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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Baptized in Water

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Psalm Response

R. You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly
 from the springs of sal - va - tion.

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Stewardship Prayer

God our Creator,

you made us all that we are and gave us all that we have. Help us to live a life of gratitude by using your gifts to serve others in your name.

Jesus my Redeemer,

you call us to share your life by loving service to others. Grant us the courage to live as your disciples.

Holy Spirit of God,

fire our hearts with your love and make us good and generous stewards of your life within us.

We pray Lord,

that you open the minds and hearts of all the people of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, that we may joyfully accept your call to live as stewards of your abundant gifts for our salvation and your greater glory. **Amen.**

THE BANE AND BLESSED



That wise woman Erma Bombeck wrote a book entitled "The Grass is Always Greener over the Septic Tank." That thought comes to mind as we talk these days about the "greener" time before Covid. The good old days without masks, not keeping people at arm's length, going where you want to go, being in crowds of people with no worry except, perhaps, for the time that may be involved. Especially the "greener" days were without illness and death. Classrooms were filled, businesses open, all was right with the world. Except it wasn't. The "greener" world had the septic tank. Our world before the pandemic was a world filled with angry politics, violence in the home and streets, prejudice and racism, the hungry, unemployed and uninsured.

We look over our shoulders at what we mistakenly believe to be the "greener" times, hoping that the "new normal" will be like yesterday only better. We want the church to again be filled on Sunday but forgetting our churches have not been filled on Sundays for a long while. Statistics tells us 25% of Catholics

worship weekly. More Catholics are leaving the church than are being baptized or received into it. Like society at large, before the pandemic the church was experiencing convulsions and division. Whatever the "new normal" may be, I hope it will not be just a return to what was. I pray that the perils of the pandemic and nastiness of our politics have changed us and taught us that we do belong to one another, we rely on one another, we need one another.

The day Jesus stepped into the Jordan waters for baptism, he stood with us as sinners and shared our fear, brokenness and weakness that marks humanity. But when he stepped out of the river, dripping wet, he called us and summoned us to stand with him. He calls us not to work for a "new normal," not to aspire for a return of the "greener" yesterday, he calls us to the Kingdom of God. We have been baptized in Christ and he wants us to live our lives wet and in him hear the Father tell us, "in you I am well pleased."

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

I won't know all the stories and worries,
the pain and problems, the hardships and heartaches
filling the hearts of those whose paths cross mine
today...

Nor will others know the problems and predicaments,
the fears and foreboding my own heart carries,
hidden deep within...

So, help us, Lord,
be as gentle and patient with one another today,
as you are with us, day in and day out...

Amen.
Fr. Austin Fleming
www.concordpastor.blogspot.com

PRAYER REQUESTS



REMEMBER
in your prayers

The Donaldson Family
Brooke Isabel Nelson
Ken Proctor
Bailey Rohrer
Phyllis Thaldorf

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 published. Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION

Finding Gratitude in small matters.

It's amazing how big and hard and overwhelming everything feels when we try to take it in ALL at once. Perhaps God isn't asking us to understand the big picture - just yet - perhaps He's whispering in our ears just to keep going, to keep appreciating the small moments, to keep finding a way to meet Him in our neighbor and just love as best as we possibly can. When we're tempted to ask such big questions like: Why haven't we combatted COVID yet? Maybe, we're being called instead to ask, what simple things can I do for those who are suffering? When our hearts are in knots at the question, Why haven't we abolished racism? Maybe we should ask instead, What can I do to become a conscientious and compassionate neighbor? When the news blares the question of why is our nation overwrought with economic difficulties? In what small areas of my life can I better save, and where can I give away the rest? See where I'm going here? **God is a God of the big circumstances, but He is just as faithful in small matters as He is in the large ones.** Jesus reminds us of this in Luke 16:10. He says, "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much."

