

KEEPING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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Words from the Pastor

Dear Family,

From the very beginning God is at work creating and he declares all He has created is good. In Genesis 1:26 "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth.'" We respect God's work in nature and the role we play in maintaining the works of his hands. God has given the stewardship of all creation into our care.

We as stewards have the responsibility to care for our parish community at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as well. For decades we have willingly and lovingly maintained the physical structures of our church. We have been blessed with a simple and beautiful Sanctuary plus a welcoming campus at which many activities, events and programs are celebrated.

Over the past several years the buildings on our campus and the parking lot have begun to show wear from time and utilization. They are in need of our attention. Consequently, we are inviting each parishioner to help us in a sacrificial way to grow the funds necessary to Keep Strong Foundations and continue God's work.

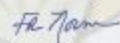
The information included in this brochure shares the necessary plans to repair the parking lot and the roof of the Church. There are answers to many questions about the project which are included in the details that follow. The information also details how each of us can make a sacrificial gift using our Suggested Gift Chart.

The Suggested Gift Chart shows a wide range of pledges payable over three years. This wide range of gift opportunities makes it possible for virtually every family to take part in the program. Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge during the next few days and join with me in praying for the success of our campaign.

An opportunity will be set aside during all Masses on the weekend of November 10th & 11th for the faithful of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to make your pledge. Please bring your completed card, or be prepared to complete a pledge card at Mass.

Thank you for reviewing the contents of this brochure. Please bring to prayer how you can support our parish and participate in Keeping Strong Foundations.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Norm
Pastor





The Scope of the Project

Leaks in the roof, ice dams, ripped carpets, broken down heating and A/C systems, rooms needing a paint job! Sound familiar? We all love our homes but we also realize that they are in constant need of repair and updating both for safety and our enjoyment. Our parish home is no different.

The chart, based on the in-depth study by Spalding De Decker Engineering and Roofing Technology Associates brings awareness to needed repairs and proactive adjustments. Our plan is to begin these changes next year and continue in subsequent years, allowing us to provide a safe, welcoming environment where we can gather, worship, and call our spiritual home. The costs indicated are the best estimates to cover our needs.

PARKING LOT

This spring, we addressed the most serious problems in our parking lot and repaved the north portion of the parking lot. This required improving drainage and the subsurface and cost \$143,350, which we were able to pay for from savings we obtained from your generous giving.

The remaining southern portion of the lot still needs to be repaved. We have obtained bids for the work required as outlined by our civil engineering firm, Spalding de Decker. This work needs to be completed as soon as the funds are available.

COST: \$608,000

CHURCH ROOFS

We engaged Roofing Technology Associates, Ltd., to do an assessment and replacement cost estimate on the roofs of the parish buildings. With proper maintenance, they may still perform well for a few more years, depending on the section studied. The roof over the main church needs to be replaced in the next 2-4 years at an estimated replacement cost of \$132,000. The roof over the social hall is expected to last 4-8 more years before needing replacement at an estimated cost of \$410,000.

COST: \$542,000

PIANO

The piano in the church was a lovely instrument, and was given to the parish in memory of our former pastor, Fr. Ed Schwager by his family when he died. It has served us well for close to 30 years, but is no longer able to hold tune well and is in need of replacement.

COST: \$60,000



Your Commitment

Stocks and Bonds

There are added advantages to giving stocks, bonds, and securities. You not only take credit for a charitable gift at its present value, but if held for more than a year, you are also exempt from paying tax on the profit realized from the original investment. Talk with your financial advisor for more information on making these types of charitable donations.

IRA Gifts

If you are over 70 ½ years old, you may also be eligible to make a charitable gift from your IRA assets of up to \$100,000 per year with no tax complications. These types of gifts must be transferred directly and count toward your minimum required distribution. Again, it is always a good idea to speak with your financial advisor for more information.

Tax Deductible Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Receipts will be provided upon request.

Wills and Bequests

Providing for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the parish office at (248) 879-1310.

Matching Gift Programs

Many firms have matching gift programs to provide incentives for their employees to make charitable donations. Many companies will especially match gifts given to capital campaigns that include a school or educational component such as we have. Please ask your human resources or personnel department for a matching gift form. The employee must initiate the process. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

Pledge Payments

You will receive reminder notices in accordance with the payment method you select. Please make your checks payable to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Capital Campaign Fund.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the work begin?

The work will begin as the funds become available from the Capital Campaign. We plan to do the south parking lot first, the church roof second and the social hall roof third. A piano will be bought as soon as a suitable instrument at a reasonable price can be identified.

Q. What will happen if we go over our goal?

All gifts collected after we exceed our goal will be put towards the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities in our Major Repairs savings account. This is the account we used to finance the \$143,350 parking lot repair this spring.

Q. What if I never make a pledge?

Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases. A pledge to the parish Capital Campaign is a "time-payment plan" that makes it possible for you to meet your parish obligations without undue hardship. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

Q. Is my pledge over and above my Sunday Offering?

Yes. We can only reach our goal with a little extra sacrifice. We cannot reach our goal if we reduce our weekly offerings in order to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. The parish will continue to have normal operating expenses during the pledge period.

Q. Who will be asked to support the Campaign?

Each member of our parish family will be asked to consider a significant gift for this major effort according to his or her financial ability. We will make a special appeal to all who have been blessed by the Lord with exceptional earning ability or have been able to accumulate some assets. We hope everyone will play a conscientious role in renewing the future of the parish.

Q. What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?

Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.

Suggested Gift Plans

We can reach our goal together if every family will set aside, over the next 36 months, at least \$3.13 a day or \$94 a month. If, however, you are not able to do this, your pledge in any amount is encouraged and will be gratefully received.

We are asking that you consider how generous God has been to you and that you respond in proportion to your own financial ability. As you consider your Christian stewardship, we ask you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift of a few dollars a day or week which will amount to

a significant gift for the growth of our parish.

The Suggested Gift Plan encourages financial commitments over a three year period. The pledge card provides space for you to designate payment intervals: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Payment reminders will be sent in accordance with the schedule selected. We ask you to keep in mind that it will take gifts at these levels over 36 months to reach our goal. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

THREE YEAR GIFT TABLE

Total Pledge	36 Monthly Gifts	12 Quarterly Gifts	6 Semi-Annual Gifts	3 Annual Gifts
\$50,000	\$1,389	\$4,167	\$8,333	\$16,667
\$25,000	\$694	\$2,083	\$4,167	\$8,333
\$10,000	\$278	\$833	\$1,667	\$3,333
\$7,500	\$208	\$625	\$1,250	\$2,500
\$5,000	\$139	\$417	\$833	\$1,667
\$3,600	\$100	\$300	\$600	\$1,200
\$2,500	\$69	\$208	\$417	\$833
\$1,620*	\$45	\$135	\$270	\$540

* That's just \$1.50 a day!



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton offers Online Giving, an additional option for fulfilling your pledge or making a one-time gift.

Benefits to You

- There is no cost to you
- Payments can be made through an ACH transaction, your debit card or your credit card
- No need to write checks
- Earn points or miles while fulfilling your pledge
- Set up your own pledge, down payment, frequency, and payment amounts
- Contributions are scheduled; no need to make up missed contributions
- No need to remember to mail your payment
- Change your payments or add additional payments at any time

- View your giving history or tax information at any time
- As soon as your pledge is paid in full, the automatic payments on your campaign pledge stop

For more information or to sign up for Online Giving, visit our site at www.saintliz.org and click on the "Sacrificial Giving" link.

Online Giving can also be used for your regular offertory contributions, holidays, specials collections, religious education and much more.

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