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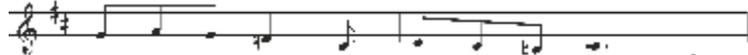


Opening Hymn

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream- ing,
2. We are the young our lives are a mys- try,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa- ter,
4. Not in the dark of build- ings con- tin- ing.



Now is the dark- ness van- ished a way,
We are the old- who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Not in some heav- en, light years a way, But



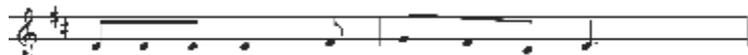
See in this space our fears and our dream- ings,
We have been sung through- out all of his- tory,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh- ters,
here in this place the new light is shin- ing.



Brought here to you in the light of this day,
Called to be light in the whole hu- man race,
Call us a- new to be salt for the earth,
Now is the King- dom, now is the day.



Gath- er us in the lost and for- sak- en,
Gath- er us in the rich and the laugh- ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com- pas- sion,
Gath- er us in and hold us for ev- er,



Gath- er us in the blind and the lame;
Gath- er us in the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Gath- er us in and make us your own;



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43



Call to us now, and we shall a- wak- en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low- ly,
Nour- ish us well, and teach us to fash- ion
Gath- er us in all peo- ples to gath- er.



We shall a- rise at the sound of our nar- tie
Give us the cour- age to en- ter the song
Lives that are ho- ly and hearts that are true,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: King James Bible
Tune: G.2.1, R.15.8, 8-measure Key: D major, 3/8 time
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READING I

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

Early in the summer our bishop restored the obligation to celebrate Mass on Sunday. Wisely our bishop along with the bishops of our country suspended the obligation out of concern for the common good and love of neighbor. When the obligation was not in force the habit of attending Mass faded. I hope that habit will return and grow ever stronger. The habit of Sunday Mass matters as much as the obligation.



But I wish that we would talk about Mass in terms other than obligation and habit. For example, do you know what sacrament is the primary sacrament of healing? If you said Penance and Anointing of the Sick, of course you are correct. But for the Church the primary sacrament of healing is Eucharist. In a quiet prayer said by the priest before Holy Communion, he says “May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.” Eucharist is our healing remedy. It is the medicine of mercy. It is the source of healing for troubled souls. It is the fulfillment of the Lord’s promise, “Blessed are those who mourn.”

I wish that we would speak about the Holy Eucharist as the nourishment for our deepest hungers. During the summer Jesus told us that he wants to feed us with the food that will prevent us from ever being hungry again (John 6). During the lockdown we hungered for the Bread of Life.

I wish we would talk about Eucharist making us what we receive. Receive the Body of Christ, and become what you receive. The Eucharist joins us to Christ and to his mystical body the Church. I wish we would talk about Eucharist as “the source and summit of the Christian life” as Vatican II and the Catechism put it.

Pope Francis says, “just as the bread and wine are converted into the body and blood of Christ, those who receive them with faith are transformed into a living Eucharist.” When we know that truth, we know the Mass matters. And I don’t need to be told to celebrate Mass just because it is an obligation.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Do you have a strong attraction to the Eucharist? Are you drawn to worship our Lord at weekly and/or daily Mass? Do you see all who gather at the Table of the Lord as sisters and brothers in Christ? If you answer yes to these questions, then maybe this is the season of life for you to join the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We utilize Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at our weekend Masses and are currently looking to add to our roster. Please contact Carol Reider if you are interested.

Christmas Food Boxes

Our Christmas Caring and Sharing Food Boxes are being handed out after all Masses this weekend and will also be available in the office all week. We ask that you return the full boxes between Nov. 14 and 21. Directions are taped onto the box. These Christmas food gift boxes, full of non-perishable items, help bring the spirit of Christmas to our guests. Thank you so much for your generosity in filling them.

Toys for Caring and Sharing

We have completed our registrations with our guests for our Christmas Caring and Sharing, scheduled for Dec. 3. As we did last year, we are asking if anyone 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. If you are interested in being matched with a family with children, please contact Carol at carol@seasholmen.org. So much joy was shared last year in this way! Our guests were so very grateful to you for helping spread the spirit of Christmas to the very youngest and neediest. Other general items we are in most need of at this time are new/gently used **blankets, towels, mittens/gloves, winter hats, socks, and sheets**. These can be brought to church at any time. Thanks and God bless.



