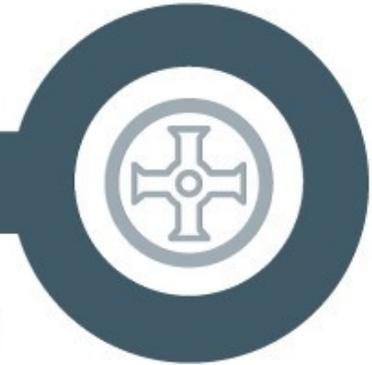




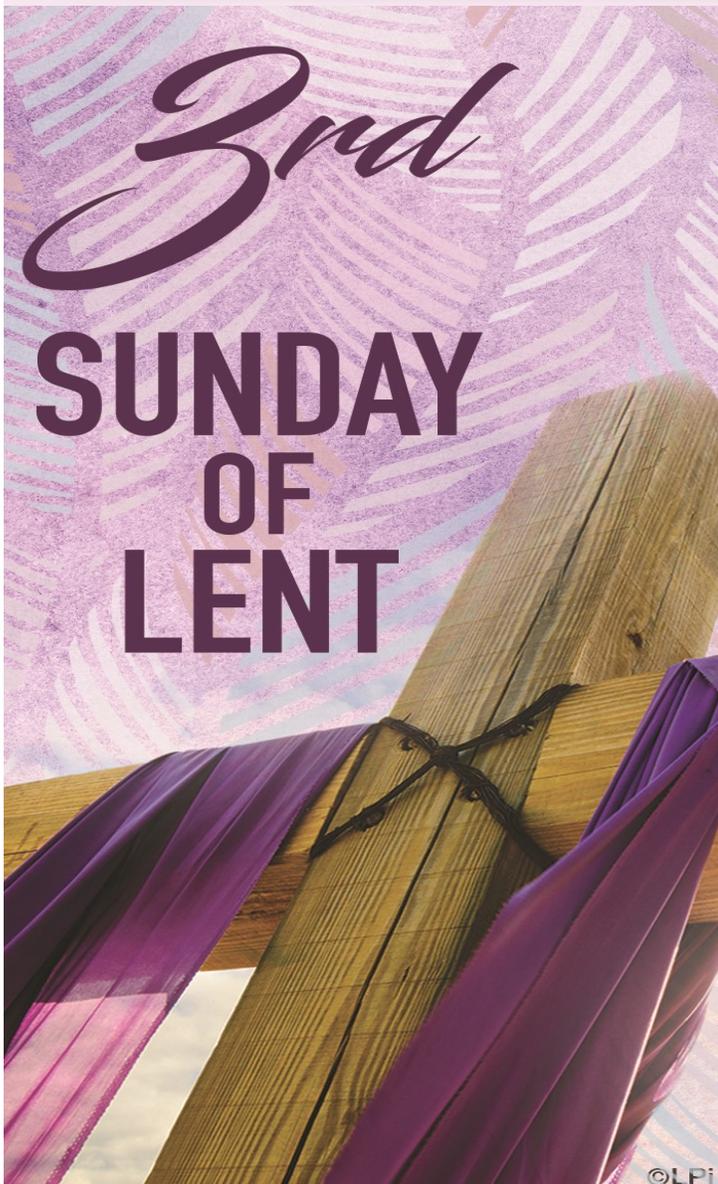
Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2018

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THE BANE AND THE BLESSED



How can I be holy? St. Thomas Aquinas gives us the answer. He said, "You must desire it." My struggle is not that I don't want to be holy but that I want a lot of other things just as much. I want to be holy but on my own terms. I want to live a comfortable life. I want to be well regarded by others. I want to feel safe and secure. I want Christ but also I want myself. I want to do things for God, but am afraid to let God do what he wants to do for me. I want Christ but I don't want to let go of my wants and desires. Our loving determines our living. We live timidly because we are afraid to love boldly, and to love Him with all our heart, mind, body and soul. Jesus calls to us, "Come and eat." "Come and drink." He calls us to not just warm ourselves at the fire of his love but to burn with his love.

What must we do to be holy? We must desire it. And if you are like me, that desire frightens us. But Lent tells us that if we can't desire holiness at least we can ask the Lord for the desire to desire holiness. Lent tells us in no uncertain terms that what matters most is not our love for God. What matters is letting ourselves be loved by God. Holiness depends on our passion for God but only because of God's passion for us.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr

SEAS STEWARDSHIP

We are all called to be disciples of Christ. To accomplish this, we must be attentive at all times to the voice of God's love inviting us to make a generous response to God's call to stewardship. How do we do this? Henri Nouwen gives us this advice, "**First of all**, listen to the church. The church is the body of the Lord. Without Jesus there can be no church; and without the church we cannot stay united with Jesus. The Eucharist is the heart of the church's life. It's there that you hear the life-giving gospel and receive the gifts that sustain that life within you.

