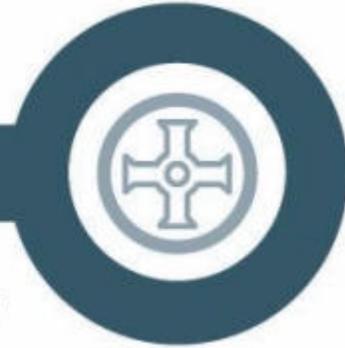




Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 8, 2020

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## THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

The Church assures us that there are many people in heaven. We call them saints. However the Church does not tell us that anyone is in hell. Hell exists, to be sure. But we are not told that Hitler, Stalin, Osama bin Laden or anyone else is in hell. What we know is that God makes the rain of his mercy fall upon the just and the unjust.

I am always perplexed by believers who want heaven to include some and exclude others. It confounds me why people find comfort in thinking that this person or that group won't know eternal joy. I am ashamed when I find myself wanting to be stingy with God's love. Sometimes there is nothing harder to take than the grace of God when it is shown to someone else. I remember my beloved grandmother, devout Methodist, who once told the family that if she went to heaven her joy would not be full until all of us were together.

As we approach the end of the church year we again focus on the four last things: heaven and hell, life and death. Together may we ask the Lord to take from our hearts any feelings of "being better than" or "greater than" or "superior to" any other person. Authentic religion never puts us above others, but always puts us with others. And I believe with all my heart that our God who created us to be together died to keep us that way.

The Lord be with you.  
Father John Parr



32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'" - Mt 25:9

## STEWARDSHIP

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure — is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Thank you to all of the Veterans.  
Happy Veterans Day!**

**General Meeting on November 8th**  
All men are invited to join our Knights of Columbus general meeting. This month we'll be meeting on Zoom from 7-8 pm. Come and get involved with other men at the parish in this great fraternal group! If you are interested in attending, contact Emil Meindl at: [KC9385@seasholmen.org](mailto:KC9385@seasholmen.org). We look forward to seeing you there!



## FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



Money in marriage is connected to communication, spirituality, intimacy, and health. Both parties need to be involved in the finances. Newly married couples find that financial issues can be some of the most difficult issues they face. Handling money brings up a lot of issues — your willingness to work with each other, to trust each other, and to understand each other and the power struggles that may come with figuring out how to spend money. Spend time this week thinking about how you communicate together about your finances. Are there areas that need improvement? If so, set aside some time for the two of you to honestly, patiently, and respectfully talk together to become more cohesive with your financial well-being.

## CARING AND SHARING



We have 100 families registered for our annual Caring and Sharing event. The event takes place on Fri., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Because of the way our event works this year due to COVID, we have specific "wish lists" from our registered 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](mailto: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  
William Alan Davis  
Ethan William Doe  
The Donaldson Family  
Sherry Hanson  
June Kukovec  
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

“Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in?” “..we respond with passionate action or selfish indifference.” “What does the world need? It needs holy moments.” History is a collection of holy moments and unholy moments.” A holy moment is a moment when you make yourself completely available to God. You set self-interest aside, you set aside what you want to do or feel like doing, and for that moment you do exactly what you sense God is calling you to do.” If you came to Mass last weekend your family was gifted a book, *Rediscovering the Saints* by Matthew Kelly. I have wanted to quote so much out of it already including the excerpt above and I’m only on page 10. It’s so relevant for these days. The copies are plentiful, so if you weren’t at Mass, stop by and pick up your free copy.

Mary Luebke  
C.R.E. Pre-K- Grade 5

### Important Faith Formation Dates

Wed., Nov. 14-Grade 9 meet in church 6:30pm  
Wed., Nov. 21-Grade 2 meet in church 6:30pm  
Wed., Nov. 21-Grade 9 zoom meeting 6:30pm

## REACHING OUT



Do you know of a parishioner who might benefit from a card or a call from someone in our Homebound Ministry? During these unusual days, getting a beautiful handcrafted card in the mail might just be the gesture someone needs. Please contact the

parish office if you know of someone we should add or even if you yourself would like to be added to our list. We as a parish need to stay connected to one another. Let’s spread some kindness to our fellow parishioners even if we don’t get to see each other on a regular basis right now. God Bless You!

## LECTORS NEEDED

If you are 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 Lector ministry list.

## AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

You are invited to the 2020 Gold Gala! The Aquinas 2020 Gold Gala will be on Saturday, November 14th at 6:30 CST. This gala helps support our five schools by raising funds for our STEM initiatives & helping to update our curricular support for inquiry-based learning. The event will be a live streaming VIRTUAL event! For more information, please visit: [www.aquinascatholicschools.org/gold-gala](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/gold-gala).

## HUBERTERS RAFFLE TICKETS



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.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE



As of 11/3/2020

Target: \$86,710

Pledged: \$23,500

Total Registered Families: 863

Total Pledged Families: 80

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](http://diolc.org/donate-online). To designate our parish use #483 in the dropdown menu. Thank you.

## ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

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](http://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 savings/checking/credit or debit. If you have any questions regarding the set up, please contact Sandy in the parish office. Thank you for your stewardship to our parish.

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

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$4,274	\$11,638	-\$7,364	\$605,176
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$148,718	\$209,484	-\$60,766	

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

### Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign!

Pro-Life Wisconsin's Helping Both Program fills the gap for families and gives hope to moms in crisis pregnancies. Your generosity provides the financial resources to continue supporting families in need.

Donate at: [www.prolifewi.org/donate](http://www.prolifewi.org/donate)



## ST. PATRICK'S ADESSE RAFFLE

St. Patrick's Parish in Onalaska has ADESSE calendar raffle tickets for sale at their parish office. Tickets are \$25.00 and are eligible for 365 drawings in 2021. No limit as to how many times a ticket can win. These make wonderful holiday gifts. Call 608-783-5535 for more info.

## FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse offers many wonderful programs. To receive their calendar of events visit: [www.fscenter.org](http://www.fscenter.org) or check out their Facebook page. Many events are offered online.

## MASS INTENTIONS

It is the custom of the Catholic Church that priests remember specific intentions at the celebration of the Eucharist. Normally, a small offering or stipend (customarily \$10 in the Diocese of La Crosse) is given for a Mass intention. Anyone can request a particular intention for which a Mass can be offered.

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for someone, we have openings for intentions throughout 2021. Please contact Sandy in the Parish Office (526-4424).

**Fellow parishioners enjoy listening to the Catholic radio station Relevant Radio. The programs are enjoyable to listen to and invite continued growth in the Catholic faith. Perhaps you may wish to "give a listen" on 1570 AM or checkout the website: [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com).**

If contributing to the **Mission Sunday** collection from Oct. 20, please return those envelopes no later than **Nov. 20th**. Thank you for your generosity.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH RECTORY & OFFICE

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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

<b>Sunday, November 8</b>		<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	Mass †	Everett Parr
10:15 am	Mass	People of SEAS
7:00 pm	General KC Meeting on zoom	
<b>Monday, November 9</b>		<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>
8:30 am	Mass	Special Intention for the Nolen Family
<b>Tuesday, November 10</b>		<b>St. Leo the Great</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Angeline Haug
6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	
<b>Wednesday, November 11</b>		<b>St. Martin of Tours</b>
8:30 am	Mass	Special Intention for Knights of Columbus Military Veterans
6:30 pm	9th Grade Faith Formation in church	
<b>Thursday, November 12</b>		<b>St. Josaphat</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Angeline Haug
<b>Friday, November 13</b>		<b>St. Francis Xavier Cabrini</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Don Noller
<b>Saturday, November 14</b>		<b>Weekday</b>
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance	
<b>Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
5:00 PM	Mass †	Susan Schafer
<b>Sunday, November 15</b>		<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	Mass	People of SEAS
10:15 am	Mass †	LaVern and Irma Von Ruden

## BOOK OF ETERNAL LIFE

November is the month to remember loved ones who have died. The book of eternal life is placed in the sanctuary for November. All parishioners are invited to list the name of their loved ones and the date they entered into eternal life. If you are not able to come to church at this time due to Covid, please know you may call the parish office and ask to have a name placed in the book for you.



## REST IN PEACE



**Mary Zastrow**, age 88, died on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Her funeral was celebrated at SEAS on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. She is survived by her husband, Gaylord. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers. *May she rest in peace.*

## CARING AND SHARING FOOD BOXES

If you pick up a food box after Mass this weekend for the Caring and Sharing event, we ask that you **please return the filled box no later than Mon., Nov. 23rd.** Thank you for your generosity in providing this Christmas gift for our pantry guests.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:carol@seasholmen.org). Thank you for your service.



## NOVEMBER 11

*In our thoughts and in our prayers.*

*Thank you to all those who have served.*



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