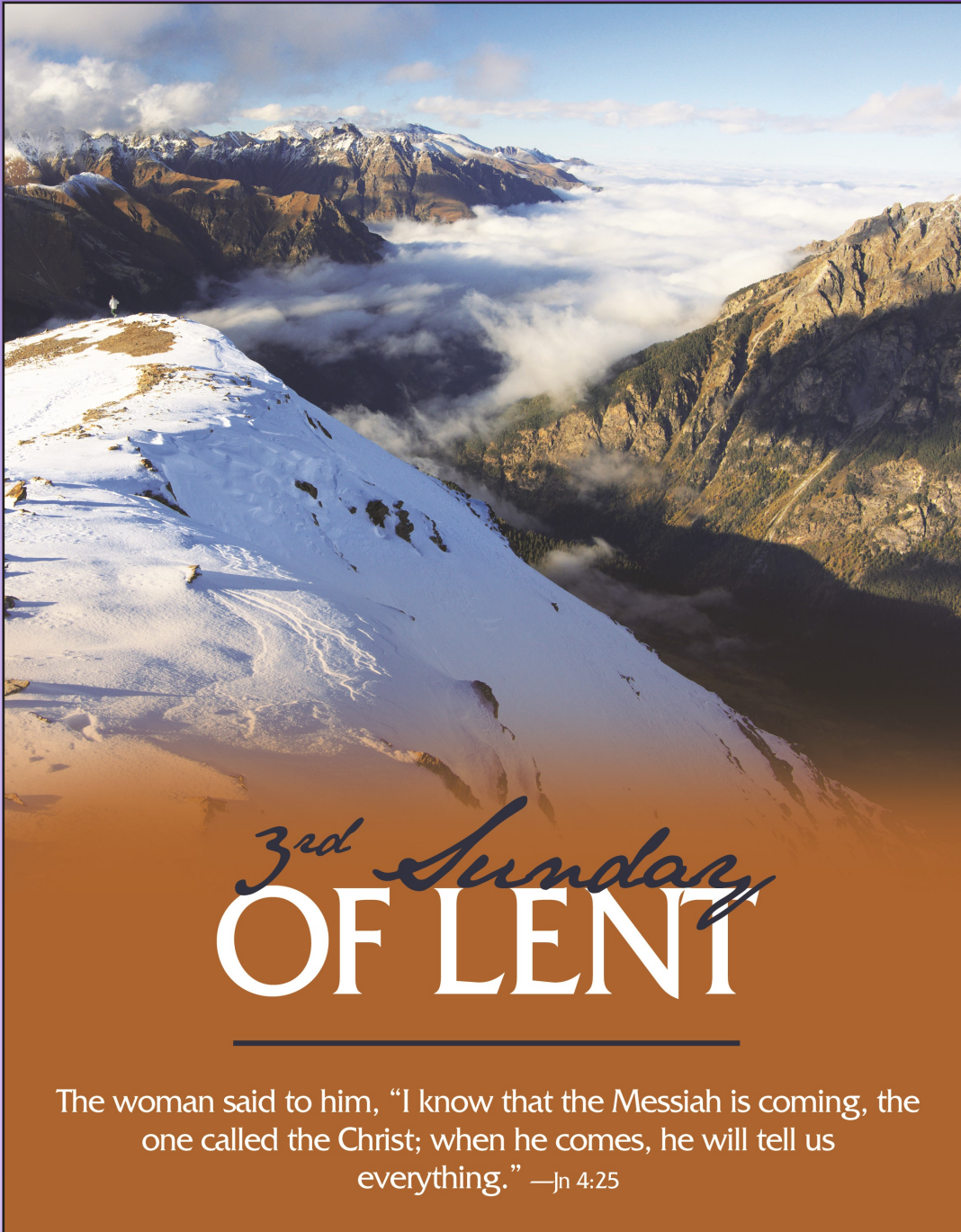


St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

*280 East Square Lake Road
Troy, MI 48085*

*March 19th, 2017
3rd Sunday of Lent*



3rd Sunday **OF LENT**

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." —Jn 4:25

Upcoming Events

*Alpha Training Program
for Commission, Finance,
and Council Members
Thursday, March 23rd,
5:30 PM*

