

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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Opening Hymn

THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME

BUNESSAN

1. This day God gives me Strength of high heav - en, Sun and moon
2. This day God sends me Strength as my guard - ian, Might to up -
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is 'round me, God's host de -
4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and Strong One, King of cre -

1. shin - ing, Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of light - ning, Wind in its
2. hold me, Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are watch - ful, Your ears are
3. fends me, Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of heav - en, Drive from me
4. a - tion, Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con - fess - ing Three-ness of

1. swift - ness, Deeps of the o - cean, Firm - ness of earth.
2. lis - t'ning, Your lips are speak - ing, Friend at my side.
3. al - ways All that would harm me, Stand by me still.
4. Per - sons, One - ness of God - head, Trin - i - ty blest.

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READING I

Psalm Response: I will walk before
the Lord, in the land of the living.

READING II

GOSPEL

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.**



PSALM 116

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.

THE BANE AND BLESSED

Often I have spoken about my friends Tom and Mary Pat who live in Wausau. For many years along with others they have served the needs of people living in Jamaica and Kenya.

In June I received an email from Kenya. Tom sent a photo of Nicholas holding “new” clothes given to him through the generosity of donors. Nicholas is a man in his 50’s, I would guess. Tom asked that those receiving the photo look at it closely to see the tears in his eyes. Tom said, “Such a simple act to us, but for Nicholas this was the first time in his life that he received any gift and the first time he had ever received an item of new clothing.” Tom went on to say that he has seen Nicholas many times in the past two years but never was Nicholas wearing any clothing other than what he wears in the photo.

Helping Hands, the volunteer organization founded by Tom and Mary Pat, also built a new home for Nicholas and his wife Hannah. Tom says the new house has transformed their lives and words simply cannot describe the joy. In an accompanying photo we see a ribbon made by their hands. Two phrases are written on it: “God is good all the time” and “God does not discriminate.” Nicholas and Hannah say that if white people build a house for them, it is proof that God does not discriminate.

People come in a wide variety—different shades of color, height, shape, personality. Contrasts among individuals are readily evident. But the contrasts Jesus brought to light were of human making—rich and poor; privileged and oppressed; hard hearted and merciful.

On the day of baptism each of us was given new clothes. “See in this white garment an outward sign of your Christian dignity.” We have clothed ourselves in Christ. Like Nicholas may we wear our new clothes with gratitude and joy.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr



Stewardship

In today’s second reading from Saint James, we hear, “If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,’ but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So it is of faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” Let us all pray that our faith is apparent through our acts....that one may tell we are Christian by our loving acts of kindness to the most needy and vulnerable. Where do we use our time, talent, and treasure? In answering that question, we show that we are followers of Jesus...or not.



Knights of Columbus- District 25 Sportsmen’s Knight Out Raffle

Drawing: September 13th

Tickets: \$20 each or 6 for \$100

Prizes include archery and hunting equipment, jewelry, motel one night stays, power tools, Badger football tickets and many other prizes all totaling over \$9000. To purchase, contact us at 608-526-2467.

For Your Marriage

Gratitude goes a long way in helping build a strong and happy marriage. Try to notice the small things your spouse does and express gratitude freely and frequently. Too often, we get focused on the countless little things our spouses do to irritate us. Instead, look to the positive. A sincere compliment or an unexpected thank you can be very much appreciated. Having a household where gratitude is commonplace can lead to great harmony and peace. Marriages (and families) thrive in such an environment.

Christmas Caring and Sharing

Our annual Christmas Caring and Sharing event will take place on Dec. 3rd. This year we will be accepting the following donations: **bedding** (including comforters, blankets, and sheets), **towels** (kitchen and bath), **clothes** (all sizes of **winter** clothes from infants to adult plus size – including socks, underwear, and pajamas), **toys** (including craft kits, puzzles, games, building sets, and dolls), **coats**, and **Christmas items**. Keep in mind that these items are **Christmas gifts** and should be in new or like-new condition. You can drop your donations off in the guest room across from the kitchen. As always, thank you so very much for helping us make Christmas special and memorable for our guests, our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Faith Formation classes are under way as of Sept. 8. We meet most Wednesday evenings at the Holmen Middle School from 6:30-7:30 pm. for grades 1-9. Grade 2 is a sacrament prep year for First Penance and First Communion. It is not too late to register for classes. If you prefer to have your child learn at home,

we have a home school curriculum option. Please register from our website: seasholmen.org under the Faith Formation tab.

Important Faith Formation Dates

Sunday Sept. 12 Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School begins. 9:15-10 am at the Children's Palace 520 Amy Drive Holmen

Wednesday Sept. 15 6th grade presentation of Bibles 6:30 pm at church

Sunday Sept. 26 Confirmation Mentor Session 6:30 pm at church



The #1 reason people don't become Catholic is because....

no one has ever invited them!!!

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic or who has questions about the Catholic faith? Could this be the fulfillment for which your family is looking? If so, please contact Fr. Parr or Mr. Pat Brueggen for more information on the SEAS RCIA program. Pick up a brochure in the back of church...and pass it on.

Classes begin this fall on Tuesday evenings or by appointment.

