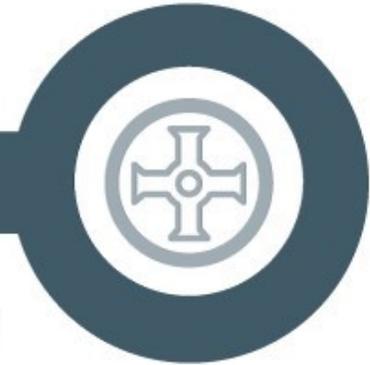




Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 7, 2019

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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## THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

Some thoughts about the sacrament of Confession (also called Penance and Reconciliation).

I know I am not alone in the frustration of confessing the same sins over and over. Why bother with confession when I confess the same sins all my life long and seemingly show no improvement? Of course there is some consolation in the fact that we are committing the same sins time and again rather than always committing new ones. It is no small gift of God to not be sinning in new ways time and again. But the fact that I seem to repeat the same sins can be discouraging. So it is good to be reminded that while the Lord calls us to turn from sin what matters most is that we turn to him. In Confession the Lord wants us to be reconciled with him. In the sacrament the Lord wants to draw us more deeply into his own life. In Confession the Lord wants to renew us with a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is important to remember that the sacrament of Penance, like every sacrament, is not about us but about Christ and the work he wants to do in us. Christ wants to abide in us, and for us to abide in him.

Confession demands of us a proper disposition. Part of that disposition, I think, means a firm desire to forgive those who have hurt me. (See Matthew 5:23-24, 6:14-15 and Mark 11:25). The wonder of Christ's forgiveness grows in us when we allow him to forgive others through us. I know the forgiveness of Christ when I share it with others, especially my enemies.

The power of the sacrament is known only when we acknowledge ourselves as sinners. At Mass during the Christmas season we listened to the First Letter of St. John. One of the readings struck me as new, a reading that I had not been attentive to before. "If we say 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing. If we say, 'We have not sinned,' we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:8-10) Perhaps we do not know the power of Confession because we refuse to forgive others as we ourselves are forgiven.

We are far into Lent. What can you do for the Lord at this late date? The great gift we can give the Lord is to trust in his love. And there is no place better to show that trust than in Confession where we let the Lord do what he does best—forgive and forgive and forgive.

The Lord be with you.  
Father John Parr



## SEAS STEWARDSHIP

Saint Paul tells us, "Let us not grow weary of doing good; if we do not relax our efforts, in due time we shall reap our harvest. While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all." (Galatians 6:9)

As a Stewardship parish, we are called upon to share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure in service to one another. Have you turned in your Stewardship response cards yet? If so, thank you so very much. If not, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced yours, please call the office for another. We will be calling those of you who have not responded...so save us a call and turn your cards in as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless you.

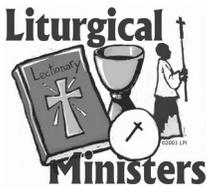


## THE ROSEBUD PROGRAM



As part of the Elizabeth Ministry program at SEAS, the Rosebud Program is a visual reminder of the power of prayer. At the front of the church in the sanctuary under our Blessed Mary, you will see a vase of roses, each representing a sacred life with each color representing a different prayer request. A **pink** rosebud honors pregnancy and the unborn baby. A **red** rosebud celebrates birth or adoption. A **white** rosebud remembers a child lost through miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or infant or child death (whether recent or in the past). A **yellow** rosebud represents those waiting to conceive or adopt. A **blue** rosebud represents those families experiencing troubling times, and a **purple** rosebud represents grandparents' concerns. We invite all parishioners when the occasion arises, to simply approach the altar, pick out the appropriate rosebud, and place it in the vase. A journal is available to fill out with your name or with an anonymous notation whatever details you would like the parish to hold in prayer. Prayer cards for the various situations are located next to the roses and can be taken home and kept for personal meditation. The roses will serve as reminders to all members of the parish to hold your intentions in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Reider at 608-526-4424.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