*Soup, Supper and Stations
of the Cross
(Hosted by Worship
Commission)
Friday, March 24th,
6:00 PM*

*Men's Fellowship Easter
Meats Sale Begins
Saturday, March 25th and
26th Following All
Masses*

*Altar Server Training
Sunday, March 26th,
12:15 PM*

Weekly Calendar

	Calendar Events	Readings (©Liturgical Publications Inc.)
Sunday Mar. 19th	9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass 12:15 PM RCIA 6:00 PM Youth Group	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday Mar. 20th	10:30 AM Tai Chi 5:30 PM Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament/Rosary 6:00 PM Mass	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday Mar. 21st	8:00 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM Christian Meditation 7:00 PM Worship Commission Meeting 7:00 PM Bible Study	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday Mar. 22nd	8:00 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Alpha Training Program (Lunch Session) 5:00 PM Religious Education Classes 6:00 PM RCIA—Conference Room 6:30 PM Religious Education Classes 6:30 PM Rosary for Peace	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Mar. 23rd	8:00 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM Alpha Training Program (Evening Session) 7:00 PM Choir	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Friday Mar. 24th	6:00 PM Soup, Supper and Stations of the Cross (Hosted by Worship Commission)	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday Mar. 25th	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EASTER MEAT SALE 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday Mar. 26th	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EASTER MEAT SALE 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass 12:15 PM RCIA 12:15 PM Altar Server Training	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

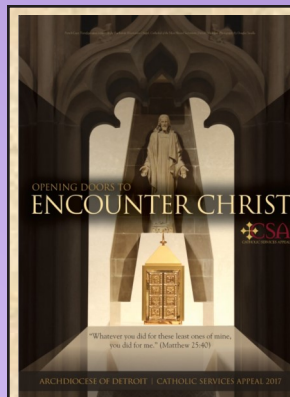
ENVELOPE OFFERTORY FOR MARCH 12TH:

\$10,566.00

ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY FOR FEBRUARY:

(\$2,654 Weekly Average)

(EFT Totals reflect previous month)



CSA 2017

AS OF MARCH 14TH,
WE HAVE COLLECTED
\$17,746.50, OR 15.2%,
OF OUR \$116,332
GOAL.



New Members Are Always Welcome!

Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who join us for worship. If you are new to the area or coming home, we invite you to register (in the office or online at www.saintliz.org) and make St. Elizabeth Ann Seton your parish. All applicants may contact the Parish Office at (248) 879-1310 to set up an appointment to meet with Father Norm Nawrocki.

3rd Sunday of Lent: The Woman at the Well

In place of Father's article, we instead have a reflection from Loyola Press.

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.



In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

~loyolapress.sundayconnections.com

SEAS Teen L.I.G.H.T. (Living In God's Hope and Truth) Youth Ministry Information

Are you a high school student wondering what we have to offer you?

What is a 'Gathered Youth Night'?

Every other Sunday night, from 6:00 – 8:30 PM, our high school teens are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for fun, fellowship and food. On these nights we will 'gather' as we get to know one another, share a meal, worship together and learn a little bit more about our faith. Each night will have a main topic or 'theme' which will be our focus for the evening in small and large groups.

