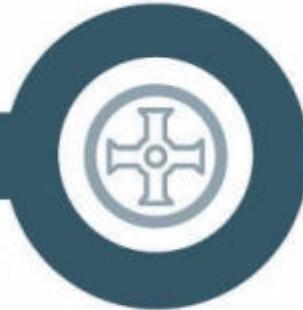




All Saints Day
November 1, 2020

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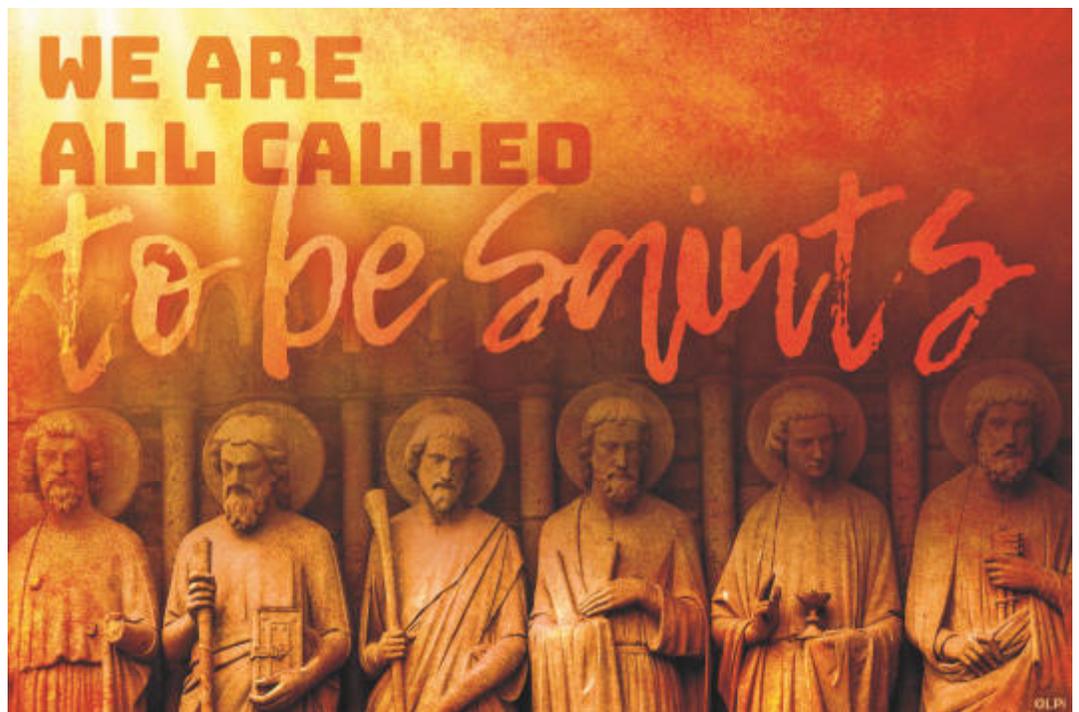
THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

We name saints as “leaders in the faith.” But I don’t think a single canonized saint would like being called such a thing. Saints know that we have only one leader, Jesus the Lord. In my youth I remember reading a quote that has stayed with me over these many years. “The timid move in crowds, the brave in single file.” A leader has to be brave enough to take the first step. A leader must be willing to step out front and risk getting hurt. In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus commends the younger son who dares to take the first step of coming home, without any word of invitation from his father and promise of being welcomed. Of course the father takes the first step of running to his son without being asked for forgiveness.

My brother, Jim, is a year younger than me. We shared a bedroom during our growing up years. I wasn’t a good older brother to him in many ways. He would be my substitute delivering newspapers when I couldn’t do so for some reason, and often he did it without much notice. And often I didn’t so much ask him to do it as tell him. He played baseball but not with my passion. He was a catcher but I think not by his choosing but my own. I was a pitcher and needed him. He shared my father’s love for farming. When he made an investment in raising pigs, I made a financial investment but did not help with the labor. I am the older brother, but Jim is the true leader. Seldom if ever did he raise his voice or refuse to help me or make demands on me. When we got angry at one another, he was the first one to forgive.

I know lots of leaders in the church, and by virtue of ordination am expected to be one myself. But the leaders who lead are those who seek to be attentive to others, try new paths, live forgiveness. Such ways may not make us saints. But such ways will make us saintly. And who knows what made be made from that.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr



STEWARDSHIP



On this Feast of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our big brothers and sisters in Christ: the saints! This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards.

