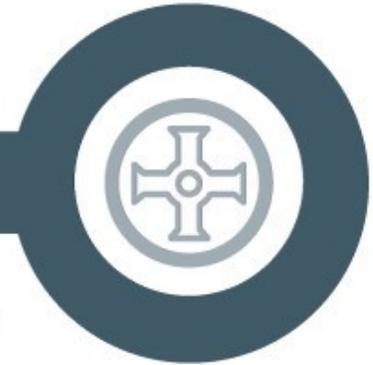




Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 17, 2019

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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## THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

Growing up in La Farge I knew when someone said, “I am going to town” that often meant Viroqua. Our parish church was in Viroqua so every Sunday (and regardless of the weather, and I mean *regardless* of the weather) we drove the 15 miles. Also on Saturdays for what used to be called “catechism class.” Our dentist and doctor were in Viroqua. We bought our clothes at Felix’s, drank the greatest malts in the world at the Dairy, and went for lunch following Sunday Mass at what is present day Family Restaurant.

Driving through Viroqua recently I remembered my visits to what was commonly called the Dime Store. I think it was properly a Woolworth’s. It had three long aisles filled with things large and small. The Dime Store is where my grandmother bought what my brothers and I knew to be “grandma candy.” I still enjoy malted milk balls and that pink hard candy and remember where in her pantry it was stored. Always it was there for her grandchildren who lived just up the block. The Dime Store had a smell that I still remember. The smell of frying hamburgers, live birds in cages, leather goods, cigarette smoke. The vending machines in the corner needed a nickel to get the gumball or plastic comb or magic ring. People of all ages would come and go. No bell attached to the door to let workers know someone was entering or leaving. Certainly nobody checking bags for shoplifters. In the Dime Store adults and children, farmers and bankers, townspeople and visitors, all were together in the common pursuit of finding just that one thing on your mind or that thing that never crossed your mind and now you just had to have.

Today the store sells household appliances. But the building is still there. And for that I am grateful. When I pass by still I remember the good times I experienced there, and the life I lived. And I feel more alive just remembering.

The Lord be with you.  
Father John Parr



## SEAS STEWARDSHIP

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is a stewardship parish, and being a good steward involves being called to a life of generosity and sharing our God-given gifts with others. We thank all of you for your past, present, and future stewardship!

It is time again for each person and/or family to prayerfully renew and recommit our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. To aid with this, we have put together a booklet that will be distributed over the next two weekends that outlines all the ministries at our parish. We ask that you pick up your **Stewardship Packet** in the gathering space and then prayerfully consider how you would like to share with and support our faith community over the next year. We have volunteer opportunities available in the areas of Worship, Faith Formation, Family Life, Social Justice, and Buildings/Grounds. Inside the packet, you will find two response cards that will need to be returned. The first is the Stewardship of Time and Talent card that needs to be filled out for each adult in the household. On this card, you will have the opportunity to sign up for new ministries, to indicate those ministries you wish to continue with, and those ministries you wish to retire from. The second card is the Stewardship of Treasure card which is for you to indicate your level of ongoing financial support. Remember, no gift is too small or too large and, as always, we appreciate your generosity. Please return the two cards in the envelope provided in the mail or in the church collection basket at your earliest convenience. **We would like each and every household to respond this year** so we can make sure our parish records are accurate and up-to-date. If you have any questions, please call the office. Together, we are St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Reminder: 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:**

**Officer Meeting Feb.25 - Pizza Corral - 7pm**

## FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

**626 Cans of Soup!! 626 Cans of Soup!!**

**Thank you!! Thank you!!**

One of the 4 pillars which make up a Stewardship Parish is service. Striving to meet the needs of parish members, the wider community and Church. Striving to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, hungry or thirsty. Your gifts exemplify compassionate caring, service to our Lord. Our goal on Super Bowl weekend was to collect 500 cans of soup for the hungry. And again, the people of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish responded in great generosity. We collected 626 cans of soup to exceed our goal! Thank you to all who brought soup that weekend and if you forgot, it's never too late to bring your canned soup to church. Feel free to drop off any soup items in the next week and put them on the table in the gathering space or the food pantry shopping cart located by the entrance to the church office.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

As you prayerfully consider how you might share your time and talent this year, **please consider volunteering** to be a Minister of Hospitality, a Minister of the Word, or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Every weekend, we are in need of a total of 33 volunteers for our Masses and, at this time, we could use more ministers in each area. When you get your stewardship packet, please consider these important ministries.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



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

# FAITH FORMATION

## Fear Transformed

Maybe as you read this, you fear not being accepted into college. Maybe you fear your future. Maybe you are anxious about many things. Maybe you fear that you are alone, or will always be. Maybe it's rejection, failure, or the unknown. Whatever it is, search in your heart of hearts for the answer to this question. What are you afraid of? Do you notice any lies?

Pray it with me, friend. *Come, Holy Spirit, come. Reveal to me the places in my heart that cling to comfort. Where am I afraid and hiding from God? Show me the lies.*

### Give it to Him.

In the name of Jesus, I surrender the fear of \_\_\_\_\_. Fill the blank. Anytime I am filled with fear about a certain situation, I need to acknowledge that fear and say: Lord, in your name I give this to you. It seems too simple, but in presenting our fear to the Lord, we give Him permission to be there with us in that place and, in saying those words, we surrender it to Him.