Calendar Dates for Youth Ministry

March 19th, 6:00-8:30 PM

Gathered Youth Night

Habits for Discipleship: Personal Prayer

April 9th, 6:00-8:30 PM

Gathered Youth Night

Holy Week

April 23rd, 3:00 PM

Risen Movie

Parish Faith Formation

Calendar Information

March 22nd
5:00-6:15 PM and 6:30-7:45 PM
Elementary Religious Education

March 27th
7:00 PM
Merlot and the Messiah

March 29th
6:00-9:00 PM
No Religious Education—Catechist Retreat

April 5th
Spring Break—No Class

April 9th
12:00-3:00 PM
RCIA Retreat

April 12th
5:00-6:15 PM and 6:30-7:45 PM
Elementary Religious Education

April 19th
5:00-6:15 PM and 6:30-7:45 PM
Elementary Religious Education

April 22nd
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
First Eucharist Retreat with Students and Parents

April 26th
5:00-6:15 PM and 6:30-7:45 PM
Elementary Religious Education

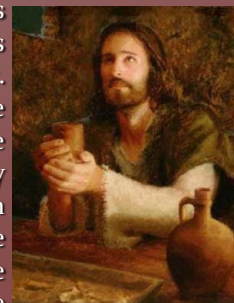
Question of the Week for Youth



Lent is a time when we remember what Baptism means. We also try harder to live as followers of Jesus. When we were baptized, we were like the woman at the well: we came to know Jesus, the Living Water, and we were sent to invite others to drink from this well that never runs dry. ***How well do you invite other's to know Jesus?***

Merlot and the Messiah Monday, March 27th, 7:00 PM

As we progress through the journey that is Lent we practice praying, fasting and alms giving to bring ourselves closer to Christ. Yet we often fail to understand and take advantage of the fact of the nearness in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. When we are going through the motions, how much value do we leave on the table? Come and scratch past the surface of the bread and wine to see the gifts He has left for you within.



What's Happening in Religious Education

Last Sunday's Parable Project was a delightful performance!

Below are some of the photos from the afternoon.

Don't forget, there are no Wednesday Classes **March 29th and April 5th**. We resume **April 12th**. With the 'snow day' we had last week for the high winds and power outages, our last day of class will be **May 3rd**.



Our Parish

Lent: Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross

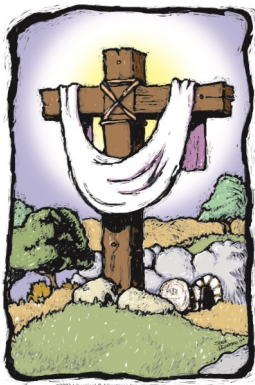
Following are the dates for our annual Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross held on every Friday during Lent. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM, followed by the Stations of the Cross.



- Friday, March 24th, 2017
- Friday, March 31st, 2017
- Friday, April 7th, 2017

Sign-up sheets are now available in the Social Hall. Please join us as our faith community expresses our appreciation for the sacrifice of Jesus and our salvation.

Easter Vigil Assistance



We are in need of approximately four to six volunteers to assist with the set-up before and serving of the refreshments after the Easter Vigil Mass on **Saturday, April 15th**. It would be wonderful to get a team to set up in the afternoon at approximately 3:00 PM and another team to serve refreshments and clean-up in the evening. If this is something you would like to assist in, please email me at kwebb@saintliz.org, or call the office at (248) 879-1310 ext. 17. Thank you so much!

Easter Baskets

We are collecting Easter Baskets for the St. Vincent de Paul Matchan Nutrition Center. They are requesting a total of 50 baskets, if possible.



Please drop your baskets off on the long tables in the Social Hall. Final date for drop off is **Sunday, April 9th**. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Senior Meeting



The Seniors will gather in the Social Hall after 8:30 AM Mass on **Wednesday, March 29th**. Breakfast will be served and future programs that could be participated in will be discussed. Come with your ideas!

New Altar Server Training

There have been several requests to train new Altar Servers, and those requests have been answered!



Altar Servers should be in the 4th grade and have made their First Eucharist sacrament. Those who are not in the 4th grade but have made their First Eucharist and have an interest in this ministry, please contact Linda Busk for discussion on readiness.

