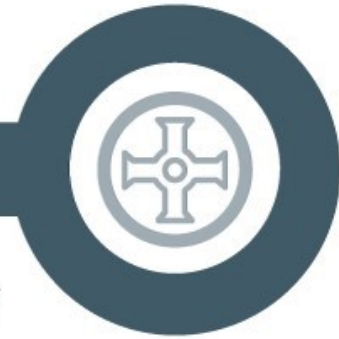




Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 11, 2018

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## THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

At every Mass during the Eucharistic Prayer we pray for the Pope, our Bishop, and all the clergy. We do that because the Church recognizes the great harm that is done when the leaders are unfaithful. We pray for the clergy because the Church recognizes as does the Evil One the damage that can be done to the Body of Christ when the ordained betray Christ and those entrusted to their care.

The horror of clergy sexual abuse in the Catholic Church became public in 2001 when the crisis broke in Boston. The history of the Church in our country was changed profoundly by those revelations. About a year ago I was disturbed when a respected bishop suggested that “we have turned the corner” regarding the clergy abuse crisis. The news during this summer told us that the horrific acts and the cover-up continue. The abuse, the cover-up and the ability of abusers to act with impunity is criminal and sinful.

Repentance is what the Lord calls me to do when I sin. “Repent and believe the Good News” is what we are told on Ash Wednesday. It is repentance and reconciliation to which the Church must turn now. And the Church is all of us so together we must seek that healing for the unspeakable wounds and untold hurt caused by the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

Those who have been abused and ignored far too long, I ask your forgiveness for my silence and that of church leaders. Please continue to speak with courage. Your honesty is the only way to healing for all of us. Please keep speaking and do not be deterred so that we all we learn of the injustice that has been done to you. We ask that you continue to speak so that those guilty of the crimes and those responsible for covering up the crimes will admit their guilt and face justice.

I ask our bishop and our nation’s bishops to shepherd the flock. Listen to God’s people, be present to God’s people listen to God’s people, celebrate Sunday Mass and sacraments with God’s people, especially the sacrament of Penance. As Pope Francis says, “have the smell of the sheep.” I promised obedience to my bishop on the day of priestly ordination but can do so with a full heart only if my bishop and our bishops refuse to be defensive in the face of these heinous crimes and the clericalism that protects the guilty. Please do not try to downplay this most serious moment in the history of the church in our country. To do so will mean that the number of young people the church already is losing will grow, and those we lose will remain lost. We rely on our bishops to hear the voices of those who have been wounded so grievously, and whose voices have too long been silenced. Repentance demands asking forgiveness of them, and doing penance for them and ourselves. It can no longer be business as usual.

I cannot speak for other priests but only for myself. I take to heart that advertisement shown before every ballgame at Miller Park. “If you see something, say something.” I promise that I will not cover up anything that I feel puts the most vulnerable at risk. I promise that if I see something that threatens them, I will say something. I promise.

Sometimes I am told that the Church is being singled out regarding this crisis. Schools, hospitals, other institutions, even our families, have predators, we are told. But I believe the church ought to be and must be singled out and held to a higher standard. The Church is about Jesus Christ. The Church is about Him. The Church must be held to the highest standard, for God’s sake.

Finally I admire you, God’s people, whose faith humbles me and gives me heart. I would understand if you thought the news of this summer to be the last straw. But like Peter you stay and say, “Lord, to whom would we go?” Your anger is holy, your frustration and disappointment are a call to repentance. My hero Blessed John Henry Newman insisted that throughout history the laity has preserved and protected the Church. I am confident this is the hour for it to happen again.

