Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021

GOSPEL

Psalm Response: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

READING II

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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.

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

Over my years as a priest I have received anonymous letters. A few have been intended for me personally. As a newly ordained priest I received my first unsigned letter expressing dismay at something I said or did. I was hurt. My first pastor, Father Daniel O’Reilly, told me I had a choice. I could keep the letter and let it eat at me and my anger fester, or I could say a prayer asking the Lord to bless the writer and then throw away the letter. That has been my practice ever since.

Most of the anonymous letters I have received have been letters sent to many priests, perhaps all the priests in the diocese or occasionally all priests in the nation. I quickly discard them, often without reading them.

But recently such a letter caught my attention. Perhaps it was because the opening made mention of a new album by country singer Gary Allan. I don’t know Gary Allan but somewhere I read a favorable review of his new album Ruthless. And it was that album that the unknown writer quoted at the start of his letter. In one of his songs Gary Allan says, “If you’re gonna give it, give it to me straight.”

The letter writer intended to give it straight. He/She observed how often we as Catholics criticize our bishops. Admittedly some of the criticism is well deserved. But by way of example the writer makes brief mention of the pandemic and the great difficulty bishops faced making decisions in the best interest of God’s people and their spiritual and physical welfare.

The writer then suggested that rather than removing the speck from a bishop’s eye we should have the courage to remove the plank in our own. And then the writer proceeded to honor Allan’s counsel and “give it to me straight.” Give it to all Catholics straight. The letter suggested we take a deep breath and renew our familiarity with the 5 precepts of the church and our efforts to honor them. The Catholic Catechism states that the precepts of the church are “meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth of love of God and neighbor.” (Catechism #2041) For the Catholic the precepts provide the minimum for growth in the life of Christ.

What are the precepts of the church?

- You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
- You shall keep holy the Holy Days of Obligation.
- You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
- Provide for the material needs of the Church, each according to his/her abilities.

The letter was written respectfully and charitably. Because of that I read it with care. As my first pastor suggested I prayed in gratitude for the writer. However rather than throwing it away I choose to share it with you. And I ask that you join me in trying harder to at least do the minimum in gratitude to God for being Catholic.

The Lord be with you.

Father John Parr

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Do you enjoy making greeting cards?
Join us on Wed., Oct. 20 at 9am in the gathering place to create holiday cards to mail to our homebound parishioners. No experience necessary. (Shari Ireland will guide us through the process). This is a significant way to share your love with those in our church family that you don’t see regularly. Thank you for helping us reach out to our homebound church family.

Caring and Sharing Volunteers
Christmas Caring and Sharing 2021 will be held on Fri., Dec. 3rd from 9:00 am – noon. It will be in the same drive-thru format as last year. We need many Christmas elves/angels to make this Christmas magic happen for our guests. If you would like to volunteer to be a “shopper” for our guests the week before the event or help out on the actual day, please contact Carol Reider at 608-526-4424 or email: carol@seasholmen.org. Thank you for bringing hope and the spirit of Christmas to our sisters and brothers in Christ. God bless you.
All Souls Day—November 2, 2021
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 on Nov. 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, candles are lit to honor those members of our parish family who died November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021. Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Zastrow 28 October 2020
Robert Brown 18 November 2020
Judith Bockenhauer 23 November 2020
Barry Schaller 24 November 2020
James Ananis 11 December 2020
William Patton 13 December 2020
Mildred Meyers 18 December 2020
Judith Hare 30 December 2020
Leo Waldenberger 31 December 2020
Michael Bruha 4 January 2021
Debra Riechel 19 February 2021
Mary Milisch 19 February 2021
Krista Clements 28 February 2021
Ruth Beranek 10 March 2021
Emede Cote 3 May 2021
Andrea Jessessky 9 May 2021
Robert Langer 23 May 2021
Mary Anne Heiderscheit 30 May 2021
Sr. Bridget Donaldson 19 July 2021
Joseph McCabe 26 August 2021
Darlene Lamb 13 September 2021
Donna Pedretti 13 September 2021
Deanna Mason 2 October 2021

On Tuesday, 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. Following the Mass will be a light reception. All are welcome to join us.

Join the Holmen Knights of Columbus!
The Knights 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.

Contact Grand Knight, Emil Meindl, at KC9385@seasholmen.org on how to join.

SEAS Christmas Bazaar 2021
The PCCW Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held this year on Sat., Nov. 13th from 8:30am - 1:30pm. The Bazaar will consist of a cash raffle, bake sale, country store, and themed baskets. Though a bit smaller in size than in past years, we hope our parishioners will support it greatly. Because of the uncertainty of Covid there will not be a luncheon served this year. However, gourmet coffees, hot chocolate and fresh cinnamon rolls will be available for purchase/take-out. Donations accepted at this time are baking items (see list and sign-up in gathering place) and items for the Country Store such as handmade mittens, quilts, linens, crafts and seasonal décor. Please, label your new or like-new items for Bazaar when dropping off in the office or kitchen. Contact the parish office with any questions.