To join this ministry:

- 1) Contact Linda Busk (the SEAS Altar Server Coordinator) to indicate your interest.
- 2) Attend the required training, on **March 26th at 12:15 PM**. Parent(s) are encouraged to attend.
- 3) Submit primary Mass for scheduling purposes (this can be done during the training session).
- 4) Sign up for "shadowing" opportunities in April (this can be done during the training session).
- 5) Submit 'vacation' requests for the May - August 2017 schedule (this can be done during the training session).

New Altar Servers will be added beginning with the May - August schedule.

Men's Fellowship Easter Meats



The SEAS Men's Fellowship will be taking orders for Easter meats from Dearborn Sausage for the upcoming Easter holiday. Dearborn spiral sliced whole & half hams, classic trim whole and half hams, spiral sliced turkey breast, and fresh and smoked kielbasa will be offered. Place your order on the weekends of **March 25th-26th, April 1st-2nd and April 8th-9th** after Mass.

The pick up date is Thursday, April 13th (Holy Thursday) from 4:00-7:00 PM.

Catholic Life



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinners

The Knights of Columbus Council #4188 hosts a fish fry dinner the second Friday of each month through February (and every Friday in Lent). The menu consists of baked & fried fish, crab cakes, rolls, cole slaw, vegetables, mac & cheese, baked potatoes & French fries, dessert, and beverages. Feel free to dine in or take out!

870 N. Main Street, Clawson (248) 588-3547

4:30-7:00 PM

<http://www.clawsonkofc.org>

All proceeds go to Autism Society of Oakland County.

Prices:

Adults: \$9

Seniors (60+): \$8

**Children (12 and under):
\$4.50**

Upcoming Dates:

Mar. 24th

Mar. 31st

Apr. 7th

Abigayle Ministries First Quarter Needs

The following is a list sent by Carly at Abigayle Ministries as far as their current needs for 2017.

13 Gallon Trash Bags

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Liquid Hand Soap

Color Safe Bleach

*Note: Due to the overwhelming generosity of many donors, Abigayle has been blessed with an abundance of things that are regularly used. Because they have limited space to store an excess of these items, they are current **not** accepting donations of the following:*

Diapers

Formula

Baby Food

Baby Blankets

Baby Clothes (Sized 0-12 Months)

Women's Clothing

Maternity Clothing

CSA: Parish Nursing

Parish and faith community nurses and those who minister in health care across the Archdiocese of Detroit will gather to learn, reflect, pray, and find greater meaning in the question, "Where is God in all of this?" at a retreat at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington, Michigan, next week, March 23rd-24th.

The focus of the annual retreat is "Finding Meaning in Life Until the End of Life: There is Hope in the Midst of a Storm." Presenters are Bernie Beach, executive director and stress management educator at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, and Deacon Thomas Avery, a social worker and chaplain at St. Joseph Mercy Hospice.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support parish nursing in our Archdiocese. Parish nurses, who encourage the faithful to care for themselves and others as an expression of God's love, serve as pastoral staff members, as well as spiritual caregivers, health counselors and educators, and health resources and advocates.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.AOD.org.

Jean's Dragonflies

Jean's Dragonflies is planning its 1st annual ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Euchre Tournament. Our event will be held on **April 2nd, from 2:00-5:30 PM** at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston.

There is a \$25 minimum donation to enter the tournament, and registration is due by March 31st. Registration information is available at www.JeansDragonfliesALS.myevent.com. Any questions may be directed to JeansDragonfliesALS@gmail.com. All proceeds will be donated to ALS of Michigan.

St. Vincent de Paul Children's Book Drive

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton St. Vincent de Paul conference is collecting new and gently used children's books. The books can be dropped off in the box in the Social Hall. Collected books will be distributed to children in Pontiac whose families often cannot afford to purchase books for the children to read at home. Since reading is so important for building a good foundation for all academic skills, a small donation can make a big impact.



If you have any questions, please contact:
Jerry or Deb Peltier, (248) 641-7955.