Grief Group

A Grief Circle, a six-week, in-person series meets **10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, November 10 through December 15**, at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market in St. La Crosse. This group is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is a place to share your thoughts, feelings and concerns about what is happening to you. It is a place where you can talk about your loss with other people who understand, because they also are grieving. Please call 608-791-5295 to register or for more information.

Do you enjoy making greeting cards? If so, attend our card making group to create holiday cards to mail to our homebound parishioners. **Join us**



Thurs., Nov. 18th at 2:00 in the gathering place. 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 to reach out to our homebound church family with expressions of love and remembrance.

Food Pantry Meeting

There will be a **Food Pantry meeting on Thursday, November 18th at 6:00 pm** in the gathering place at church. Please bring your calendars as we will be working on our Rotary Lights dates. We ask that all **Caring and Sharing volunteers** attend the first part of the meeting. We will be reviewing schedules and directions. See you there!



Important Faith Formation Dates

Sun., Nov. 7 - Pre-K and Kindergarten

Sunday School at the Children's Palace 9:15am-10am

Sun., Nov. 7 - Grade 9 retreat at church 10am-3:30pm

Sun., Nov. 7 - Grade 10 Confirmation mentor session III at church 6:30pm



Lorraine Atkinson

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Sherry Hanson

Julie Malin

Bill Peters

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Cindy Ritteman

Bailey Rohrer

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Addison Quinn Usitalo



Congratulations to all of our parishioners for helping us to achieve 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.

The theme of this year is Diocesan Annual Appeal "That they may be one as We are One" (John 17:22). Coming together as a Church -- united in Christ -- has an impact on others.

Videos will be available soon on our website and Facebook page which highlight three stories of this impact:

- 1) Gary and Rosy Asher from St. Henry's in Eau Galle established Watermark Mission Ministry to help repair homes across the country after natural disasters.
- 2) FOCUS Ministry (Fellowship of Catholic University Students, a ministry aimed at helping college students keep and grow their Catholic faith during and beyond their college experience) is active at Roncalli Newman Parish (UW-L) with the vision of expanding to other four-year universities in our Diocese.
- 3) With the help of Catholic Charities and the USCCB, a family from the Congo came to the US four years ago via an Uganda refugee camp and are now homeowners and grateful for the opportunity for a new life.

- The money donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal supports many worthwhile causes such as:
 - ⇒ Marriage Enrichment
 - ⇒ Lay Formation
 - ⇒ Televised Masses
 - ⇒ Disaster Recovery
 - ⇒ Adoption Services
 - ⇒ Disability Services
 - ⇒ Seminary Education
 - ⇒ Catholic Schools
 - ⇒ Operation and Maintenance of the Diocesan Center

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 7		32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Mass † Benno and Barbara Scholze	
9:15 am	Wee Believe Sunday School	
10:15 am	Mass	People of SEAS
10:15 am-3:30 pm	Grade 9 Retreat	
6:30 pm	Confirmation Session	
Monday, November 8		Weekday
8:30 am	Mass † Everett Parr	
Tuesday, November 9		The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Food Pantry Closed Today		
8:30 am	Mass † Al Blencoe	
Wednesday, November 10		St. Leo the Great
8:30 am	Mass † Charles and Theresa Brueggen	
5:30 pm	Choir practice	
6:30 pm	Faith Formation	
Thursday, November 11		St. Martin of Tours
8:30 am	Mass	Special Intention for the Knights of Columbus Military Veterans
9:00 am	Pie making for Bazaar	
Friday, November 12		St. Josaphat
Food Pantry Closed Today		
8:30 am	Mass † Cecil Rochester	
9:00 am	Pie making for Bazaar	
Saturday, November 13		St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Christmas Bazaar in gathering place	
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance	
	Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 PM	Mass	People of SEAS
Sunday, November 14		33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Mass † Mark Phillips	
10:15 am	Mass † Candido Ratunil	
7:00 pm	General KC Meeting	

In Memory of Sister Bridget Donaldson OSB

For thirty-seven years Sister Bridget served our parish and touched the Gospel to the lives of many people in our community and beyond. We miss her dearly. Many people have asked how to honor her and what can be done to establish a fitting and permanent memorial to her and God's good work in her.