Children's Stewardship

At this time, children are once again welcome to bring food offerings up to the altar during the Offertory Procession. Simply come to the back of the church after the Stewardship Prayer and a Hospitality Minister will direct them. Food offerings appreciated at this time include cereal, complete pancake mix, and crackers. If you forget to bring something from home, we have items in a basket in the back of church. This is a wonderful way to help your children participate in stewardship.

Your Help Needed:

Haiti Earthquake and Hurricane Ida

Please do what you can to alleviate the suffering caused by the earthquake in Haiti, and Hurricane Ida's battering of Louisiana. To learn how you can help, visit diolc.org/social-concerns.



Catholic Charities has been working with USCCB on establishing a list of needs for the Afghanistan Refugees coming to Fort McCoy. The main task that USCCB and Catholic Charities have been tasked with is setting up morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) centers. We will be setting up a recreation area for children to play, a women's hospitality tent for them to gather, and a prayer center for all refugees.

Items are needed quickly, and monetary donations will allow us to go out and buy the supplies and get them to the Refugees as soon as possible. Monetary donations can be made through the Catholic Charities website or can be mailed to 3710 East Ave. S. in La Crosse. Items such as diapers, bottled water, new socks, fall clothes and underwear of all sizes can be dropped off at the same address on Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 am-11:00 am and 1:00 pm-3:00 pm or at Christen Farm Nursery. We greatly appreciate the support to be able to help those coming into our country feel welcomed. Any questions, contact: 608.519.8004 or email: csmith@cclse.org.

On Behalf of Bishop William Patrick Callahan ...

The restoration of the Cathedral of St. Joseph is progressing well and it is anticipated that the work will reach completion this Fall. I hope that you have taken an opportunity to view the Cathedral's website where they have provided updates on the construction, as well as live construction cams, allowing all to join in the excitement of bringing our Cathedral back to its glory. This work could never have been recognized had it not been for the support of all of you. The Christ Our Cornerstone campaign kicked off with a target goal of \$6.1M in January 2021 and I am extremely pleased to share that 143 parishes participated, with over 2200 donors, reaching the target goal. I extend my sincere appreciation to all who carried out this work through your participation, pledge payments and prayers. It is through the generosity of the faithful that we have been able to preserve our beloved Mother Church for generations to come. I ask that you take a moment and view a video message at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fnoMrJNWSJWIM4aBnyO2y-e7AmYOZrLv/view?usp=drive_web

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 12	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass † Susan Schafer	
9:15 am Wee Believe Sunday School	
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS
7:00 pm KC General Meeting	
Monday, September 13	St. John Chrysostom
8:30 am Mass † Sr. Bridget Donaldson	
Tuesday, September 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:30 am Mass † Ambrose Brown	
4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting	
Wednesday, September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
8:30 am Mass † Theresa Brueggen	
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday, September 16	Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
8:30 am Mass † Betsy Denzer	
Friday, September 17	Weekday
8:30 am Mass † Emily Campbell	
Saturday, September 18	Weekday
4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance	
	Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Mass † Joan Smith	
Sunday, September 19	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass † Matilda and Emil Hundt	
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS

Good Mourning Ministry

All are welcome to join our next gathering of Good Mourning Ministry on **Monday, Sept. 20th at 1:00 pm.** Many people feel lost and alone when experiencing the death of a child, spouse, parent, or sibling. While those around us may try to be supportive, the friendship and support of those who have also experienced a similar great loss can really aid in the healing process. Join us for practical help, support, prayer, friendship, and hope. Call Carol at the parish office for more information.

Reminder-This Week

Annual PCCW Rummage Sale /Town of Holland Hall

Monday, Sept. 13 – drop off donations from 11a - 7p
 Tuesday, Sept. 14 – drop off donations from 11a – 7p
 Thursday, Sept. 16 – Rummage Sale 1p – 7 p
 Friday, Sept. 17 – Half-price or \$4 a bag 8a – 1p
 Volunteer sign up sheets in the gathering place.



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 preparation session.

Marriage: 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
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 Christine Olson
 Mary Lenz
 Kathy Nicklaus
 Bill Heinz
 Patty Heiderscheit

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Lorraine Atkinson
 Renee Borkowski
 Rod and Linda Halvorson
 Sherry Hanson
 Bill Peters
 Ken Proctor

Cindy Ritteman
 Bailey Rohrer
 Aubrey Scott
 Phyllis Thaldorf
 Addison Quinn Usitalo
 David Wettstein

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. Contact the parish office to add and to remove requests. Thank you.



Weekend Breakfast 7am-11am
Lunch Menu starting at 11am
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Offertory Hymn

The Summons

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er he the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er he the same!
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean. And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show, Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

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 Tune: KELVINGROVE, 76767776; Scottish traditional, arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

Come to the Table



Communion Hymn

Eye Has Not Seen

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Eye has not seen...

2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

Eye has not seen...

3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near, reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

Eye has not seen...

4. We sing a myst'ry from the past in halls where saints have trod, yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Eye has not seen...

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Closing Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus KINGSFOLD

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that lifegiving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk Till traveling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt. Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.