Bulletin Board



MARCH 26TH

9:00	WYDEVEN
11:00	CLARK

Coordinators:

Jeanne Richart (9:00): (248) 680-2976,
jeannerichart@gmail.com

Linda Gifford (11:00): (313) 790-7401, lgifford1@gmail.com
 Volunteers are assigned for a specific weekend, and Jeanne will give reminders beforehand. Please call or send an e-mail for any other questions.

NOTE: Young children may not be in the kitchen due to the danger of Hot Coffee and equipment.
 Also check www.saintliz.org for schedules.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOUTH OAKLAND FOOD DEPOT

The following items are needed for donation:

Paper Towels
 Toilet Tissue
 Laundry Detergent
 Shampoo
 Bath Soap

WALL OF HONOR



We are looking to expand the Wall of Honor. If you have a loved one who is currently serving in the Armed Forces and would like to have their picture placed on our Wall, please contact Karen Webb at the Parish Office at kwebb@saintliz.org or (248) 879-1310 to learn more information.

BAPTISM CLASSES



Baptism classes will be offered on the **second Sunday of each month at 10:00 AM**. Parents and Sponsors are requested to attend. An appointment will be required to participate. Please contact the Parish Office at (248) 879-1310 to make your appointment.

PHOTOS WANTED!



If you have recently attended a parish event or meeting and have photos that we could place on the website or the bulletin, we would love to have them! Please send any appropriate items to bulletin@saintliz.org. We are especially interested in anything related to our various ministry groups.

TEAM NEEDED FOR NURSING HOME/HOME VISITORS

It has been brought to my attention that due to some health issues and other things, we are in need of a two person team to distribute the Eucharist on the first Thursday of every month at Clare Bridge-Wynwood Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility (they are now referred to as Brookdale AL and Brookdale MC). The Assisted Living facility is located at 4850 Northfield Parkway in Troy. The Memory Care facility is at 4900 Northfield Parkway in Troy.

Please contact me via email at kwebb@saintliz.org if you are interested in further details about this ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!



Rylie Maeve Quinn
 Baptized March 5th

Penelope Rae Wednieski
 Baptized March 12th



THE SCHEDULE IS ONLINE!Please see the "Service" section on www.saintliz.org to see the latest weekly schedule.**LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE****March 25th—March 26th: 4th Sunday of Lent**

Ministry	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Linda Busk	Karen Fabian	Mary Eavenson
Commentator	Denise Stout	Karla Hebert	Carlos Pinotti
Lector 1	Seth Paul	Marlene Appledorn	Beatriz Pinotti
Lector 2	Bernie Komraus	Carl Eichenlaub	Christine Kubert
Altar Server 1	Mark Panella	Brian Good	Gregory Mitchell
Altar Server 2	Allie Hayes	Connor Good	Brian Delaney
EMHC - B1	Louise Jasinski	Larry Berch	Dan Saunders
EMHC - B2	Linda Koehler	Virginia Hopkins	Jenny Ostroske
EMHC - B3	Nina Hurst	Mary Ann Cook	Barb Tripp
PT	Doreen Valente	Judy Berch	Mary Eavenson
EMHC - C2	Linda DiPilato	Cindy Schoenherr	Daron Gifford
EMHC - C3	Sally Raffler	Babu Ittoop	Linda Gifford
EMHC - C4	Karen Hornyak	Dom Iannuzzi	Gabriela Pinotti
EMHC - C5	Kathy McMurray	Karen Webb	Rosa Pinotti
MOW	Team 1	Team 3	Team 5

Please pray for those serving in our Armed Services:

Sgt. Robert McGlynn
 82nd Airborne Division
Specialist Amy L. McKinney
 10th Mountain Division
Master Sgt. Christen Reinhart
 82nd Airborne Division
Lieutenant Colonel John M. Barnett
 United States Marine Corps
SPC Kellen Przywara
 United States Army
Sgt. Austin Janutol
 United States Marine Corps
LCpl Matthew Falardeau
 United States Marine Corps
William Garbe, Senior Chief Petty Officer
 United States Navy
Erin Freedom Hawtin, Spec.
 United States Army
Sgt. Edward Alsip
 United States Marine Corps



