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"Your life is a story. And it's caught up in the great story of humanity. The God that is love created so we can ultimately be with His love. We were made to be with God. Union with God is so central to the purpose of life, we even see the afterlife in these terms. Our definition of Heaven is union with God, and hell is absence of Him. Your life has a plot. Your life has purpose. Your life has value. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. And that love of God isn't abstract. It has a face and name: Jesus."

Join us for a viewing of **Episode 4 of the Search** and discussion on Wed. Feb 24th in the High School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm

(Each episode with discussions and reflections will also be available on our Parish Facebook Page on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21, 2021

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS					
Saturday, 2/20	SM	5:00 pm	Andrew Zuzolo		
Sunday, 2/21	HF	8:00 am	Bill Johnson		
Sunday, 2/21	SA	10:00 am	For the people of S.E.A.S.		
Sunday, 2/21	SM	1:30 pm	German Contreras		
Monday, 2/22	SM	Noon	Private		
Tuesday, 2/23	SA	8:15 am	Sister Jeanie Holthouse		
Wednesday, 2/24	SM	8:15 am	Ernie Frady		
Thursday, 2/25	HF	8:15 am	Alvin F. Rice		
Friday, 2/26	HF	7:00 pm	Porter Miller		
Saturday, 2/27	SM	5:00 pm	For the people of S.E.A.S.		
Sunday, 2/28	HF	8:00 am	Herb Lahmann		
Sunday, 2/28	SA	10:00 am	Tonya Maurer		
Sunday, 2/28	SM	1:30 pm	Fr. Kevin Morris		

This Week's Liturgy: Feb. 22 - Feb. 27		
MON	22	Chair of St. Peter The Apostle, Private
TUE	23	Lenten Weekday [1] SA
WED	24	Lenten Weekday [1] SM
THU	25	Lenten Weekday [1] HF
FRI	26	Lenten Weekday [1] HF
SAT	27	Lenten Weekday [1] SM

Stewardship report for Feb 14, 2021					
Sunday/Holy Day	Feb 14	11,659.00			
Online Giving	Feb. 8-12	11,716.16			
Spanish	Feb 14	Report next week			
Total		23,375.16			
Budget Weekly		20,193.00			
Needs of the Parish	Feb 14	57.00			
Needs of the Parish-Organ	Feb 14	627.00			

Our Mission Statement

As committed Christians of the Roman Catholic Church in Richmond, Indiana, we are a community, centered in Christ, rooted in the Eucharistic communion, journeying together in our call to be holy, constantly discerning the charisms of the Spirit, making one another disciples of Christ and seeking God's kingdom in service, stewardship and charity.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Fall 2020		
Parish Goal	\$83,884	
Amount Pledged	\$53,384	
% of Goal	64%	
Total \$'s Received	%38,357	
Parish Households	779	
# of Pledges	191	
Parish Participation	25%	

Walking the Lenten Journey

Lent demands that we relook at our lives. We are called to reconsider and rearrange our lives. When we want to reconsider our lives, what looms larger in front of our eyes is the sin that burdens us. Lent calls us to mourn and weep for our sins. This means that we understand what sin can do. A sinful life is not something normal, and hence be simply accepted as part of life. Sin is real. As St. John says, "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

In order that we understand what sin is, we must see it in the proper context. One cannot understand sin unless he recognizes "the profound relation of man to God, for only in this relationship is the evil of sin unmasked in its true identity as humanity's rejection of God and opposition to him, even as it continues to weigh heavy on human life and history" (CCC 386). From the first sin to each sin committed by us now, what really should matter to us is the truth that in every sin, we actually reject God. Sin is simply a rejection of God's love. Without this understanding, sin will turn out to be a mere "developmental flaw, a psychological weakness, a mistake or the necessary consequence of an inadequate social structure" (CCC 387). On the other hand, sin is an abuse in its fundamental character. God has given us the gift of freedom and free will so that we can freely choose His ways, for we know anything that is forced on us would never make us happy, however good it is. Within this understanding of God in his bountiful love, his plan and essentially our relatedness to such merciful Father, sin is essentially "an abuse of freedom" (CCC 387). This is what characterizes the origin of sin in Adam and Eve. In the words of St. Maximus, the confessor, "Constituted in a state of holiness, man was destined to be fully "divinized" by God in glory. Seduced by the devil, he wanted to "be like God," but "without God, before God, and not in accordance with God" (cf. CCC 397). What was lost in that first fracture of our nature is huge and heavily laden on humanity – the loss original holiness, the original friendship, the original grace, the original harmony and the original justice — by the event of original sin. Adam and Eve lived in Paradise, and their life knew nothing that makes our life lame. "The first man was not only created good, but was also established in friendship with his Creator and in harmony with himself and with the creation around him, in a state that would be surpassed only by the glory of the new creation in Christ" (CCC 374).