The Lord be with you.  
Father John Parr

## SEAS STEWARDSHIP

### Christmas Caring and Sharing

On December 7, 2018, SEAS will be hosting **Christmas Caring and Sharing** for our Food Pantry guests. Empty boxes were distributed after Masses last weekend for you to pick up, fill up with food items that will enable our families to enjoy a wonderful Christmas meal, and return to church by Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. We are also asking at this time for any donated items in **new or like new** condition to be dropped off at the parish. We are especially in need of sheets, towels, toys, blankets, socks, underwear, and boys' clothing. Then on Dec. 7, those boxes filled with your generous gifts of food will be handed out to those in need and our guests will have the opportunity to "shop" for their families for Christmas gifts. You have the opportunity to be one of Santa's elves that day as it takes many volunteers to make this day as special as it can be for our guests. Please consider volunteering! If you have any questions about how you can give to Caring and Sharing by way of donating your time, talent, or treasure, please contact Sr. Bridget or Carol Reider. 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.

## VETERANS DAY NOV. 11TH

A Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,  
You instill in all of Your creation an  
order and value.

You call Your children "very good."  
We surrender to You  
the conflicts that tear your family  
apart.

We pray for an end to blindness  
that places pride, greed, power, and  
selfishness above human dignity  
and brotherly love.

We pray in gratitude  
for all of those who have defended  
peace, virtue, and justice with honor.

We pray especially for those  
who have suffered in mind and body  
from the ravages of war.

Let Your Kingdom come!  
May Your peace that surpasses all  
understanding  
reign in our hearts and in our world.  
Amen.



## THANK YOU

The entire Stephens family would like to sincerely thank all the families of SEAS for their prayers and support during our granddaughter, Sascha's time at St. Jude's in Memphis. We are ecstatic to report that all of Sascha's brain scans are CLEAR and she returned home to Eau Claire on October 11 in time to celebrate her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. After being away from home for 11 months, she is one happy little 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Immaculate Conception School and is thoroughly enjoying being a "kid" again. Prayers are indeed powerful and the Stephens family is truly blessed.

Love and Irish hugs,  
Pat & Joanne

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Thank you to all the Knights who helped with Christmas Bazaar setup and tear down! It couldn't have been done without your help!

## NEXT WEEKEND

Attention All Parishioners— Please pick up the parish mailing that will be in the gathering area next weekend, Nov. 17/18. This is the winter newsletter and inside you will find important Advent information. Please help the parish save on postage by picking yours up. All registered members will receive one.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



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

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

### “The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina” ...a Series NOT Worth Watching

Netflix has released the first season of its highly anticipated spooky series, The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina. Based on the original comic, not the 90s sitcom Sabrina the Teenage Witch, this series comes with a whole host (pun intended) of reasons not to watch. Now here’s the deal... I consider myself a pretty open-minded person and I do not like the idea of blacklisting particular pieces of mainstream media, but this situation, in particular, is one that I can’t — and I would say you — should not be indifferent to. This show is a real-life invitation into the world of real-life witchcraft, which is a practice that real-life Satan uses to draw souls away from God and into his existence of eternal evil. Satan isn’t masking himself in familiar temptations or culturally accepted sin in this series. He’s come out in this show, not needing any sort of disguise, demanding to become a culturally accepted figure, proposing Satanism as a culturally accepted religion. Satan is real. There are real people who worship him, offer their lives to him, and cooperate with him and his demons in carrying forth his plans of evil throughout the world. This show is going to expose viewers to lifestyles and choices that are contrary to what God made us for; it’s problematic because it, in a very real way, exposes us to very real evil. When we do this, we can invite demonic activity into our lives without even realizing it.

Murphy, Leah. “The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina” LifeTeenBlog. <https://lifeteen.com/blog/netflix-series-thats-not-worth-watching/>



**Important Faith Formation Dates**  
Wed., Nov. 21 - No Faith Formation-Thanksgiving Break

Wed., Nov.28 - Penance Service for grades 4-6 from 6:30-7:45 in church. Open to all parishioners.

Thank you to all those families who donated items/monies for the theme baskets for the bazaar.



## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

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 with “Traveling with Mary” the studies of the Joyful Mysteries from the Gospel of Luke.