Cpl Sarah Alsip
 United States Marine Corps
Christopher Mitchell, Chief Petty Officer
 United States Navy
Alexander Mitchell, Petty Officer 3rd Class
 United States Navy
Sgt. David Miller, Jr.
 United States Army
Jeffrey Schuele, Captain
 United States Marine Corps
LCpl Justin Schade
 United States Marine Corps
Private 1st Class Justin Stroupe
 United States Marine Corps

Call or e-mail us with your loved one's name, rank, and branch of the service. You can call the office at (248) 879-1310 or e-mail to Secretary@saintliz.org.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Resi Cavellier
 Jim Frenchi
 Patricia Kramer
 James McCaslin
 Joanne McPhail
 Tillie Porolniczak
 Danny Richart
 Elizabeth Ronan
 Paul Ronan
 Ronald Ruckdeschel
 Karen Rybak
 Ed Sadler
 Debby Wynn
 Gene Zembrzuski

Please note...

- † Mass intentions should be arranged two weeks in advance to appear in the bulletin.
- † Requests for names to be mentioned during the Prayers of the Faithful or for the bulletin prayer list should be provided by a **member of the family**.
- † The Prayer List is updated monthly. If we do not hear from you to keep your person on, we will take him/her off the list. You can always call to put him/her back on.



We offer prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Linda Murphy, who passed away March 9th and was buried from our Parish on March 14th.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- † Feed the Hungry
- † Give Drink to the Thirsty
- † Clothe the Naked
- † Shelter the Homeless
- † Visit the Sick
- † Visit the Imprisoned
- † Bury the Dead



Monday, March 20th

6:00 PM

Stanley Piasta (Req. by Ralph Piasta)

Tuesday, March 21st

8:30 AM

Michael McGregor (Req. by Family)

Wednesday, March 22nd

8:30 AM

Michael McGregor (Req. by Family)

Thursday, March 23rd

8:30 AM

People of SEAS

Friday, March 24th

Saturday, March 25th

5:00 PM

Chester Ziarno (Req. by Family)

Sandra Maciejewski

(Req. by Al and J. Maciejewski)

Rose Ward (Req. by the Keough Family)

Sunday, March 26th

9:00 AM

People of SEAS

11:00 AM

James McCaslin, Jr.

(Req. by McCaslin Family)



abigayle ministries
life...precious from the start

Respect Life will be holding an on-going Baby Shower to benefit Abigayle Ministries, a local crisis pregnancy center. It is not enough that we pray to end abortion, and ask our legislators to pass laws to end abortion. We must help women who are pregnant and scared and believe that they have no other option. Donations of new or gently used baby clothing can be placed in the crib in the Social Hall. Baby food, formula, diapers and other baby necessities are also

welcome. Unfortunately, we cannot accept stuffed animal toys. Thank you in advance for your generous support.
 Respect Life Committee

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mission Statement

In the spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, we are a welcoming Catholic community, helping each other connect faith with everyday life through our worship, education and service.



Pastor

Fr. Norman D. Nawrocki
nnawrocki@saintliz.org

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Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM



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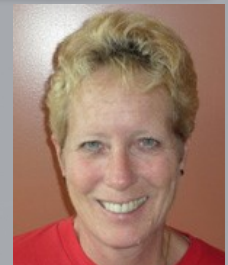
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Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Friday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Saturday
4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Sunday
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Deadline for Bulletin Articles:
Monday 12:00 PM
E-mail to: bulletin@saintliz.org

Weddings

Please make arrangements at least 6 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Baptisms

Call Parish Office to register for class.
(It is advisable to schedule and take the class before the baby is born.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 PM.



Official Greeter
Augie



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