter
- Apr. 16 - All Occasion



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Discover the heights and depths of God's love and the treasures of our Catholic faith. R.C.I.A. is a process of prayer, study, discussion and celebration for:

- Unbaptized adults who wish to learn about the faith and possibility of becoming a Catholic
- Baptized Christians from other faiths who want to learn more about the Catholic religion and possibly becoming a Catholic
- Baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and who desire to complete their initiation in the Catholic Church



If you, or someone you know, is interested in knowing more about a Catholic Christian way of life with the possibility of becoming a member of the Church, please contact Fr. John Parr, or Patrick Brueggen at the parish office or email: youth@seasholmen.org.

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

	<u>Last Week's Collections</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$7,395	\$10,594	-\$3,199	\$550,888
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$106,187	\$116,534	-\$10,356	

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome New Members to
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Joseph Woyczik and son, Aven

Heather and Matt Bright and daughter, Stella

Nick and Kathleen Nicklaus

Amanda Nicklaus

Mary Bodnar

Kevin and Krista Mead and
children Haley, Hannah, Lindsay and Ryan

Jeffrey and Tammy Larson and
Children, Kaytlyn, Kirstyn, and Kyle

Lorraine Atkinson

Dan and Kim McCormick

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



SEAS will be kicking off the 2017/2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal – Stewards of Hope - next weekend, Sept. 23/24.

You should be receiving your pledge cards in the mail within the next couple of weeks. No pledge is too small.

Payments can be arranged as well. For

more information as to where your gifts go and to donate online please visit: www.dioc.org/stewardship

Download our free subscription to FORMED at formed.org and enter our parish code **TG8FVD** to access Catholic media such as books, movies and more.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, Sept. 24th from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm for A Day at the Diocese. This is for youth in grades 8-12 and the cost is just \$10. We are excited that DJ Bill Lage and other special guests will be with us, along with games, Mass, talking, lunch and dancing.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

Christine Olson.507-766-3654

Larry Warzynski.... ..526-6474

Finance Council Members

Ryan Malak.....608-385-3326

Janice Dvoracek.....526-3957

Shawn Handland.....526-2257

Pat Stephens.....526-2480

Larry Warzynski.....526-6474

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass	<i>John and Virginia Frei 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>
10:15am Mass	<i>People of SEAS</i>
Monday, September 18	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	<i>Sandy Beranek</i>
2:00 pm	Card Making for the Homebound
2:00 pm	Good Mourning Ministry
6:30 pm	Ministry of Compassion
Tuesday, September 19	Weekday
7:00 am Mass †	<i>Bridget Kavanaugh-Gonchar</i>
Wednesday, September 20	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang
8:30 am Mass †	<i>Francis Dummer</i>
6:30 pm	Youth Faith Formation Classes
Thursday, September 21	St. Matthew, Apostle
8:30 am Mass †	<i>Mavis Golden</i>
Friday, September 22	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	<i>Patty Stetzer</i>
Saturday, September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Diocesan Annual Appeal Kickoff	
8:00 am	Pray the Rosary
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance
	Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Mass †	<i>Riley Sass-Loken</i>
Sunday, September 24	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Diocesan Annual Appeal Kickoff	
8:00 am Mass †	<i>Quentin and Olive Jeffers</i>
10:15am Mass	<i>People of SEAS</i>
Confirmation Sponsor Session	
Visit seasholmen.org for the parish calendar of events	



Losing one's partner, one's soul mate, one's spouse or a child "demands" the greatest inner strength one can apply, and it requires the help and wisdom of fellow grief travelers. All are welcome to join for any or all of our gatherings. The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 18 at 2:00 pm.

MINISTRY OF COMPASSION



SEAS Ministry of Compassion

Our next gathering of SEAS Ministry of Compassion for those who are facing challenging health issues will be Monday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. We welcome all those who are struggling with health issues as well as their caregivers, families, and friends. Come and join us for sharing, support, and prayer. If you have any questions, please call or email Sr. Bridget or Carol Reider.

HELP RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

Help Raise the Roof Fundraiser

Our parish has been gifted a curio cabinet from an estate. We will be raffling off this beautiful cherry cabinet, which you can view in the gathering place, to help raise money for our new roof. Raffle tickets are available in the gathering place after Mass. The drawing will be held All Saints Day, Wed., Nov. 1, after the 6:30 pm Mass. The tickets will be \$10.00 each. Please buy one or several to RAISE THE ROOF on God's house! Thank you and God bless you!

SEAS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



The SEAS Christmas Bazaar is set for Sat., Nov. 11th. There will be a PCCW meeting on Thurs., Sept. 28th at 6:30pm in preparation for the bazaar. All women of the parish age 18 and older are encouraged to attend and lend their time and talents to this parish fundraiser. Look for sign up sheets in the gathering place for baking and workers. Join us for lefse making on the following dates:
 Thursday, October 12 at 9:00 am
 Thursday, October 19 at 9:00 am
 Saturday, October 28 at 9:00 am

Follow us on Facebook and check the website for more information.



If you have never been to one, please join us. Lots of tasty baked goods, jewelry, raffles, silent auction, and games for the kids. Mark your calendar!