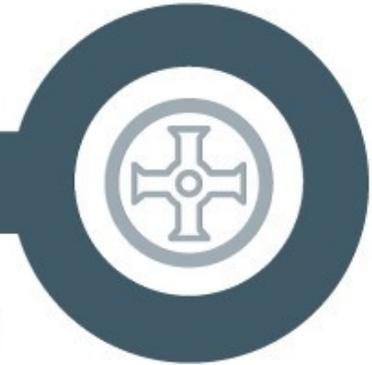




Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2019

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THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

The things I value are often things that are of value to no one else. Perhaps they are the things I value most.

Every time I open my silverware drawer I see the dumpy looking ice cream scoop. It doesn't have that squeeze lever that eases the ice cream from spoon to bowl. It is workmanlike, and shows its age. It is nearly a hundred years old and has served ice cream to countless children and children at heart. It once belonged to my grandmother's brother. He and his wife owned and operated a tiny country store. The freezer with its many compartments for various kinds of ice cream somehow ended up in our family's basement. How it got there is one of the wonders of the world. I know that to be true because I was there when we tried to remove it. But that is story for another time. The ice cream scoop I still use and would never give away. When I see it or use it I still feel wonder for those people who held it and used it to serve others so many times for so many years.

I still have the first passport I ever obtained. I had it in my hands when I bid farewell to my parents at the airport gate years ago. I was to be gone for two years, relying only on mail to communicate except for the long distance call from the seminary pay phone on Christmas. I had the passport when I hugged my parents that day. I had it with me for my many journeys while in Europe for four years. I had it with me upon my return home to be ordained a priest. I cannot hold the passport without remembering the journey of a lifetime, and being reminded that the journeys that matter most happen inside us.

Somewhere in the attic of the family home I still have the knob from the stick shift of a gold 1970 Opel car. Back in the day my parents loaned it to me for my final year of college studies. I was in a car accident in Blaine, MN. Someone ran a stop sign and hit me broadside. The knob came off in my hands. God's grace kept me safe from injury. A neighbor living next to the highway heard the crash and was there immediately to pry open the door and care for me until the police arrived. I think of him when I hold the knob. And I think of my father and a good family friend who at a late hour made the drive to check on me and assist with the aftermath.

These things are of little or no value to anyone but myself. These things will be tossed away someday. But they have served me well by helping me to know, or try to know, the things that really are of lasting and true value.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr



SEAS STEWARDSHIP

During the month of February, we, as a parish, will be praying with our burgundy books, focusing on stewardship. At the root of stewardship is our relationship with God...and our relationship with God depends on prayer. Prayer nourishes our life with our God, and it is in and through prayer that we come to know and love God more deeply. With a daily commitment to prayer, we can grow in union with God and in our desire to do God's work here on earth. Our stewardship will blossom naturally as we come to see God alive in creation and in each person we encounter. But first we must do the work. We must set a prayer time...each day...and then we must honor that time spent in prayer. The rewards will be great.

FOOD PANTRY

Parishioners...please be aware that the food pantry is available for your use at any time. There is no documentation needed and no questions are ever asked. We all know that at various times we can find ourselves in need of assistance from one another, and our food pantry is here to provide for your needs at a time that is convenient and personal to you. All requests are confidential, and we are privileged to serve you. Please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Parr, Sr. Bridget, or Carol Reider in the parish office at any time. Also, if you know of others who are in need of food pantry assistance, please let them know of the help available at St. Elizabeth's. Thank you and God bless.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Looking for something to do when it is cold in February? If so, please join us for our first annual couples/singles night out on Saturday February 23 immediately following the 5 pm Mass. We are looking for anyone who likes to play cards or learn how! Prizes for highest and lowest scores and bragging rights for next year. Please bring a dish to pass, \$2 entry fee, and your poker/euchre face. Play will begin shortly after Mass.

Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and SEAS Youth Office.