Every sin is a mortal sin, says Thomas Aquinas. The degree varies and thus some are venial and some remain to be mortal because it entirely severs our relationship with God unless it is healed and reconciled through the sacrament of confession. No sin is unforgivable for God. His mercy endures forever, but that does not mean our God is only merciful and not just. God's two hands are mercy and justice. If we miss one hand, we will be held in the other. That is why Paul writes to the Ephesians, "...we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind" (Eph 2:13). This is precisely why we must repent, return and reclaim. God's free gift of mercy and grace is offered to us through Jesus which we must approach with holy fear and repentant tears. Holiness is not automatic, nor is it something unwilled by us. Holiness is

a generous response to God's love – how can we make this generous response without removing those hurdles that wound our relationship to God? We are called to identify ourselves with Christ's righteousness, not Adam's rebellion. Don't forget to make the one pending good confession you have been postponing for so long...!

Fr. Lendar

Fr. Sengole Gnanaraj



- Saturday, February 27th
- ◆ Virtual Event @ St. Mary Campus, Richmond, IN
- Doors Open at 7:30 am; Confession available;
- ♦ Holy Mass @ 8 am; Lunch Provided in Cafeteria
- Event Concludes at 3:30 pm. Free-will offering;
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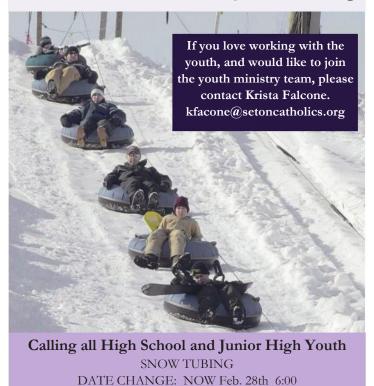


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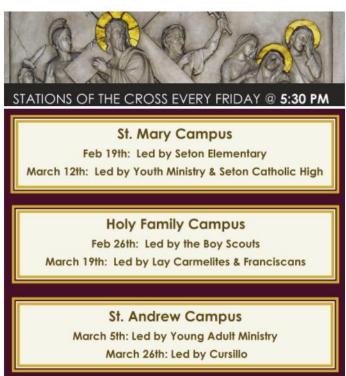


FAITH FORMATION

Questions about the Sacraments? Contact Kyle King at 765-541-8420 or email him at kking@setoncatholics.org

Reminder: Religious Education on Sundays will resume in person on February 28th from 11:15-12:15pm. We will have donuts & a gift of a rosary for each student!





Sign up on Formed to watch 'The Search'

- Go to https://formed.org/signup Choose Option 3 (I belong to a Parish). Find your Parish (Search for St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Richmond Catholic Office). Choose it and go next.
- 2. Write Your Name and a reliable email address that you use on a regular basis. (You will need to use this to complete registration). You should now be logged in to Formed! (It functions like any streaming service such as Netflix or Prime). You can download the app on to your phone, iPad, and most smart TVs.

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February 8, 2021

Hello all,

We hope that this letter finds you all well and in good spirits. The year 2020 and the start of 2021 has been full of challenges on all fronts. We are blessed to know that whatever challenges we encounter, our Lord will continue to watch over us and guide us.

These times bring me back to Isaiah 41:10 "Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." Through these times, we are grateful that you have continued to make the sacrifices to send your children to Seton Catholic High School.

At the high school, we have been blessed with great volunteers who have done amazing work over the years and this has kept our costs and tuition down. In 2020, we have felt the impact of quarantines and concerns over Covid-19 when it comes to our volunteers. While we understand the concerns of the pandemic, we are in need of volunteers. This is a request from me to ask you to re-consider volunteering at the high school. If you have concerns regarding Covid-19 here at the high school, we have had great success due to tight adherence to our safety protocols.

Our biggest need right away is for volunteers in the high school cafeteria. If we are unable to find volunteers for the cafeteria, we will need to hire for this. This will drive our costs up, which could have a greater impact on all of our families moving forward. This letter is not to scare anyone, but to ask for your help. We would love to have volunteers and it would only require a few hours a week if we had multiple people sharing their time.

