



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
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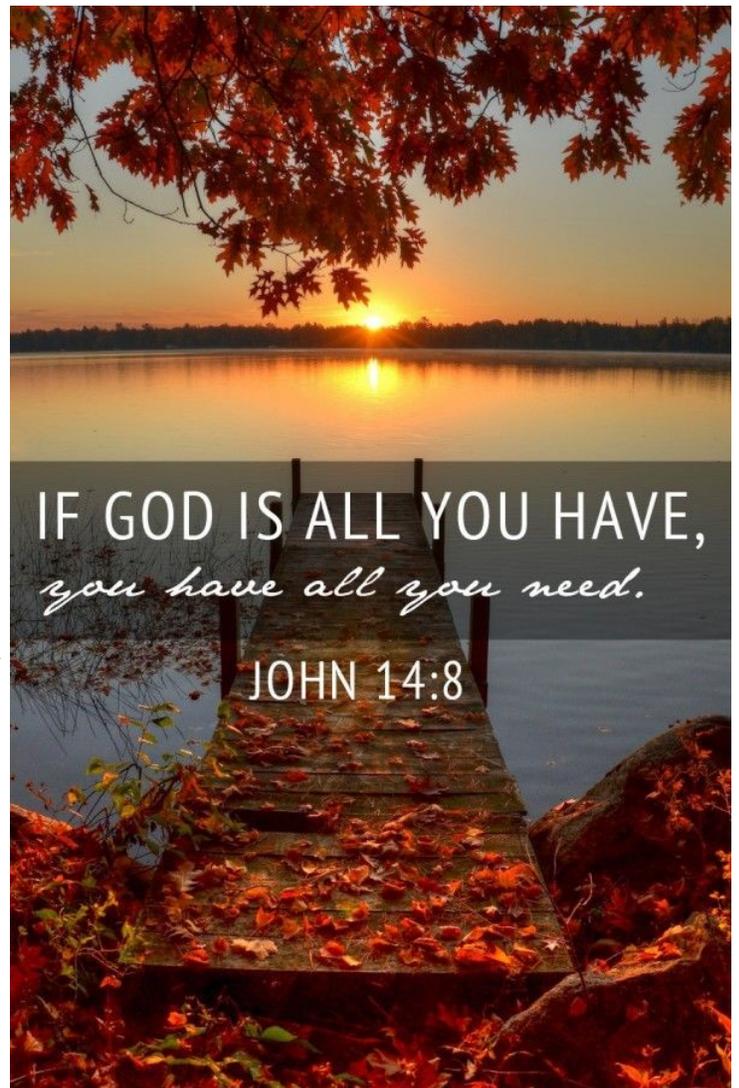


THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

Quite often over the years I have found myself quoting him. He was a college student while I was at the Newman Parish in Stevens Point. I had asked how life was going. He told me that he was winning the “rat race.” He would soon graduate with honors, had a job that was going to pay for his graduate studies, was going to visit Europe after graduation. Indeed life was good for him, I said. “Yes, but the problem is that even though I am winning the rat race, I am still a rat.” He recognized that the best resume, most attractive stock portfolio, highest quality education, good friendships and family, none of them can feed the deepest and most insatiable hunger. I don’t think he realized how blessed he was to know that truth and be fighting the holy fight.

To my regret I don’t recall that our conversation went much beyond that. Knowing the Lord as the center of life is the beginning and end of our faith. But I hope the young man also saw his strength, talent, education, health and wealth as God’s blessings as well. The Gospel needs to be addressed to us in our strength as well as weakness, our abundance as well as need. In the Old Testament people were considered blessed if they had home and health, food and prosperity, security and freedom. We are no less blessed in those gifts if we know them to be gifts. We need not ever be afraid of “winning the rat race” and being a “rat” if we see gratitude as the foundation of our relationship to God. Persons of strength do not have to worry about being weak enough to follow Christ if they are really grateful to God. The talented in mind and body need not hide their gifts under a bushel basket if they are grateful for receiving them from God. Our gifts are not our personal achievements, and not a single one of us is a “self-made man/woman.” No person with strengths in mind, body or spirit need ever be concerned if we know how we got what we have received. There is no such thing as a “rat” who is grateful.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr



SEAS STEWARDSHIP

In this day and age, it is all too easy to view each other with suspicion or at least a certain guardedness. Of course, it's wise to be prudent in our dealings with people. But **stewardship living** calls us to a different outlook towards others. It calls us to approach everyone with an open heart; not through a lens of suspicion but quite the opposite — through the lens of **loving hospitality**. Jesus models this transforming hospitality in His encounter with Zacchaeus, the tax collector, in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Not content with just exchanging a friendly hello with Zacchaeus, Jesus seeks him out of the crowd and insists on having dinner in his home. This was a gesture of intimacy and true fellowship in that day and culture. Jesus saw the goodness within the man. Our Lord's open and welcoming attitude (His hospitality) called forth that goodness, and Zacchaeus was transformed instantly. If we are willing to practice true, radical Christian hospitality in our daily lives; our families, workplaces, and our parish can be transformed, too

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



Within your marriage, listen twice as much as you talk. You have two ears and one mouth. Everyone appreciates an attentive listener. This is one truth that can never be repeated too frequently, and your spouse will appreciate the renewed efforts of listening before speaking. Communication is key to keeping your relationship solid and strong...and listening is vital to communication.

