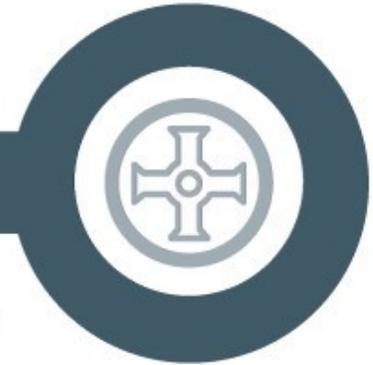




Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 31, 2019

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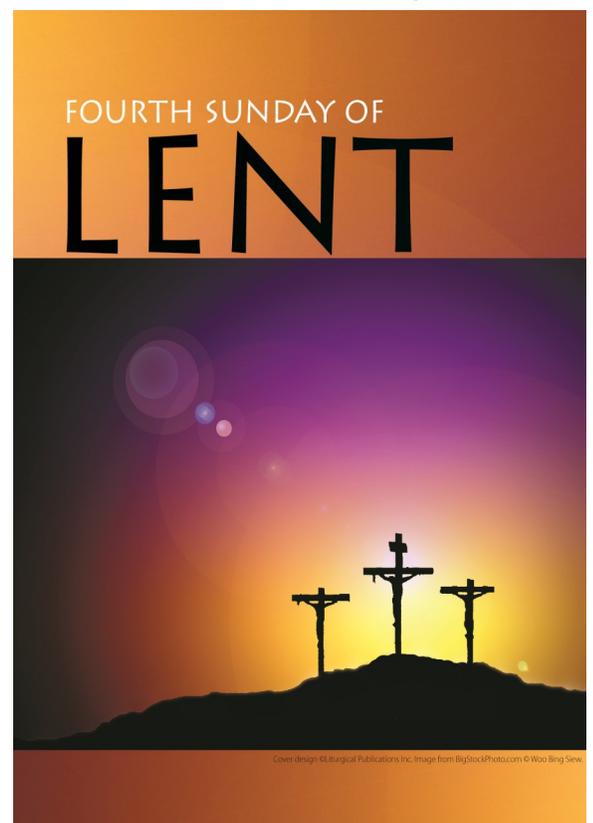
THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

I can't bear to watch. So I turn away. Or I get up from my chair and walk away. I don't dare watch and be brought to tears again. It seems that often the PBS NewsHour reports the story of Yemen. It is a story of war. And famine. And children. Always the children. The story of the two year old who just learned to walk. But now he is in his father's arms because a bomb killed his mother and resulted in the amputation of his leg. Always the children. Because of the war, food shipments cannot be delivered. So children are skin and bones, literally, awaiting to breathe their last. I can't watch. I can't give myself anymore to feeling their suffering, or my anger and indifference. And most of all I can't give myself to recognizing Christ in the eyes of the children. But God allows himself to be moved by our wretchedness. God allows himself to suffer our cruelty.

In his book *The Name of God is Mercy*, Pope Francis writes: "Jesus does not look at reality from the outside, without letting himself be moved, as if he were taking a picture. He lets himself get involved. This kind of compassion is needed today to conquer the globalization of indifference. This kind of regard is needed when we find ourselves in front of a poor person, an outcast, or a sinner. This is the compassion that nourishes the awareness that we, too, are sinners."

I still turn from those faces that so distress me, and do not have the strength to recognize in them the face of my Lord. Most frightening of all, I do that and wonder if I am sorry for doing so. Can I be sorry if I continue to look away? Again it is Pope Francis who reminds me that if I cannot be sorry, am I able to be sorry for not being sorry? To that I readily answer, "Yes, I am sorry for not being sorry. I am sorry for not repenting." And I know that the God whose name is Mercy is continuing his saving work in me.

May the Lord be with you.
Father John Parr



SEAS STEWARDSHIP



Just a gentle reminder that our Stewardship Packets were due on **March 29th**. We are looking to **receive a response back from each household**, so please send yours in if you haven't done so yet. If you have misplaced the packet and need another, simply

call or stop in at the parish office or see one of the staff members on the weekend.

We renew our Stewardship each year for several reasons. We need to update our parish census and ensure that we have correct addresses, phone numbers, and emails for everyone. We also want to reach out to our new parishioners to let them know of all the opportunities we have here at St. Elizabeth's for ministries and volunteer opportunities. Finally, we all realize that there are many changing seasons of life, and it is good to prayerfully look at our commitments each year to evaluate the use of our time, talent, and treasure. Some years we may have more to give...and some years we may have to step back and reserve more for our own families or even ourselves. We respect each family's decisions...so please do not hesitate to send back your response card...whether it is full of "new" selections, "continue" selections, "discontinue" selections, or no selections at all. We want to hear from you and we value your presence, whatever stage you are at in your life.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knight of the Month: Mark Hein is our Knight of the month for all the work he does at church and for helping with the Wild Game Feed. Thank you for all you do!

Family of the Month: The Church Shoveling Crew. For getting up early and shoveling all of the snow around the church and keeping everything safe for all of us to attend Mass.

Next Meeting: Sunday April 7, at Drugan's Country Club, KC Appreciation Banquet. Guest Speaker Sister Marlene Weisenbeck, FSPA speaking on the affects of Human Trafficking

Knights of Columbus Mission Statement: To provide a means by which Catholic Men could support the Catholic Church, To provide Financial Protection to Protect their Families and To engage in works of Charity to Benefit the Less Fortunate.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



The 4th commandment tells us: "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God...In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them;

but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (Exodus 20:8-11) Family life is busy. There is always something to be done. However, there is much peace and grace to be gained by taking one day of the week and dedicating it to your marriage and your family. Try making couple/family time a priority on Sunday. First of all, come together to join with your faith community to worship our Lord at Sunday Mass. Then establish a routine of spending time together, eating meals together, and spending leisure time enjoying each other's company. Play board games, take a walk together at a different location each week, try out a new park, enjoy an old-fashioned picnic. Surely, if God has time to rest, we do, too.