I thank you for your time and your commitment to Seton Catholic High School. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact the high school office. Any time that you are able to volunteer would be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless,

John Markward SCHS Principal

Tiempo Santo de Cuaresma

Pronto estaremos en Cuaresma, tiempo de renovaciones y resurgimientos. La Cuaresma nos recuerda nuestro final. La Cuaresma nos recuerda que somos mortales. La Cuaresma llama a tener presente nuestro fin. El miércoles de ceniza, nos ponemos cenizas en la frente - esta es una celebración simbólica muy poderosa y nos sumergimos en la temporada del arrepentimiento y la penitencia. La tradición judía del símbolo de las cenizas como se encuentra en el Antiguo Testamento nos dá varios significados para afinar nuestro enfoque. En Génesis 3:19, después de la caída, "... porque de ella fuiste tomado; eres pol-Dios le dice a Adán, vo, y polvo volverás ". Aunque Adán fue creado con una naturaleza pura incontaminada y una razón pura que tenía un acceso directo para conocer la voluntad de Dios, la naturaleza de Adán (nuestra naturaleza, como resultado) se encontró con una seria fractura o daño debido a su primera transgresión, también conocida como pecado original. Dios no abandonó a nuestros primeros padres a la condenación y la destrucción; Dios los amó y prometió ofrecerles una salida de la miseria que ellos mismos trajeron. Con la gracia de Dios y su generosa misericordia, y de nuestra parte la fé en la gracia de Dios y una cooperación fiel a su gracia, se nos ofrece la salvación. Cuando decimos fé, queremos decir dos cosas: La fé en la que creemos y la fé con la que creemos; ambas son dones sobrenaturales de Dios.

La clave para comprender todos estos misterios de los que somos parte es la cooperación con la gracia. Cuando fallamos y no cooperamos, sucumbimos fácilmente a la naturaleza débil y fracturada. Cuando cometemos errores y pecamos contra Dios, de alguna manera nos sentimos culpables porque sabemos lo que nos perdimos. En el Antiguo Testamento, el pecado también se asocia con la palabra "fallar"; el pecado es algo que perdemos. En el próximo boletín, escribiré sobre el pecado. El arrepentimiento, por lo tanto, es otra clave para entender esta temporada santa. En el último capítulo de Job, encontramos a Job hablando con Dios después de volver en sí, "... por tanto, me desprecio a mí mismo, y me arrepiento en polvo y ceniza". Ahora, las cenizas significan no sólo mortalidad, sino también arrepentimiento, muerte al pecado. Daniel, un hombre santo y justo, toma sobre sí una vigorosa penitencia por los pecados de su pueblo. Él dice: "Volví mi rostro al Señor Dios, buscándolo con oración y súplicas con ayunos, cilicio y ceniza" (Dan. 9: 3). Ester, otra mujer santa que se casó con un rey pagano, se viste de ceniza y estiércol, cubre su cuerpo con



ropa humilde y ora para salvar a los judíos de su malvado esposo que les ordenó matarlos. Esto significa que podemos hacer penitencia por otros: Nuestra familia, nación, hermanos cristianos e incluso por la Iglesia. 1 Mac 3:47 hace referencia a "cenizas en la frente".

Hacemos todos estos ejercicios espirituales para poder regresar a Dios. No importa la apariencia externa de la penitencia (Mt 6: 16-18). A partir de Adán, el llamado a arrepentirse, regresar y reclamar nuestra gracia original resuena en nuestra conciencia. Estamos llamados a regresar; no podemos volver al Padre con todos nuestros pecados, sino deshacernos de ellos. Que la primera lectura del Miércoles de Ceniza resuene en nuestras mentes: "Aún ahora, dice el Señor,' vuélvete a mí con todo tu corazón, con ayuno, llanto y lamento; y rasgad vuestro corazón y no vuestras vestiduras "(Joel 2: 12-13).

Estaciones de la Cruz: Todos los Viernes a las 5:30 pm.

Iglesia de Santa María:

19 de Febrero dirigida por la Primaria de Seton. 12 de Marzo dirigida por la Preparatoria de Seton y el Ministerio de la Juventud.

Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia:

26 de Febrero dirigida por los Boy Scouts. 19 de Marzo dirigida por los Laicos Carmelitas y Franciscanos.

Iglesia de San Andrés:

5 de Marzo dirigida por el Ministerio de los adultos jóvenes.

26 de Marzo dirigida por el grupo Cursillo.

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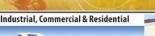
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