Second, listen to the book. By that, I mean read the Bible; read books about the Bible, about the spiritual life, and the lives of "great" saints. The challenge, however, is not to read a "spiritual" book as a source of interesting information, but rather to listen to it as to a voice that addresses you directly.

Finally, listen to your heart. It's there that Jesus speaks most intimately to you. Praying is first and foremost listening to Jesus, who dwells in the very depths of your heart. His voice is an unassuming voice, very nearly a whisper, the voice of a gentle love. You need to set aside some time every day for this active listening to Jesus, if only for ten minutes.

These three ways of listening will guide you to an ever-deepening spiritual life...and make you aware of the unique manner in which he is calling YOU."

For further reading, check out: *Letters to Marc about Jesus* by Henri Nouwen

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are asking our parishioners to join them in the "40 Days of Giving" for Lent to assist our Food Pantry Guests by donating hygiene products (a bar of soap, bottle of dish soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, toilet tissue, deodorant, sanitary wipes, shaving cream, razors, cleaning supplies, laundry soap). If you and your family would prefer to donate money (equivalent to a hygiene product) instead, we, in turn, would use that money to purchase the needed hygiene products. The items can be returned to the gathering place weekly or at the end of Lent.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all to help us prepare for Easter by cleaning up our heart, mind, and soul during our Lenten Journey while we help our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Thank you to those who have dropped off items so far. We have received many much needed products.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



Praying the Stations of the Cross is an ancient tradition going back to the 4th century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The 14 Stations commemorate Jesus' last day on earth and allow us to recall and meditate on specific details that Jesus experienced. There is a prayerful version of the Stations of the Cross written for marriage and families that can be found at the website listed below. Its purpose is to encourage all to reflect on Jesus' passion in the context of family life, whether those families are immediate or extended, near or far, known or unknown. As St. John Paul II told us, the family is the building block of society, and so in this meditation, we pray for all families in light of the Way of the Cross. You can find this prayerful meditation at: foryourmarriage.org/stations-of-the-cross-for-marriages-and-families

SEAS STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

Thank you to those who have returned their annual Stewardship packets. We would like everyone to turn one in. This helps to keep our records current. Please indicate if you have a new address, phone or email. Mark appropriately the ministries you wish to join, renew or discontinue. The deadline to return those along with your pledge cards is March 29th. Again, thank you for your ministry to our parish whether it is through time, talent, or treasure, we appreciate YOU!

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

FAITH FORMATION

Pretzels are a popular reminder that Lent is a time of prayer. Italian monks in the 7th century are often credited with creating pretzels, which they gave as a treat to children who had learned their prayers. The pretzels were a bread shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer. They were called *bracellae*, which is Latin for little arms. Today in many parishes, children who have not yet made their first communion are encouraged to cross their arms and prayer and come up in the communion line to receive a blessing.

Pretzels. Untener, Bishop Ken. Little Black Book 2019. PG 28

Children of our parish preparing for your First Communion, soon you won't be crossing your arms anymore. You will hold them out to receive your God!!

Important Faith Formation Dates

WED. March 27 Grades 7-10 Penance Service 6:30 pm, Edge night 3-6

WED. April 3 No Faith Formation Catechist appreciation party at Features 6:30

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Religious Awards due date- Attention Boy Scouts & Adult Scouters all Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Pillars of Faith, Father Marquette, Bronze Pelican, St. George, Duty to God and Pope Paul VI Unit Excellence applications must be in by April 18th. For further information or applications contact La Crosse Catholic Committee on Scouting Chair Cindy Sjolander at 608-783-4911 or email at: catholicscoutinglacrossediocese@gmail.com

HELP SUPPORT THE HACC

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 2-11 pm, the Holmen Area Community Center will hold an event aptly titled the "Holmen Area Community Celebration!" and the whole community is invited! This day will be a family-friendly event, with the goal of enjoying the company of family and friends supporting the Holmen Area Community Center. Visit: www.holmencc.org for more info.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Are you interested in learning more about the Word of God? The **DIOCESAN SCHOOL of BIBLICAL STUDIES** may be just the program for you. Designed to give Catholics a biblical foundation for study and prayer, this program takes participants on a four-year journey through the pages of every book in the Catholic canon of scripture. You sign up for **one year at a time...** and a new cohort is beginning this fall! Classes for this new cohort (fall 2019 - spring 2023) will meet on Saturdays during the school year at two different centers: **La Crosse** (Viterbo University) and **Wausau** (St. Anthony Retreat Center). The **first year's study** includes the Old Testament books from Genesis through 2 Kings. The Diocesan School of Biblical Studies is a serious study that joins the best of contemporary biblical scholarship with a desire for personal spiritual enrichment and a love for the use of the scriptures in the Church. For further information, check out their website at diocesanschoolofbiblicalstudies.weebly.com or speak to Carol Reider in the parish office.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

Parishioner Emil Meindl is conducting a Lenten Sunday Scripture Study for Gentlemen only. This Sunday Scripture Study is being held on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Guest Room across from the kitchen in the church until April 11th**. Come and join other men for fellowship and support and to learn how the Sunday readings relate to your daily life. The readings will be provided for you, but bring a bible if you have one. Hope to see you there!