DAA



Many have contributed very generously and kindly to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, and we would like to join with the Diocese in expressing our **sincere appreciation** to you. We have currently received \$21,847.71 in donations and pledges. If you have not responded to the Annual Appeal yet, we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. If you wish, pledges can be paid over seven months which enables you to spread out your payments. A reminder also that this annual diocesan appeal has replaced twelve yearly diocesan collections and lowered the yearly diocesan parish assessment significantly. St. Elizabeth's portion of this year's 5.68 million campaign is \$83,735 and we need **everyone's help** to reach that goal. Any funds raised above our target amount are returned to the parish to be used for our specific needs. We were so grateful last year to reach our goal and have money returned to us. Please give some prayerful and serious consideration to your sacrificial gift and how you can share your gifts with the "larger" Church. **Your donation, large or small, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Only you can determine what is truly a sacrifice. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Thanks for joining us at the Men of the Cross 5th Annual Men's Conference at Aquinas High School on October 26th. It was a great day filled with amazing speakers, adoration, confession, and fellowship.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Susan Amundsen	Kent Limberg (military)
Sara (Wozney) Balaker	Sue Lund
Judy Bockenbauer	Jerome Malin
Richard Brandau	Joe McCabe
Trudy Brieske	Kevin McIntyre
Corey Cantu	Judith Niedfeldt
Karen Corcoran	Joe Neitzel
Will Davis	Leona "Pat" Ostrander
Ethan Doe	Poppy Grace Poole
The Donaldson Family	Ken Proctor
Joe Dooley	Robert C. Ristow
Irmgard White-Drier	Bailey Rohrer
Bill Druliner	Tom Ryan
Brenda Faber	Celia Scholze
DeEtte Gillmeister	Betty Smith
Joe Gittens	Sascha Stephens
Sharon Grabar	Phyllis Thaldrof
Sandra Hanson	Pam Tischer
Sherry Hanson	Colleen Tisil
June Kukovec	

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.

FAITH FORMATION

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. On **Wednesday Nov. 6** the 8th grade Faith Formation students will be hosting a Living Saints party for the First graders. Students will dress as their favorite saint and talk about their lives as if they are that saint.

Important Faith Formation Dates

SUN., Nov 3-Gr. 9 retreat in church 10am-3:30 p.m.
 SUN., Nov 3-Confirmation Mentor Session III in church 6:30 p.m.
 WED. Nov 6- All Saints Party Grds.1 and 8 in church 6:30 p.m.

FAQ ON CREMATION

During the month of November in a special way we remember and pray for our beloved dead. Chris Carstens, director of the Diocesan Office of Worship, prepared these answers to some Frequently Asked Questions about funerals that we will share with you in each Nov. bulletin.

What is the ideal order of funeral liturgies relative to cremation?

“When cremation is chosen, the preferred sequence for the funeral rites is the celebration of the Funeral Mass with the body of the deceased person present, then cremation, and then the interment or entombment of the cremated remains. Such a sequence respects the integrity of the funeral rites, and gives relatives and friends the occasion to pay proper respect to the body of the deceased before it is cremated.” (CBD; also OCF, 418)

What is the proper container for holding cremated remains during the funeral liturgy?

“The cremated remains are to be brought to the Church in a worthy vessel, that is in a solid and durable container which is appropriately marked with the name of the deceased.” (CBD; also OCF, 427) If no worthy vessel exists, pastors may consider a type of “ossuary” to house the remains during the funeral liturgy.

YOUNG AT HEART



St. Elizabeth's has an active seniors group for adults 60+ called *Young at Heart*. Join us on **Thursday, Nov. 14th at 8:30 am** for Mass followed by a potluck and special guest speaker Scott Marshall, the busy bee keeper. He'll share with us what the buzz is all about.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- * Pastoral Council - Mon., Nov. 11th at 6:30pm
- * Finance Council—Tues., Nov. 12th at 4:30 pm
- * PCCW Bazaar Wrap up - Tues., Nov. 12th at 6pm
- * Stewardship Committee - Tues., Nov. 12th at 6:30pm
- * Liturgical Ministry Workshop - Tues., Nov. 19th at 6:30 pm

SEAS NEEDS YOU

Caring and Sharing Volunteers

Christmas Caring and Sharing 2019 will be held on Friday, December 6th from 9:00 am – noon. This very special day for our food pantry guests involves a sharing of prayer, food, and gifts for the 150 families who attend. It takes many volunteers to make this day as special as it can be for our guests. We have many roles that need filling, so please consider volunteering! We will be having a meeting on **Thursday, Nov. 7th at 6:00 pm** for all those who wish to volunteer to help with Caring and Sharing this year. If you cannot attend but wish to volunteer, please contact Carol Reider or Sr. Bridget. Thank you in advance for your part in helping fight hunger in our community and for bringing hope and the spirit of Christmas to these families. God bless you.

