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HE SAID TO THEM,
"GO INTO THE
WHOLE WORLD
AND PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL TO
every creature."

MARK 16:15

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Opening Hymn

BLEST BE THE LORD

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of
mer-cy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of
night, nor the ar-row that flies by day.

Verses

1. He will re-lease me from the nets of all my foes.
2. I need not shrink be-fore the ter-rors of the night,
3. Al-though a thou-sand strong have fall-en at my side,

1. He will pro-TECT me from their wick-ed hands.
2. nor stand a-lone be-fore the light of day.
3. I'll not be shak-en with the Lord at hand.

1. Be-neath the shad-ow of his wings I
2. No harm shall come to me, no ar-row
3. His faith-ful love is all the ar-mor

to Refrain

1. will re-joyce to find a dwell-ing place se-cre.
2. strike me down, no e-vil set-tle in my soul.
3. that I need to wage my bat-tle with the foe.

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READING I

Psalm Response: The Lord upholds my life.

READING II

GOSPEL

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.

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

In June President Biden and Queen Elizabeth had tea. What do you suppose they talked about? I doubt they talked about their children or grandchildren. Like every family the royal family has its share of disappointments in that regard. Perhaps they talked about the weather in Cornwall where President Biden had met with world leaders. Do you have tea while seated at table, or do you face one another? When you have tea with the Queen, do you actually drink the tea in her presence? Does she drink in yours? Is there a proper way to hold the cup? Prince Philip had just died so perhaps President and Mrs. Biden offered condolences. I am quite sure they did so. But still I wonder about small talk between the President of the United States and Queen of England.



But I realize that throughout my life it has been small talk that has mattered most. As a child growing up in La Farge I still remember the greetings offered by adults as they happened by. Or the good natured teasing. Or interest expressed in those things folks knew interested me or the friends I was with. All these years later I remember the small words that spoke to me and assured me that I mattered.

Jesus assured us that the mustard seed is the smallest of seeds but grows to be a large bush. Small words and small talk may not change the world. But then again they may well do so.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr

Stewardship

Those of us old enough to have studied the Baltimore Catechism learned:

Q. Why did God make me?

A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.

It is good to be reminded of these simple, yet profound, truths. God wants us to know Him. God wants us to love Him. God wants us to serve Him in this world. God wants us to be happy with Him forever. This is why we are here. Are we taking the time to get to know God? Are we spending time with God to build up our relationship so that we can grow in love? Are we serving God as He asks us? Each of us has to ask and answer these questions for ourselves. Our eternal life depends on the answers.

Christmas Caring and Sharing

Caring and Sharing will be holding a “raffle” for larger gift items from the donations we receive. The raffle items will need to be in place by the registration dates in the middle of October. If you have any larger items to donate, such as bikes, furniture, or specialty gifts, please bring them to church by October 6th. We are also accepting towels, blankets, toys, bedding, and winter clothes now through the middle of November in new or like-new condition. As always, thank you so much for your generosity in helping our guests experience the joy of Christmas.

Divorce Recovery

A Divorce Recovery support group will meet on Tues. evenings, Oct. 5-Nov. 9, at the Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse. This group is for those who have been through divorce, separation or the end of a long-term romantic relationship within the past three years. This group offers a safe place to share your experiences, receive support from others and explore a path for healing. Call 608-791-5295 to register or for more information.

Sr. Bridget's Brigade

This weekend after all Masses, you have the opportunity to sign up for the Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Bike/Run that will take place on **Sunday, October 10 at 1:30 pm** at Myrick Park. We will be gathering as a parish family to walk together in honor of Sr. Bridget, wearing tee-shirts with our team name “**Sr. Bridget's Brigade**”. Please join us to support her most beloved cause. Stop by the table for more information or call Carol at 608-526-4424

Update of Faith Formation

Faith formation began Sept. 8, 2021 with a feel of some normalcy and excitement. We are so very fortunate to be able to use the Holmen Middle School across from St. Elizabeth's to hold our in-person classes.



However, we will also be following all county recommendations as well as those set forth by the Holmen School District on the use of masks and social distancing. We will do our absolute best to keep our programming in person, but understand if the school decides to cancel all extra school activities, we too might be asked to go back to the home school on-line version.

As Christians, we shouldn't expect this to always be easy. We shouldn't expect it to always go our way. Sometimes we will be asked by God to choose the harder path. The good news is, HE will also be on that path. The scriptures tell us to be prepared and so we are. We have wonderful catechists, volunteers, helpers, and traffic guards all lined up and ready to go each week. When you see these individuals, please take a moment to say thank you to them.

In looking ahead, we are all so excited to see the children each week in person to share our faith with them. We also want to thank all those who homeschooled last year and have chosen to continue this tradition within their homes.

Lesson plans have been emailed or printed packets have been picked up for weekly lessons to be completed. Let's continue to pray with and for each other as we begin to share the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel. May God continue to bless our programs, volunteers, students and parents as we journey forward in another year of Faith Formation.