Below is the schedule for lefse, caramel and pie baking dates to mark on your calendars.

Lefse: Oct. 21st and 28th at 9am
Caramels/Turtles: Nov. 3rd and 4th at 9am, Nov. 6th at 11am
Pies: Nov. 11th and 12th at 9am

Volunteer signups are in the gathering place.

Bazaar Cash Raffle tickets will be handed out after Masses this weekend. Top Prize: $500.00, 2nd prize - $100.00 gift card to Holmen Locker, 3rd prize - $100 gift card to KwikTrip, 4th and 5th prizes (2 of each) are $50 to Features and Pizza Corral. Tickets are $2.00 each or 11 for $20. Need not be present to win.

Next weekend is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection is for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it support priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions Thank you for your generosity.

Envelopes for this collection are in your regular monthly envelope packets and extras in the gathering place.

Important Faith Formation Dates
Wed., Nov. 3 - Grade 8 Hosts Grade 1 for All Saints Party at church 6:30 pm
Sun., Nov. 7 - Pre-K / Kindergarten Sunday School at Children’s Palace at 9:15 am

Wedding Banns
II. Bridget Thesing and Drake Kulmaczewski
## Calendar

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<td>Sunday, October 24</td>
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## Hospitality Ministers Needed

We are in dire need of Hospitality Ministers for our 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass and our 10:15 am Sunday morning Mass. Hospitality Ministers currently have three main functions: to greet and welcome people, to pass out worship aids/bulletins at the beginning of Mass, and to usher people to Holy Communion. At this time, we welcome Confirmation students who are in need of service hours as well as parent/child combinations. Again, we need help at the 5:00 pm Mass and the 10:15 am Mass. Please contact Carol Reider to get trained and on the schedule. Thank you for your stewardship of time and talent.

## Diocesan Appeal 2021/2022

Congratulations to all of our parishioners for helping us to achieve and exceed our target last year for the Diocesan Annual Appeal! We are very proud of the stewardship of our parishioners as we realize the sacrifices continually made by our parish members to help support both St. Elizabeth’s and the greater church.

It is now time to start our campaign for the 2021-2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal. It is our hope that this coming year we will again reach the target given to us, which is $90,240.00. Many ministries depend on funding from the Appeal and are counting on us to pay our share. However, we understand that these are very difficult times for some families. Therefore, we are asking families to prayerfully consider how much you are able to donate this year.

If you could increase your donation a bit to make up for those families who cannot donate this year, it would be greatly appreciated. Because of the stress that people are currently under, our “asking” for contributions will be low key this year. If you can afford to give, THANK YOU for giving. If not, we certainly understand. Everyone must do what is best for their particular circumstance. We just ask that when you receive information in the mail from the Diocese about the Appeal, please prayerfully consider giving a donation. Always remember, no gift is too small (or too large)... and we greatly appreciate each and every donation received.

Thank you and God bless you for continuing to support our parish and the world-wide Church.

**Please remember to mail your pledge directly to the Diocese in the envelope they provide. These pledges are all deposited and recorded through the diocese and not at the parish. We do have extra pledge cards in the office if you should need one to send out.

## Prayer Requests

Lorraine Atkinson<br>Renee Borkowski<br>Rod and Linda Halvorson<br>Sherry Hanson<br>Julie Malin<br>Bill Peters<br>Ken Proctor

Cindy Rittersma<br>Bailey Rohrer<br>Diane Scholze<br>Aubrey Scott<br>Phyllis Thaldorf<br>Addison Quinn Usitalo

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.
Closing Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
   And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
   For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,
   At blessings without number and mercies without end.

2. And through all times you are the same,
   Though hidden in our hearts and minds, you are near.
   But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
   Though small in mortal stature to heaven’s garden grown.

3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
   That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
   And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
   We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still.

Offertory Hymn

I Will Choose Christ

1. How many times must he call my name
   And show to me that he is God?
   And as I walk this road with you,
   Teach me to love.

2. Christ, my teacher and healer,
   Teach my heart and heal my soul.
   And with the death of my
   Soul, I’ll rise with you.

3. As I look upon your cross,
   And my life to you,
   You must serve him.

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Communion Hymn

I Will Choose Christ

1. I will choose Christ,
   I will choose love,
   I choose to serve.
   I choose to live.

2. Christ, my teacher and healer,
   Teach my heart and heal my soul.
   And with the death of my
   Soul, I’ll rise with you.

3. As I look upon your cross,
   And my life to you,
   You must serve him.

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