Come Holy Spirit, give me the courage to call out my fears for what they really are. I renounce, reject, and rebuke the Spirit of Fear that paralyzes my life.

Medina, Laurie, *Fear Transformed*.web. <https://lifeteen.com/blog/fear-transformed/>



Aquinas Catholic Schools is now enrolling for the 2019-20 school year.

Choosing your child's school is a big decision. Witness the difference an Aquinas Catholic Schools education can

make for your child! Aquinas has a long tradition of promoting excellence in academics, encouraging spiritual growth, and assisting in the formation of a student's mind, heart, and spirit. For more information, please visit [www.aquinasschools.org](http://www.aquinasschools.org) or call (608) 784-8585 ask for Nancy Pederson.

Ask us how you may qualify for free tuition! Applications are being accepted for the 2019-20 Wisconsin Parental Choice Program! Call (608) 784-8585 or email [Nancy.Pederson@aquinasschools.org](mailto:Nancy.Pederson@aquinasschools.org)

### Upcoming Get To Know Us Nights

Blessed Sacrament Elementary:  
 3<sup>rd</sup> grade | February 19<sup>th</sup> | 12:30 -2:30 PM  
 All grades | February 26<sup>th</sup> | 12:30 – 2:30 PM

## DID YOU KNOW?

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The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22. The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church. Jesus told Peter that "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." It is with this pastoral responsibility given him that the Pope shepherds Christ's flock. Did you know that there is also an actual "Chair of St. Peter"? The Chair of St. Peter, located in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, is a sculpture by Bernini completed in 1653. It is a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity.



## SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

Research studies have found that viewing porn decreases a person's ability to become intimate and that it desensitizes you to cruelty. Neither of these are good for you or your family. Learn more about the harms of pornography and how to protect your family on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10.

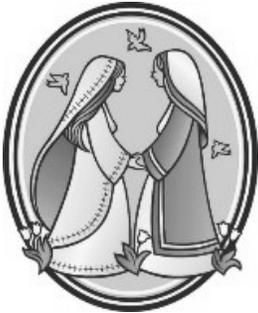
## PARISH INCOME (FISCAL YEAR 7/1/18-6/30/19)

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$6041	\$11,031	-\$4990	\$573,616
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$352,021	\$364,023	-\$12,002	

## LENT BEGINS MARCH 6

Are you looking for a Lenten resource? This year, try something different. Join our parish for **BEST LENT EVER**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day you will receive an email with inspirational videos, practical tips, and encouraging stories. Google Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever or sign up at [:dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever). You won't regret it!

## 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!

## PRAYER

“Just sit next to me.” Could this be Christ’s answer to those who say they don’t know how to pray but would like to? Several years ago, I had to leave a family gathering early to attend the wake of a good friend of mine from Long Prairie. As I passed my little five-year old nephew who was seated on a bench on the other side of the table, he called my name very softly. I asked him what he wanted. Instead of

answering, he just motioned to me to come to where he was sitting. I did so and again asked, “What do you want, Timmy?” He just tapped the bench next to him and softly whispered, “Nothing. Just sit next to me.” Perhaps Christ’s answer to people when they say they don’t know how to pray is the same as Timmy’s to me – “I don’t want anything; just come and sit next to me.” Sister Lois Weidl, OSB



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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  
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Larry Warzynski.... ..526-6474

### Finance Council Members

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Pat Stephens.....526-2480  
Larry Warzynski.....526-6474

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday, February 17</b>		<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	Mass †	Mary Radebaugh
10:15 am	Mass	People of SEAS
<b>Monday, February 18</b>		<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Rita Hauser
6:30 pm	Baptism Class	
<b>Tuesday, February 19</b>		<b>Weekday</b>
7:00 am	Mass	Poor Souls
6:30 pm	Elizabeth Ministry Meeting	
<b>Wednesday, February 20</b>		<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Flossie Jakes
6:30 pm	Youth Faith Formation Classes	
<b>Thursday, February 21</b>		<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Charles Brueggen
<b>Friday, February 22</b>		<b>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</b>
8:30 am	Mass †	Richard Matushek
<b>Saturday, February 23</b>		<b>St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr</b>
8:00 am	Pray the Rosary	
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance	
<b>Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
5:00 PM	Mass †	Lynn Schultz
6:00 pm	KC Card Party	
<b>Sunday, February 24</b>		<b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	Mass	People of SEAS
9:15 am	Simple Living Discussion Group	
10:15 am	Mass †	Diane Wheeler

## EXCUSE OUR MESS



This week, construction will begin on the bathroom remodel making the 2 bathrooms next to the office into 1 handicap accessible bathroom. Please excuse the mess and we will keep you updated on the progress. Thanks.



Young at Heart Gatherings (parishioners 55+) will resume Thursday, March 7th. Watch future bulletins for more details.

## 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!

## 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](http://www.seasholmen.org) to RSVP. God bless. **Next Baptismal Class will be the end of June.**

## FINAL PLEA



Thank you to the 212 donors (out of 894 registered families) who have responded to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We had a total of 278 donors give for last year's appeal. We are inching our way to our parish target goal of \$84,910, but we are still **under by \$20,178.** This puts us at 76 % of our goal.

**For those who have not returned their pledge envelopes, we are asking you to do so now. There are extra pledge cards in the gathering place.** We would like a response from each and every parishioner. No gift is too small or too large. If you cannot help out with a monetary contribution at this time, simply write on the card that you will be praying with us.

**Thank you and God bless.**