We will be holding training for **NEW** ministers of Hospitality, Proclaimers of the Word, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Mon., May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. This training will be primarily for new ministers; however, any returning ministers who wish to brush-up on the procedures may certainly attend. We are in need of more volunteers in each area, so please prayerfully consider joining us.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### ADDITIONAL LENTEN CHALLENGE

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who have been participating in the "40 Days of Giving" Lenten Challenge. These items that we have received have

already began to be given out to help the less fortunate in our area. Being a proud sponsor of this program, the Knights of Columbus Council are looking to increase the challenge and donate \$1.00 per item given during the weekend of Palm Sunday Masses, Saturday, April 13th and Sunday April 14th.

This a fantastic opportunity to look at our current Lenten journey and make a big difference in the lives of others as we come to Holy Week to join Jesus in the Easter Journey while helping our Brothers and Sisters.

**Find us on Facebook at: Knights of Columbus Council #9385 - Holmen, WI**

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Susan Amundsen  
Sara (Wozney) Balaker  
Richard Brandau  
Trudy Brieske  
Mike Candahl  
Will Davis  
Ethan Doe  
Sr. Bridget Donaldson, OSB  
Liz, Pat, Barb and Rita  
Donaldson  
Patrick Donaldson  
DeEtte Gillmeister  
Joe Gittens  
Sharon Grabar  
Lois Hanson  
Sherry Hanson  
Doris Jesseski  
John Jesseski  
June Kukovec  
Kent Limberg (military)

Sue Lund  
Jerome Malin  
Kevin McIntyre  
John Modjeski  
Judith Niedfeldt  
Leona "Pat" Ostrander  
Poppy Grace Poole  
Ken Proctor  
Robert C. Ristow  
Bailey Rohrer  
Tom Ryan  
Jordan Schadrie  
Sue Schafer  
Celia Scholze  
Erica Schultz  
Nikki Schultz  
Sascha Stephens  
Phyllis Thaldorf  
Pam Tischer  
Colleen Tisil

## FAITH FORMATION

Fasting during Lent helps us overcome gluttony. Gluttony is one of the 7 deadly sins. I used to think it was just about excessive eating, however, it can apply to toys, television, entertainment, the body, or relationships. It is about an excess of anything. We binge watch shows on Netflix even though we've already seen every episode, stay up too late gorging on Facebook and Twitter and play countless hours of video games.

The true danger of gluttony is not that it will lead to flabby waistlines but that it will lead to flabby souls. Too often we separate the physical from the spiritual, forgetting that the habits of our body can have profound effects on the sanctification of our spirit. We starve our souls with other forms of overconsumption. To cure our gluttony we need to increase our appetite for Jesus. To constantly ask God to, "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. (Ps. 90:14)" Turn to prayer instead of Netflix, pause to meditate on Scripture instead of social media and seek the Bread of Life instead of fried bread. Let our desire be for God alone—for that alone is the only desire for which we can never overindulge.

### Important Faith Formation Dates

- SUN., April 7- Wee Believe Sunday School 9:15 am **LAST SESSION!!**
- WED., April 24 -First Communion Rehearsal meet at church 6:30
- SAT., April 27 -First Communion at 5pm Mass
- SUN., April 28 -First Communion at 10:15am Mass
- WED., May 15 - Confirmation St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral 6:30 pm



## THANK YOU

Thanks to all the youth who joined us last Saturday evening for the Youth Gaming Night. We had an awesome turnout of some 50 middle and high schoolers from SEAS and St. Patrick's. Thanks to the Knights and the youth offices of SEAS and St. Patrick's for sponsoring the event. Visit the parish Facebook page to see photos and videos from the event.