The pastoral council has considered various options. At the October meeting the council enthusiastically supported the commissioning of a sculpture called *The Last Supper* by sculptor Timothy Schmalz of Canada. As can be seen in the accompanying photo the sculpture depicts our Lord at table giving himself to us in the Breaking of Bread (Eucharist). The twelve empty seats invite people to sit at Christ's table to be fed with his body and blood and to be his disciples in the world today.

St. James Parish in Eau Claire commissioned the work several years ago and it can be viewed outside the parish church. Sister Bridget saw the work of art and was deeply impressed by it and joyful in her praise.

Those of us who had the good fortune to know Sister Bridget recognize two essentials in her life: her hunger for Christ in Eucharist and her hunger to welcome him in the stranger and the unexpected guest. The sculpture opens our eyes to Christ in the Eucharist and finds in Eucharist the strength to serve him in the least and little.

We invite you to honor Sister Bridget through your contribution to this work of art. At the same time your contribution will inspire generations of people to see Christ in the Eucharist and in the least of our sisters and brothers.

The sculpture costs about \$27,000. The table, stools, installation and landscaping will bring the total cost to about \$60,000. When sufficient funds are donated, the parish will commission Mr. Schmalz. He estimates about one year for the work to be completed.

This month of November we pray for Sister Bridget and all our beloved dead. May the angels and saints come to meet them.

We thank you for your contribution to this important effort. Please make your gift payable to the parish but be sure to indicate that is offered in memory of Sister Bridget.

The Lord be with you.
St. Elizabeth's Pastoral Council
Father John Parr

Please Note: A model of the sculpture is on display in the gathering area. Please stop and take look!

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Today, we welcome Vivian Joanna Johnson,

daughter of Nathan and Laura Johnson,
to our faith community in the
celebration of Baptism.



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grow in faith.

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share.

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Offertory Hymn The Cry of the Poor

John Foley, SJ

Refrain

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
who will hear the cry of the poor.

2. Let the lowly hear and be glad:
the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken, God is near,
who will hear the cry of the poor.

3. Ev'ry spirit crushed, God will save;
will be ransom for their lives;
will be safe shelter for their fears,
and will hear the cry of the poor.

4. We proclaim your greatness, O God,
your praise ever in our mouth;
ev'ry face brightened in your light,
for you hear the cry of the poor.

*Text: Based on Psalm 34:2-3, 18-19a, 19b-20, 4.
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Closing Hymn

How Can I Keep from Singing

1. My life flows on in endless song Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that rock I'm
clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I
keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake...

3. What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth it
liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the
night it giveth.
No storm can shake...

4. When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, And hear their death
knells ringing; When friends rejoice both far and near, How
can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake...

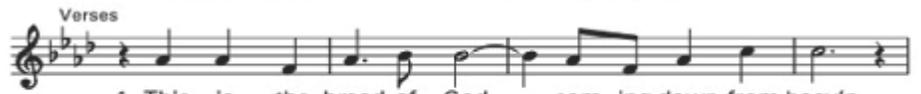
5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever
springing. All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep
from singing?
No storm can shake...

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Communion Hymn

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

Laurence Rosania



1. This is the bread of God com - ing down from heav'n,
2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me,
5. All praise to you, O Christ, pres - ent in this feast;



1. giv - ing life to us, to all the world.
2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."
3. you that eat this bread shall nev - er die."
4. as I have my life in the liv - ing God."
5. in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

*Text: Verses 1-4 based on John 4, 6.
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's

Christmas Bazaar

515 North Main St., Holmen, WI

Saturday November 13th

8:30 am - 1:30 pm



- Serving gourmet coffee, hot chocolate and homemade cinnamon rolls.
- Cash raffle (\$500 first prize) with drawing at 1:00 pm.
- Country store, Theme basket raffle and Bake Shop with Homemade Caramels, Turtles, Pies, Lefse and more.