Penate, Rachel, 2020: Finding Gratitude in the Small Matters. Lifeteen Blog. web.https://lifeteen.com/blog/2020-finding-gratitude-small-matters/

Important Faith Formation Dates

Sun., Jan. 10 Confirmation Sponsor Session 6:30-8pm

Wed., Jan. 13 Faith Formation At-Home Learning resumes

Wed., Jan. 13 - 9th grade meets in church 6:30 pm

ST. MARGUERITE



On January 12, we celebrate the feast day of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys. Marguerite was born in France in 1620 but, at the invitation of the governor,

traveled to Canada in 1653. There she opened schools and dedicated herself to the education of women. She and the young women who joined her opened numerous day schools and boarding schools. This group of women became known as the Congregation of Notre Dame. There were forty members at the time of her death in 1700, and there are more than 2000 today. The hallmark of St. Marguerite's life was her selfless love and dedicated service. Her life speaks of her conviction of having been loved and called by God. Let us pray that we, too, may believe with all our hearts in what God has called us to do. May God help us to have conviction like hers to offer our ordinary circumstances to God.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because he needed to repent — rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do.

It is from His mission that we can receive the sacrament of baptism — when we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ — we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live should reveal Whose we are.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord today, let us reflect on what it means to be a son or daughter of God. Let us resolve with conviction to make God the King of our hearts, live by His commands, and share with Him our time and gifts. Let us pray that our lives might be a reflection of our relationship with Christ.

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE



Parish Target: \$86,710

As of 1/4/2020:

Short by \$26,923

Thanks to the 149 donors who have pledged so far.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:8-10

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

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$15,949	\$11,638	\$4,311	\$605,176
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$275,965	\$302,588	-\$26,623	

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10	Baptism of the Lord
8:00 am Mass †	Susan Schafer
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS
6:30 pm	Confirmation Session
Monday, January 11	Weekday
8:30 am Mass	Priest Intention
Tuesday, January 12	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Catherine Furman
4:30 pm	Finance Meeting
Wednesday, January 13	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Benno Scholze Jr.
Thursday, January 14	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Hannora Parr
Friday, January 15	Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Albert & Lillian Kelley
Saturday, January 16	Weekday
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance
	Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Mass †	Lynn Schultz
Sunday, January 17	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass †	Lorraine Novy
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS

DID YOU KNOW?



The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist together are called the Sacraments of Initiation.

These three sacraments are the foundation of the

Christian life, and every Catholic should receive all three. All three connect us more closely with our parish community, and in all three we receive the Holy Spirit and the grace and the gifts of the Spirit. However, each sacrament has its own unique effects. In Baptism, we begin new life in Christ. With Confirmation, we are strengthened to live more fully Christ's call to serve. The Eucharist nourishes us to live as Christ's disciples in our journey through this life. These Sacraments of Initiation, like all the seven Sacraments, are rooted in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and the Tradition of the Church.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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
 Shawn Handland
 Janice Dvoracek
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 Pat Stephens

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knight of Columbus Blood Drive
 Our council is inviting you to donate blood this month.

Thursday January 21st
12:30 - 5:30
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Communion Hymns

Psalm 42/ As the Deer Longs

Verse 1: As the deer longs for flowing streams. So longs my soul for you, O God. My soul does thirst, for the living God, when shall I come to see your face?

Verse 2: My tears have fed me day and night, while some have said "Where is your God?" But I recall, as my soul pours dry, the days of praise within your house.

Verse 3: Why do I mourn and toil within, when it is mine To hope in God? I shall again sing praise to him, he is my help, he is my God.

FLOW RIVER FLOW

Bob Hurd

Refrain

Flow riv - er flow, flow o - ver me, O liv - ing wa - ter,
poured out for free; O liv - ing wa - ter, flow o - ver me.

Verses

1. You will be mine and I will be your God,
2. The blind shall see, the mute shall find a voice,
3. Who - ev - er drinks the wa - ter I will give

1. for I will wash you clean. And a new
2. the lame shall leap for joy. Riv - ers will
3. will nev - er thirst a - gain. The drink I

1. heart, a — heart of flesh and feel - ing, I will
2. flow in to dry and bar - rer des ert, flow - ers
3. give is an ev - er - flow - ing riv - er, well - ing

to Refrain

1. place with - in you — for your heart of stone.
2. bloom in splen - dor, — glo - ry fill the land.
3. up with - in you to give e - ter - nal life.

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Closing Hymn

RIVER OF GLORY

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness
and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of
God! God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!

Verses

1. Foun - tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -
2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the
3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all
4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our

to Refrain

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!
2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth!
3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!
4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

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