Reminder: General Meeting 2/10/2019 at SEAS Gathering Space at 7 pm.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

National Marriage Encounter Weekend in Eau Claire
A two day National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for March 9th and 10th in Eau Claire. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend will begin on Saturday morning with 7:30 registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45 pm. For more information contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, 127 E. Mac Arthur Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701; phone at 715-832-3296, e-mail at rippsk@charter.net or through our website at www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm

HOLY COMMUNION POUCHES

Holy Communion Pouches

Parishioners, if you are **NOT presently** using the Holy Communion Pouch for our Homebound would you kindly return the pouch to the Parish Sacristy. We are in need of them for other parishioners who are Homebound...Thank You and God Bless You.
Sister Bridget

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLES



Please take a baby bottle and fill it with your spare change, cash, or check written out to SEAS. We will then forward the monies onto Birthright for their annual campaign that helps women struggling with unplanned pregnancies. Please return all bottles no later than February 17th. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Susan Amundsen	Jerome Malin
Sara (Wozney) Balaker	Kevin McIntyre
Richard Brandau	John Modjeski
Trudy Brieske	Judith Niedfeldt
Mike Candahl	Ken Proctor
Sr. Bridget Donaldson, OSB	Robert C. Ristow
Elizabeth Donaldson	Bailey Rohrer
Patrick Donaldson	Jordan Schadrie
DeEtte Gillmeister	Celia Scholze
Joe Gittens	Erica Schultz
Sharon Grabar	Sascha Stephens
Lois Hanson	Pam Tischer
June Kukovec	Colleen Tisil
Kent Limberg (military)	Tim Van Eijl
Sue Lund	

FAITH FORMATION

Start Living Your Personal Mission Now part II
Be open about your faith and who you are in Christ. I'm not saying be in-your-face about the fact you're a Christian. That's obnoxious and might do more harm than good. I'm not even suggesting you need to pretend to be a perfect person or like you have everything together. In fact, don't do that! What I mean is, be willing to talk about Jesus and things that matter when the opportunity arises.

People might get uncomfortable at first, but they'll also know who to go to when the need arises. In fact, someone's need might be in that very moment. So many people are yearning for the Truth or yearning for someone to share faith with. Be open to that opportunity in your conversations, even if you simply open the door to talk about our Lord.

Start Living Your Personal Mission Now. Sadie, Cassie.
Web <https://lifeteen.com/blog/start-living-personal-mission-now/>

Important Faith Formation Dates

Sun., Feb. 3 - Wee Believe Sunday School 9:15 am at Children's Palace
Wed., Feb. 6 - Faith Formation classes



CARD PARTY



The Knights of Columbus and the SEAS Youth Office are sponsoring a Card Party for couples or singles on **Sat., Feb. 23rd** after the 5:00 Mass in the gathering place. What to Bring:

- A dish to pass.
- \$2 entry fee
- Your poker/Euchre face

Prizes for top scores and lowest scores and bragging rights for the next year!

Attention Parishioners – We will be having a few different mailings during February and March. Please help save the parish postage and check the gathering place for your mail. Thank you.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY



We will have another meeting for our Elizabeth Ministry committee on **Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 pm** in the gathering place. Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach program for women to affirm, support, encourage, and assist women in response to their needs during their childbearing years. If you are a woman with experiences in the areas of infertility, pregnancy, pregnancy loss, birth, adoption, or infant crisis, we ask you to prayerfully consider if you would like to be a part of this vital ministry. Come and help us determine how we can best serve the young families of our parish. Please call or email Carol Reider in the parish office to RSVP or if you have any questions. Thank you. See you on the 19th!

CARD MAKING FOR THE HOME BOUND



Do you enjoy making greeting cards? If so, please consider joining our homebound committee to "create" greeting cards to mail to our homebound parishioners. **We will meet at 1:00pm on Monday,**

Feb. 11th. 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. *Please note the time change; we are meeting early for extra time to put together the Valentine's bags for our Home Bound.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ⇒ Sun., Feb. 10 - KC General Meeting at 7pm
- ⇒ Mon., Feb. 11 - Pastoral Council at 6:30pm
- ⇒ Tues., Feb. 12 - Finance Council at 4:30pm
- ⇒ Tues., Feb. 12 - Stewardship Committee at 6:30pm
- ⇒ Tues., Feb. 19 - Elizabeth Ministry at 6:30pm
- ⇒ Thurs., Feb. 21 - Food Pantry Committee at 6:30pm



PARISH INCOME (FISCAL YEAR 7/1/18-6/30/19)

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$6,389	\$11,031	-\$4,642	\$573,616
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$329,416	\$341,961	-\$12,545	

PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED

WE ARE THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2018-2019



Please Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Do you know that we have NEVER reached our parish goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal? Because of this, we have always had to take the additional money out of our general funds. This year we would LOVE to meet our goal and we are only \$21,042

away from our parish target of \$84,910. We are asking all parishioners who have not done so to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal to help our diocese fund the very important work carried out by the many ministries supported by the Appeal. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Please return your pledge card today. If you have misplaced your card, more are available in the gathering place. We would love to get this settled sooner rather than later...and think of the success it would be to FINALLY meet our goal! Thank you and God Bless.