This Advent, we will offer “**The Role of the Holy Spirit**”. Three reflective presentations on the Roles of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit throughout Scripture and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The presentations by Mr. Brueggen are on **Tues, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30-7:30 with social time from 7:30-8:00.**

Please join us as we journey through scripture discovering the roles of the Holy Spirit and what role the Spirit wants to play in your life!! 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.

Make plans now to attend and bring your friends too. Mr. Brueggen

## DIOCESAN APPEAL



We have now reached **\$31,580** of our **\$84,910 target**. If you have not done so, please mail your pledge card to the Diocese as soon as possible.

Remember that anything reached over our target comes back to the parish tax free to be used for much needed maintenance. Prayerfully consider donating to the appeal. Thank you.

Attention Ministers of the Word/Lectors: Could you please pick up the new Lector workbook from the sacristy before Advent. There is one with your name on it waiting for you.

Also, Sandy will be working on the new schedule – Dec. thru Feb. Please let her know your dates of unavailability before Nov.15th and watch for the paper copies to be in the gathering area by November 17th.

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

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/ACH/Plate.....	\$21,984	\$11,031	<b>\$10,953</b>	\$573,616
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$189,304	\$198,558	<b>- \$9,254</b>	





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday, November 11</b>		<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	Mass †	Beverly Limberg
9:00 am	Simple Living	
10:15 am	Mass	People of SEAS
<b>Monday, November 12</b>		<b>St. Josaphat</b>
8:30 am	Mass	KC Military Veterans
6:30 pm	Pastoral Council	
<b>Tuesday, November 13</b>		<b>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</b>
7:00 am	Mass †	Bruce & Florence Ziegler
4:30 pm	Finance Council	
6:00 pm	Wrap up Meeting/Potluck for Bazaar	
6:30 pm	RCIA	
<b>Wednesday, November 14</b>		<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Fr. Ray Pedretti
6:30 pm	Youth Faith Formation Classes	
<b>Thursday, November 15</b>		<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Steve Borski
6:30 pm	Choir	
<b>Friday, November 16</b>		<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Jerome Frohmader
<b>Saturday, November 17</b>		<b>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</b>
8:00 am	Pray the Rosary	
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance	
		<b>Vigil: St. Elizabeth of Hungary</b>
5:00 PM	Mass †	Marilyn Beranek
<b>Sunday, November 18</b>		<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	Mass	People of SEAS
10:15 am	Mass †	Donna Dummer



**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
**MASS - 9:00 AM**

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23**



## ELIZABETH MINISTRY



### The Rosebud Program

The new Elizabeth Ministry program at SEAS is introducing a visual reminder of the power of prayer through the Rosebud program. At the front of the church in the sanctuary under our Blessed Mary, you will see a vase of roses on a new cabinet constructed by parishioner Len Beranek in memory of his wife Sandy. These roses each represent a sacred life and each color represents a different prayer request. A **pink** rosebud honors pregnancy and the unborn baby. A **red** rosebud celebrates birth or adoption. A **white** rosebud remembers a child lost through miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or infant or child death (whether recent or in the past). A **yellow** rosebud represents those waiting to conceive or adopt. A **blue** rosebud represents those families experiencing troubling times, and a **purple** rosebud represents grandparents' concerns.

When the occasion arises, simply approach the altar, pick out the appropriate rosebud, and place it in the vase. A journal is available to fill out with your name or with an anonymous notation whatever details you would like the parish to hold in prayer. Prayer cards for the various situations are located next to the roses and can be taken home and kept for personal meditation. The roses will serve as reminders to all members of the parish to hold your intentions in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Reider at 608-526-4424.

## THANK YOU



Words can not express the gratitude for the many awesome volunteers who helped with this years Christmas Bazaar. It takes so many hands to make this fundraiser a success. From the baking, donating, set up, and workers at the booths, please know how appreciated your time, talent, and treasure are to our parish.

## SNOWBIRDS



Leaving us for the winter? Please let the parish office know whether to forward your mail or hold it while you are gone. Safe travels and blessings to you over the holidays.