Saints inspire us and lead us to Christ by their example of heroic virtue. Sainthood is meant for all of us — not just the canonized, and not only the martyrs and missionaries. At our Baptism, we all receive the call to holiness and discipleship — in other words, the call to sainthood. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must strive to become saints! Thankfully, through the stewardship way of life, we can each discover our unique path to do just that.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

GIFT OF TREASURE

Want to continue to give but are not able to make it to Mass? We have a simple solution. Try the convenient online giving option. If you visit our website at www.seasholmen.org you will find a button that will link you to this option. It is user friendly. You can choose to give one time or set up recurring donations. You can use your savings/checking/credit or debit card. If you have any questions regarding the set up, please contact Sandy in the parish office. Thank you for your stewardship to our parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Father McGivney, founder of Knights of Columbus, beatification ceremony was October 31st. St. Father McGivney, pray for us!

Check out our website and Facebook page for our newsletter, programs, and upcoming events.

www.seasholmen.org/knights-of-columbus.html



The Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

SEAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We continue to be grateful to our Hospitality Ministers who make it possible for us to offer Masses with COVID requirements. We are offering a **training workshop**



for new Hospitality Ministers on **Tuesday evening, November 17th at 6:30 pm**. This training is open to anyone from high school age (with parents) on up who is willing to assist us in this ministry. Many volunteers are needed as we move into December and begin our planning for Christmas and beyond. If you would like to help out but cannot make this training workshop, please contact Carol at 608-526-4424 or carol@seasholmen.org. Thank you for your service.

TOYS FOR CARING AND SHARING



We have begun our registrations with our guests for Christmas Caring and Sharing, which takes place on Friday, Dec. 4th. Because of the way our event works this year due to COVID, we have specific “wish lists” from our guests. If you would like to be matched with a family in order to provide a few of the “wished for” toys for the children in that specific family, please email Carol at carol@seasholmen.org. Thank you for helping spread the joy of Christmas to our littlest brothers and sisters in need.

Other general items we are in most need of at this time are blankets, sheets, and bath and kitchen towels. These can be dropped off at the church during any of our open hours. Thank you and God bless.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Lorraine Atkinson
Judy Bockenbauer
Mike Bruha
Rebecca Chatfield
Paul Collins
Marilyn Cottrell
William Alan Davis
Ethan William Doe
The Donaldson Family
Sherry Hanson
June Kukovec
Angela LaFleur

Angela LaFleur
Bob Langer
Deanna Mason
Ken Proctor
Cindy Rittman
Bailey Rohrer
Mary Roerkohl
Barry Schaller
Sascha Stephens
Phyllis Thaldorf
Colleen Tisil
Addison Quinn Usitalo

FAITH FORMATION

Sainthood is Radical but it Doesn't Always Look Radical

The saints lived incredible, heroic, nearly unbelievable moments because their love for God was just as radical in those moments as it was in the most un-incredible moments of their lives. They were able to surrender to such incredible trials and circumstances, and accomplish such feats because they resolved to love God through the most basic moments — they kept their gaze on God as they navigated their day-to-day and that allowed them to keep their gaze on Him when they were most challenged.

This meant they prayed when life was boring. They sought the face of Christ when the people around them seemed annoying. They continued to pursue God, even when it felt like it would have been way easier to abandon Him and the life He called them to.

Additionally, they found joy in those ordinary moments — even when life seemed the most “blaaah.” The saints, aware of their identity in God and His love for them, knew they still had a reason to be joyful.

Murphy, Leah. When the Saints Seem too Cool for You. web. <https://lifeteen.com/blog/saints-seem-cool/>

Important Faith Formation Dates

Wednesday, Nov. 4-Grade 2 meet in church 6:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 4-Grade 9 Zoom meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 11-Grade 9 meet in church 6:30pm

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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THE ROSEBUD PROGRAM



As part of the Elizabeth Ministry program at SEAS, the Rosebud Program is a visual reminder of the power of prayer. At the front of the church in the sanctuary under our Blessed Mary, you will see a vase of roses, each representing a sacred life with each color representing 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.

We invite all parishioners when the occasion arises, to 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 can't make it into church at this time but would like a rose placed for you, please contact Carol Reider at 608-526-4424 or carol@seasholmen.org.