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Please remember, the sick, hospitalized, military members, homebound and anyone needing of our prayers.

May they experience the healing power of God.

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 PUBLICIZED.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM US WHEN SOMEONE SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF THE LIST.

FAITH FORMATION

Every Lent and Advent for the last several years. Mr. B and I have been having what we call Edge night with the Faith Formation kids. We hold two sessions each season; one Wednesday night for grades 7-10 and the other for grades 3-6. We try to make it a surprise. The students go to class as usual and take attendance. Instead of starting the lesson for the night, catechists walk them down to the auditorium for a night of music, prayer, skits, and group games to go with the theme of what they'll be learning for the night. The first year our theme was "A Promise is a Promise" and was based on the Covenants that God made with his people. It happened to fall during the presidential elections and we did a spoof debate between two fictitious candidates; Mr. B Selfish and Mrs. Loveyourneighbor. Guess which one was most likely to keep their promises as God kept with his people? We've also had a student share his guitar talents to help us lead a praise and worship song. Quite a few students have shared their acting skills to turn a silly skit into a hilarious production with a great message. This past Wednesday we played Nerf games to distract the students from the night's lesson. For once the catechists got to act immaturely. It perfectly illustrated how we are always being tempted by Satan and distracted from what God wants us to be doing. Students learned they could arm and shield themselves with the virtues needed to make the right choices. Ask your kids about these nights and what they have learned.

Mary Luebke, C.R.E.

Important Faith Formation Dates

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

WED., April 10 - Faith Formation classes at 6:30pm

WED., April 17 - No Faith Formation classes, Shadow Stations at 7pm.

WED., April 24 - Faith Formation classes at 6:30pm, First Communion Rehearsal- Homework packets and banners due

SAT., April 27 - First Communion at 5:00pm Mass

SUN., April 28 - First Communion at 10:15pm Mass



SPIRITUS

SPiRiTUS In Search of Young Adults!



Igniting Faith in Catholic Youth

SPiRiTUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPiRiTUS missionary team this August. SPiRiTUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics

through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.

THANK OUR ADVERTISERS

Tim Brown from LPi was with us recently securing advertisers for our weekly bulletin. We would like to thank all the advertisers who have renewed their ads for the upcoming year and also thank all the new advertisers who have generously committed to the bulletin for this year. If you're interested in sponsoring an ad for your business or on behalf of your favorite charity/organization, there is still time. Please contact **Tim Brown at 262-207-2518 or tbrown@4LPi**. As a reminder, we ask that all of our parishioners patronize these advertisers whenever possible. It is their generosity that provides the weekly bulletin at little or no cost to our parish. Please use the bulletin as a resource whenever you are in need of products or services. Let them know we truly appreciate their loyal support of our weekly bulletin.

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. Please prayerfully consider giving if you haven't yet and definitely keep the appeal in your prayers. Deadline is June 30th. We are SEAS strong! Thank you and God bless.

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

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$10,065	\$11,031	-\$966	\$573,616
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$404,907	\$430,209	-\$25,302	

SEAS ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage Sale 2019 at Holland Town Hall:
(Times are new....)

Monday, April 29- Drop off donations from
11a – 6p

Tuesday, April 30- Drop off donations from
11a – 6p

Wednesday, May 1- Drop off donations
from 11a – 6p

Rummage Sale

Thursday, May 2

1p – 7p

Friday, May 3

8a – 1p

(half-price sale)

We cannot accept:

computer equipment
TV's
lg. appliances
lg. furniture
exercise equipment
baby equipment



Many volunteers are needed to set up and sort on Mon., Tues., Wed., work the sale on Thurs., and Fri., and tear down at the end. Please help! Sign up to work for an hour or two when you drop off your donations or any time that week. This is a fun opportunity to get involved and meet other parishioners.

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.dioc.org. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@dioc.org

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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, March 31	4th Sunday of Lent
5th Sunday Collection	
8:00 am Mass	People of SEAS
10:15am Mass †	William Davis
Monday, April 1	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Jerome Frohmader
1:00 pm	Good Mourning Ministry
6:00 pm	Shadow Stations Practice
Tuesday, April 2	Lenten Weekday
7:00 am Mass †	Doug Imgrund
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm	Penance
Wednesday, April 3	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Wayne and Diane Wheeler
6:30 pm	No Faith Formation classes
6:30 pm	Catechist Appreciation at Features
Thursday, April 4	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Charles Brueggen
9:00 am	Young at Heart
6:30 pm	Choir practice
7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study
Friday, April 5	Lenten Weekday
8:30 am Mass †	Marie Doherty
6:00 pm	Shadow Stations Practice
Saturday, April 6	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Pray the Rosary
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance
	Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM Mass †	Willard Tanke
Sunday, April 7	5th Sunday of Lent
8:00 am Mass †	Donna Dummer
9:15 am	Wee Believe Sunday School
10:15am Mass	People of SEAS

SEAS GOOD MOURNING MINISTRY



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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR TRIDUUM

April 18 - Holy Thursday Mass 7pm / Adoration to follow until 9pm

April 19 - Good Friday Passion Service 1pm

April 20 - Easter Vigil Saturday Mass 8pm



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.



MEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us **Thursdays, April 4 and final night, April 11** for the Men's Lenten Bible Study. The readings will be provided for you, but bring a bible if you have one. Hope to see you there!

SEAS 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.