CCHD

There were envelopes attached to last weekend's bulletin for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Extra envelopes can be found in the gathering place. If you wish to donate, please return those envelopes as soon as possible. More information about this Catholic Campaign can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Thank you.

CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Saturday, February 2, 2019 and in parishes on the weekend of February 2-3, 2019. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have helped with all the shoveling and salting this past week. Thanks for keeping our path safe!



PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm and Sun. 8:00 & 10:15 am
Weekday: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am except Tues. 7:00 am
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 three sessions 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: Communal celebrations in fall and spring. 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS Please call the parish office.

Parish Council Members

Alyson Haugen.....769-3465
Laura Antonie.....526-6047
Len Beranek.....526-3623
Jennifer Fisk.....783-0246
Brian Clements.....526-2198
Les Giesler.....526-9625
Angie Hendrikson....385-4213
Shelly Linskey.....526-2286
Christine Olson.507-766-3654
Larry Warzynski.... ..526-6474

Finance Council Members

Barry Ploessl.....526-9364
Janice Dvoracek.....526-3957
Shawn Handland.....526-2257
Pat Stephens.....526-2480
Larry Warzynski.....526-6474

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 3		4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Mass †	<i>Dolores A. Gustafson</i>
9:15 am	Wee Believe Sunday School	
10:15 am	Mass	<i>People of SEAS</i>
Monday, February 4		Weekday
8:30 am	Mass †	<i>Harold Jerue</i>
1:00 pm	Good Mourning Ministry	
Tuesday, February 5		St. Agatha
7:00 am	Mass †	<i>Richard Matushek</i>
Wednesday, February 6		St. Paul Miki and Companions
8:30 am	Mass †	<i>John Marshall and Miranda Roellich</i>
6:30 pm	Youth Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday, February 7		Weekday
8:30 am	Mass	<i>Special Intention Fr. John Parr</i>
6:30 pm	Choir practice	
Friday, February 8		Weekday
8:30 am	Mass †	<i>Richard Matushek</i>
Saturday, February 9		Weekday
8:00 am	Pray the Rosary	
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance	
Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5:00 PM	Mass †	<i>Charles Brueggen</i>
Sunday, February 10		5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Mass †	<i>Katherine Furman</i>
9:15 am	Simple Living Discussion Group	
10:15 am	Mass	<i>People of SEAS</i>
7:00 pm	KC General Meeting	

WELCOME



Welcome to all our guests and visitors. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Elizabeth's, please stop in to the parish office and pick up a registration packet. We would love for you to become a part of our parish family.

To find out more about what's going on at SEAS, visit our website at seasholmen.org or LIKE us on Facebook.

HAPPENINGS IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Today, we welcome,
Kennedy Rae Seiltz,

daughter of Travis and Megan Seiltz,
to our faith community in the
celebration of Baptism.

It is now our privilege to help this child
grow in faith.

We have a great gift of faith to share.

BAPTISM CLASS



Expecting parents, the next Baptism class is **Mon., Feb. 18 at 6:30 pm.** Parents, this session is an opportunity for you to enrich, deepen, and strengthen your Catholic Faith – the Faith you are asking to have your child brought into at the celebration of their baptism. Unless there is an emergency, parents are required to attend our

Baptism session **before** each child is presented for baptism. Therefore, **if you are pregnant, now** is the time for you to register for class. To register, call Sr. Bridget at the parish or go online at: www.seasholmen.org to RSVP. God bless you!

SEAS GOOD MOURNING MINISTRY



The next SEAS Good Mourning Ministry is scheduled for **Monday, February 4th** at 1:00 at church.

Losing one's partner, one's soul mate, one's spouse or a child

"demands" the greatest inner strength one can apply, and it requires the help and wisdom of fellow grief travelers. All are welcome to join this or any future gathering.

SEAS SIMPLE LIVING



Please join us the second Sunday of every month from 9:15 to 10am as we continue to discern what we, individually and as a community, are called to do as stewards of creation. Please know that all are

welcome to pray and reflect on Pope Francis' words – even if you have not attended previous sessions, there is much to share!