PARISH INCOME (FISCAL YEAR 7/1/20-6/30/21)

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$7,698	\$11,638	-\$3,940	\$605,176
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$179,296	\$197,846	-\$18,550	

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608-791-2667. God bless you!

LECTORS

If you are now returning to Mass and wish to serve as a Lector once again, please contact Carol or Sandy in the parish office to be added to our new "Covid Lector" ministry list. This will give you access to the Ministry Scheduler Pro app so that you can sign up when you are interested and available to serve. At this time, lectors schedule themselves; no automatic scheduling is done.



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



As of 10/27/2020

Target: \$86,710

Pledged: \$12,111

Total Registered Families: 863

Total Pledged Families: 37

Mail your pledge card directly back to the diocese in the addressed envelope provided. Please do NOT drop them off at the parish office as we do not handle the money for this campaign.

If you wish to donate online and save a stamp, do so at: diolc.org/donate-online. To designate our parish use #483 in the dropdown menu. Thank you.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm and Sun. 8:00 & 10:15 am

Weekday: 8:30am

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8am-4pm, Fri. 8am - noon

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: 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.

Parish Council Members

Alyson Haugen

Jennifer Fisk

Brian Clements

Christine Olson

Mary Lenz

Kathy Nicklaus

Bill Heinz

Patty Heiderscheit

Finance Council Members

Larry Warzynski

Janice Dvoracek

Pat Stephens

Shawn Handland

Barry Ploessl

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1		All Saints Day
8:00 am	Mass †	Victor and Catherine Wolf
10:15 am	Mass	People of SEAS
6:30 pm	Confirmation Session in church	
Monday, November 2		All Souls Day
8:30 am	Mass †	Marian McKenzie
Tuesday, November 3		Weekday
8:30 am	Mass †	Angeline Haug
4:30 pm	Finance Council Meeting	
Wednesday, November 4		St. Charles Borromeo
8:30 am	Mass †	Cecil Rochester
6:30 pm	2nd Grade Sacrament of Penance	
Thursday, November 5		Weekday
8:30 am	Mass †	Howard Linskey
Friday, November 6		Weekday
8:30 am	Mass †	Lorraine Novy
Saturday, November 7		Weekday
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance	
	Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 PM	Mass †	Sharon Martin
Sunday, November 8		32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Mass †	Everett Parr
10:15 am	Mass	People of SEAS

CARING AND SHARING FOOD BOXES



The Food Pantry committee will again ask parishioners to provide a Christmas gift for a family in need by filling a box with non-perishable food items. We especially want to include foods that go together to make meals. On **Nov. 7 and 8**, we will hand out empty boxes after Masses. **Please return filled box no later than Monday, Nov. 23rd.**

Suggested items are noted on the boxes as well. Canned Chicken, Meats, Tuna, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Pancake Mix + Syrup, Beef Stew, Rice, Sides, Stuffing Mix, Hot Cocoa Mix, Bear Creek Dried Soup, Oatmeal, Christmas Candy, Canned Fruit, Popcorn, Nuts. Thank You and God Bless You!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Souls' Day

In Catholic tradition, November has been the month to remember loved ones who have died. The book of eternal life will be placed near the altar up front on November 1. All parishioners are invited to list the name of their loved ones and the date they entered into eternal life. Also, during the month of November, there will be candles near altar that honor those members of our parish family who died on November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020.

Please remember in your prayers:

Aaron Pelowski	1 November 2019
Larry Roberts	5 November 2019
Wilma Worthington	6 November 2019
Rodney Clark	29 November 2019
Jeannine Auricchio	25 December 2019
Patrice Gatzlaff	26 December 2019
Susan Amundsen	14 January 2020
Marian McKenzie	15 February 2020
Jack Kruse	8 April 2020
Ernie Modjeski	17 April 2020
Jerome Malin	8 May 2020
Emily Campbell	24 May 2020
Leona Ostrander	7 July 2020
DeEtte Gillmeister	31 July 2020
Sharon Clark	29 September 2020
Sara Balaker	30 September 2020
Kenneth White	10 October 2020

On Monday, November 2nd during the 8:30 am Mass, names of the deceased listed above, will be called as family members who are present will come forward to light a candle in his/her memory. Please join us. Social distancing and masks are required.

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE



The SEAS Huberters group is raffling off a 2021 Polaris 500 UTV. Only 500 tickets sold. \$40.00 each. Contact Pat Brueggen at the parish office for more information.

WEDDING BANNERS

III. Laura Guyer and Nathan Johnson

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