God bless,
Mr. Brueggen



Knights of Columbus

August Knight of the Month-Randy Stetzer

For all of his work keeping the grounds at St. Elizabeth's landscaped and beautiful. He

puts in many hours to help make our parish shine.

August Family of the Month-Chris and Kris Fry

For putting in so much of their time and talents into two large youth trips this summer: the CrossWoods Adventure Camp in northern Wisconsin and the mission trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana.

40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life Fall Vigil will be held Sept. 22 thru October 31, 2021. Yard signs will be available. The 2021 Fall Vigil location will be at the corner of South Ave and 7th St. in LaCrosse, outside Gundersen. You may sign up for vigil times at www.40daysforlife.com. For more info, please contact Marie Allen at 608-784-5189.



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.

Your Help Needed: Haiti Earthquake, Afghan Refugees, Hurricane Ida



Please do what you can to alleviate the suffering caused by the earthquake in Haiti, the plight of the thousands of Afghan refugees coming to the U.S. (many to Ft. McCoy outside Tomah), and Hurricane Ida's battering of Louisiana. To learn how you can help, visit: diolc.org/social-concerns

If you are returning to Mass and would like to once again serve as a Hospitality Minister, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Proclaimer of the Word, or Altar Server, please contact Carol Reider at 526-4424 or carol@seasholmen.org to be added back to the rosters and to receive updated training. At this time, no one is "scheduled" at any particular Mass; instead, you simply volunteer on the app or by email when you are able to serve. As always, thank you for your stewardship.

Attention Snowbirds: If you are leaving for the winter, could you please inform the parish office about how to handle your mailings/envelopes. The post office charges us fees for returned mail. If you wish for us to hold your mail, please let us know. Thank you.



Save the Date— Annual Bazaar is Sat., Nov. 13, 2021
More info to follow

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 19	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass	† <i>Matilda and Emil Hundt</i>
10:15 am Mass	<i>People of SEAS</i>
Monday, September 20	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-sang
8:30 am Mass	<i>Intention for Joe & Donna Gitten's wedding anniversary</i>
1:00 pm	Good Mourning Ministry
Tuesday, September 21	St. Matthew
8:30 am Mass	† <i>Francis Dummer</i>
Wednesday, September 22	Weekday
8:30 am Mass	<i>Intention for Jim Dehnke</i>
6:30 pm	Faith Formation classes
Thursday, September 23	St. Pius
8:30 am Mass	† <i>Riley Sass-Loken</i>
Friday, September 24	Weekday
8:30 am Mass	<i>Intention for Shelley Linskey</i>
Saturday, September 25	Weekday
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance
	Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Mass	† <i>Joe & Ruth Beranek</i>
Sunday, September 26	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass	† <i>Mark Phillips</i>
10:15 am Mass	<i>People of SEAS</i>
6:30 pm	Confirmation Session

Good Mourning Ministry

All are welcome to join our next gathering of Good Mourning Ministry on **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 info.

SEAS Packer Game Party Sunday 9/26 Big Screen Outdoors / Bring a lawn chair/blanket

Come for a fun night with the Parish. Free hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, outdoor games, s'mores, and watch the Pack play. Donations accepted for the Youth Faith Formation as well as non-perishable food items for the food pantry. Food is on at 6:30pm, game starts at 7:20pm.



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
Jennifer Fisk
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Bill Heinz
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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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.



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Lunch Menu starting at 11am
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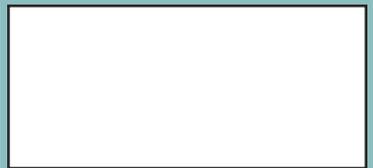
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Offertory Hymn

Only This I Want

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Only this I want: but to know the Lord, and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

1. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me, for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.

2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight, so to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord.

3. Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord, so to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

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Closing Hymn

Our God Is Here

Chris Muglia

1. Here in this time, here in this place,
here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.

Refrain

And we cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

2. Here in the Word, God is revealed,
here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
our God is here.

Communion Hymn

All That Is Hidden

1. If you would follow me, follow where life will lead:
do not look for me among the dead, for I am hidden in
pain, risen in love; there is no harvest without sowing of
grain.

Refrain

All that is hidden will be made clear. All that is dark
now will be revealed. What you have heard in the
dark proclaim in the light; what you hear in whispers
proclaim from the housetops.

2. If you would honor me, honor the least of these:
you will not find me dressed in finery. My Word cries
out to be heard; breaks through the world: my Word is
on your lips and lives in your heart.

3. If you would speak of me, live all your life in me: my
ways are not the ways that you would choose; my
thoughts are far beyond yours, as heaven from earth: if
you believe in me my voice will be heard.

4. If you would rise with me, rise through your destiny:
do not refuse the death which brings you life, for as the
grain in the earth must die for rebirth, so I have
planted your life deep within mine.

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O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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