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.

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

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$7,794	\$11,031	-\$3,237	\$573,616
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$395,014	\$419,178	-\$24,164	

SAVE THE DATE



The Annual PCCW Rummage Sale will be Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3. More info to follow in future bulletins or visit our

website at: www.seasholmen.org.

WE CARE COLLECTION MARCH 30/31

Pope Francis said he ends each day by examining his conscience in terms of what he did to fulfill Jesus' direction. **"The Lord will recognize us if we have recognized his face in the face of the hungry, the poor, the marginalized, the sick and the lonely. These are the fundamental criteria for verifying our Christian life"**. This is a great way to bring to a close each day.

St Elizabeth's is most grateful for the generosity of our parishioners in their gifts of their treasure during the second collection at Mass every month that there is a 5th Sunday. It is this revenue which permits us to assist those in need who come to us for assistance with their critical needs. We thank you for your generous response. The next collection will be held next weekend, March 30/31.

GOOD MOURNING MINISTRY



The next SEAS Good Mourning Ministry is scheduled for **Monday, April 1st** 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.

YOUNG AT HEART



The next Young at Heart Gathering (parishioners 55+) will be Thursday, April 4th. Join us for Mass at 8:30am followed by a potluck, speaker/and or games. Watch

future bulletins or check the parish website for more details.

These gatherings are very casual and fun and an awesome way to meet your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there.

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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

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Janice Dvoracek.....526-3957

Shawn Handland.....526-2257

Pat Stephens.....526-2480

Larry Warzynski.....526-6474

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 24 8:00 am Mass † 10:15 am Mass	3rd Sunday of Lent James R. Ristow People of SEAS
Monday, March 25 8:30 am Mass †	The Annunciation of the Lord Charles Brueggen
Tuesday, March 26 7:00 am Mass † 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Sacrament of Penance 6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Lenten Presentation	Lenten Weekday Janet Vosen
Wednesday, March 27 8:30 am Mass † 6:30 pm Youth Faith Formation Classes 6:30 pm Sacrament of Penance Grds 7-10	Lenten Weekday Florence Petrick
Thursday, March 28 8:30 am Mass † 6:30 pm Choir practice 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	Lenten Weekday Gerald Bihn
Friday, March 29 8:30 am Mass †	Lenten Weekday Special Intention for Knights of Columbus
Saturday, March 30 5th Sunday Collection 8:00 am Pray the Rosary 4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance 6:30 pm Youth Gaming Night	Lenten Weekday
5:00 PM Mass †	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent Robert Peterson
Sunday, March 31 5th Sunday of Collection 8:00 am Mass † 10:15 am Mass †	4th Sunday of Lent People of SEAS William Davis

THANK YOU

Thank you for your wonderful gifts of treasure and prayers for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. As of today we have reached 80% of our goal. With only 3 & 1/2 months to go, we hope to meet and exceed the target. Remember, anything over our target gets returned to us as a rebate, tax free to be used on much needed building maintenance. Please prayerfully consider giving if you haven't yet and definitely keep the appeal in your prayers. We are SEAS strong! Thank you and God bless.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES



The **Sacrament of Penance** (Confession) is celebrated every Saturday beginning at 4:00 PM. The Sacrament also will be celebrated at **6:30 PM on Tuesdays** following the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Stations of the Cross begin at 6:00 pm. Please note: Tuesday of Holy Week will be the last regularly scheduled celebration of Penance until the Easter Season.

Five confessors will be available to celebrate the Sacrament with Faith Formation students and parishioners beginning at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 27.

SHADOW STATIONS

What are Shadow Stations? It is a very unique and soul moving way to experience the Way of the Cross. The youth from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish will act out each of the stations from behind a screen making a visual effect of the station. The stations become "alive". The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's suffering and death. This has become one of the most popular Catholic/Christian devotions since the time of the crusades. People of all faiths, young and old will benefit from this awe-inspiring prayer experience. (Some material not suitable for younger children)



Dates are: Sun, April 14th and Wed, April 17th at 7:00 pm each night.

YOUTH GAMING NIGHT

Saturday, March 30th
Mario Kart competition for Middle thru High School



Other games will include Smash Brothers, Fifa, Wii sports, just dance and more!!
Join us for 5:00 p.m. Mass.
Games will begin at 6:30 on multiple screens.
Pizza and drinks will be provided. Cost is FREE!!

All Middle School and High School youth are invited to join in on the fun.