## READING SCRIPTURE

The Bible is full of names and places and sometimes even foreign words that are tricky to pronounce. Here is a helpful website, available for free to all, which very easily pronounces all those difficult words. Simply scroll down on the page and click on "Pronunciation Guide." It will be especially useful for those of you who take on the role of Proclaimers of the Word at our Masses. [netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm#b](http://netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm#b)

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

### 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](http://www.spiritusministries.org), contact Rachel at [recruiter@spiritusministries.org](mailto:recruiter@spiritusministries.org), or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Huberters are offering a scholarship to a parish member graduating from high school this year. For a copy of the application, please contact Patrick Brueggen at the parish office or download the form at [seasholmen.org](http://seasholmen.org) under the Huberters tab in the menu.

## SAVE THE DATE

St. Elizabeth's **Baccalaureate Brunch** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 19th** following the 10:15 am Mass. All graduating high school seniors should watch for your invitation in the mail and RSVP as soon as possible.

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

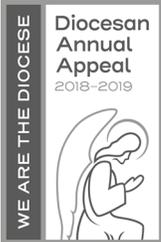
	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$10,277	\$11,031	-\$754	\$573,616
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$408,042	\$441,240	-\$33,198	

## EVENT AT FSC

### Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross

Join community members for the annual Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross on **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Meet at the front entrance of the Franciscan Spirituality Center at 10 am and join others in a silent prayer walk from the heart of La Crosse to the Mississippi River. Along the way, we stop to pray and sing at places that represent suffering in our community and world today. The two mile walk recalls the journey of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary. Adults, students, and families are all welcome to experience this special Good Friday event. Please dress according to the weather.

## APPEAL UPDATE



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, \$67,432 of the total \$84,910. Only **\$14,078** more to go. 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.

## SEAS ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

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

Mon., April 29- Drop off donations from 11 a – 6p  
Tues., April 30- Drop off donations from 11 a – 6p  
Wed., May 1- Drop off donations from 11 a – 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, or 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. Be sure to check the Facebook Rummage sale event page at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton for more details.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH RECTORY & OFFICE

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### STAFF

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

### Finance Council Members

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00 am Mass † Donna Dummer	
9:15 am Wee Believe Sunday school	
10:15 am Mass People of SEAS	
<b>Monday, April 8</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass † Daniel Hawes	
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00 am Mass † Daniel Hawes	
4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting	
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Penance	
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass † Special Intention Jacob Clements	
6:30 pm Youth Faith Formation classes	
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass † Cecil Rochester	
6:30 pm Choir practice	
7:00 pm Men's Lenten Bible Study	
<b>Friday, April 12</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass † Bridget Kavanaugh Gonchar	
6:00 pm Shadow stations practice	
<b>Saturday, April 13</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
8:00 am Pray the Rosary	
4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance	
	<b>Vigil: Palm Sunday</b>
5:00 PM Mass † Donna Dummer	
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
8:00 am Mass People of SEAS	
9:15 am Simple Living Discussion Group	
10:15 am Mass † Charles Brueggen	
7:00 pm Shadow Stations presented by SEAS youth	
	<b>Visit <a href="http://www.seasholmen.org">www.seasholmen.org</a></b>

## ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



SEAS has the option for online giving. The user friendly format can be found on the MyParish app Giving button, on our parish website ([seasholmen.org](http://seasholmen.org)) or for those of you already giving electronically from your checking or savings, you can download the Give+ app for free. We added the Easter fund along with weekly giving. You are able to give through your savings, checking, by debit or credit. Forgot your envelope? No problem, access one of these options at anytime. Any questions, contact Sandy Jerue in the parish office. Thank you for your stewardship to our parish.

## HOLY WEEK

**April 13/14 - Palm Sunday Masses** (regular Mass times)  
**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**



## DON'T WANT TO MISS IT

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.**



## SEAS SIMPLE LIVING— ALL ARE WELCOME



### Laudato Si...on the path to Care for Our Common Home

Please join us on **April 14th from 9:15 to 10:00 am** 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!

**Please return Rice Bowls and Mite Boxes during Holy Week. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.**