Food Pantry Committee

Our next Food Pantry Committee meeting will be held on **Thurs., November 7th at 6:30 pm**. Please bring your calendars! If you are planning on volunteering for Caring and Sharing, please arrive at 6:00 pm. Thank you!



PARISH INCOME (FISCAL YEAR 7/1/19-6/30/20)

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$6,906	\$11,792	-\$4,886	\$613,190
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$179,297	\$200,464	-\$21,167	

NEW MINISTRY

Divorced/separated adults & single/widowed parents:

The SEAS pastoral council is working to ensure that we, as a parish, are meeting as many parishioner needs as we are able. Our goal is to do what we can to help each person live their faith well and be connected to our parish family. We NEED you and we recognize that you need us, too.

If you would like to give some input into how we can better serve those who are divorced, separated or are single/widowed parents (even if you are not), please join us for an initial planning and informational meeting on **Monday, November 4th at 6:30 pm** in the gathering place.

The purpose of this meeting is twofold:

- 1) We would really like to hear from those dealing with the challenges that come from living as part of the Church community with these special circumstances. Needs may be spiritual, financial, emotional, every day, or once-in-awhile. We are open to ideas on how we, as Church, can assist you as well as ways you may be uniquely equipped to help others.
- 2) There are many misunderstandings regarding the Church's teaching on divorce and remarriage and the effect of either or both on a person's standing with the Church and reception of the Sacraments. We would like to take this opportunity to give a clear explanation of Church teaching and answer any questions you may have in this regard.

This meeting will not obligate you in any way. Please join us and encourage others to join us on this first step of service, healing, and mutual understanding.

If you have any questions, please contact: Patrick Brueggen at youth@SEASholmen.org, (608) 526-4424 or Jennifer Fisk at jenfisk@charter.net or (608)783-0246

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS



A Liturgical Ministry Workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, Nov. 19th at 6:30 pm** for all **current and new** Liturgical Ministers.

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ministers of Hospitality/

Greeters please join us for an evening of prayer, spiritual formation, training/re-training, and updating of the procedures for the upcoming liturgical year. We are grateful for the service of our current liturgical ministers who faithfully fulfill their ministries. We are also in need of more parishioners to join our liturgical ministries. If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please contact the parish office.

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 a session 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

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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

Sunday, Nov. 3	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass † John Marshall	
9:15 am Wee Believe Sunday School	
10:15 am Mass People of SEAS	
9th Grade Retreat following Mass until 3:30pm	
6:30 pm Confirmation Sponsor Session	
Monday, Nov. 4	St. Charles Borromeo
8:30 am Mass Special Intention of Ariel Volden	
1:00 pm Good Mourning Ministry	
6:30 pm Divorced/Separated/Single Parent Group Discussion	
Tuesday, Nov. 5	Weekday
Food Pantry Closed	
7:00 am Mass † Leonard Wyskowski	
6:30 pm RCIA	
Wednesday, Nov. 6	Weekday
8:30 am Mass † Leo Kulmaczewski	
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes	
6:30 pm Saints Party Grades 1 & 8 in church	
Thursday, Nov. 7	Weekday
8:30 am Mass † Benno and Barbara Scholze	
6:00 pm Caring and Sharing Meeting	
6:30 pm Food Pantry Meeting	
Friday, Nov. 8	Weekday
Food Pantry Closed	
8:30 am Mass † Everett Parr	
Saturday, Nov. 9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8:30 am – 1:00pm Christmas Bazaar	
4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance	
	Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Mass † Debra Hasz	
Sunday, Nov. 10	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass People of SEAS	
9:15 am Simple Living Discussion Group	
10:15 am Mass † Cecil Rochester	
7:00 pm KC General Meeting	

NEWLY BAPTIZED



Today, we welcome,

Addison Irene Nimtze,

daughter of Dustin and Kimberly Nimtze, 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.



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 9, 2019

8:30am to 1:00pm

Cash Raffles & Drawings, Silent Auction, Jewelry Booth, Bake Shoppe, Unique Boutique, & MORE
- Plus Our Famous Corner Cafe -



Bazaar Cash Raffle tickets will be handed out after Masses this weekend. **Top Prize: \$500.00**, followed by \$100.00 Gift cards for Pizza Corral, Holmen Locker and Features Restaurant. **Tickets are \$2.00 each or 11 for \$20.00** Drawing on Nov. 9th at 1:00 pm. **NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

BAZAAR PREP

Dates for Pie Making:

Thurs. Nov. 7	Pie Crust Making	9:00 - 1:00
Fri. Nov. 8	Pie Making	Noon - 6:00

All are welcome to help out and have fun. Great way to meet other parishioners and share your time and talent.

SEAS GOOD MORNING MINISTRY



Losing one's partner, one's soulmate, 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. The next meeting for SEAS Good Mourning Ministry is **Mon., Nov. 4th at 1:00**. All are welcome to join for any or all of our gatherings. Contact Carol or Sister Bridget at the parish office if you have any questions.