

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“All
LIFE has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and most
vulnerable, the **sick**,
the **old**, the **unborn** and
the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

•COME WORSHIP WITH US MASSES, CONFESSIONS, AND EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION•

MASS AND RECONCILIATION

**Monday, September 28~Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 am †Mary Margaret Waddell

**Tuesday, September 29~Feast of Saints
Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

8:15 am †Louise M. Welgo

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 6:00 pm

6:00 pm † LRS (SI)

**Wednesday, September 30~Memorial of Saint
Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 am Thanksgiving (SI)

6:00 pm Andrew John (SI)

6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 8:30 pm

**Thursday, October 1~Memorial of Saint Thérèse of
the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

8:15 am † Clinton Meyers

**Friday, October 2~Memorial of the Holy
Guardian Angels**

6:30 am JDS (SI)

9:00 am † Ruth Madru

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am Immaculate Heart Mass

9:30 am Reconciliation until 10:30 am

9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 10:30 am

4:30 pm Fr. Bob Jones (anniversary of ordination)

**Sunday, October 4 ~Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00 am † Jon Iannucilli

9:45 am For the People of the Parish

11:30 am † Bishop D'Arcy

2:00 pm Low Sensory Mass

5:30 pm † Dorothy Sirocky

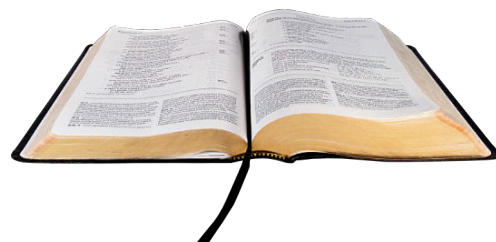
MASS CHANGES ARE IN RED

MOST SCHOOL MASSES WILL BE ON

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

AT 8:15 AM FROM AUGUST THROUGH MAY

RECONCILIATION AFTER MOST WEEKDAY MASSES



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Phil 2:1-11, or
Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21; Jb 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,
13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125,
130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20;
Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Parish Mission Statement

The people of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish seek
To Grow in Christ and follow His teachings.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DAVE



In a world where all is anything but "normal", a parishioner came across the following from C.S. Lewis. The final paragraph pulls it all together as we face the situations of 2020.

Pretty Blunt
- But it relates to today
Author: C.S. Lewis
1963

"In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. 'How are we to live in an atomic age?' I am tempted to reply: 'Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents.'

In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high



percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—anaesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds."

October Begins Remembering the Following:

- Vocations to Priesthood, Marriage Consecrated Life, Dedicated Single Life.
- Our Guardian Angel
- Dignity of Human Life from the First Moment of Conception
- The Prayer of the Rosary

3 Great Events this Week

September 29: Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

October 1: Feast of St. Therese the Little Flower

October 2: Feast of the Guardian Angels.



Annual Bishop's Appeal

I thank all who have made a pledge. I realize these are tough times for many! You may drop off your pledge card (or pick up a new one) in Church or drop it off in the Parish office (there's a secure box outside the office door). You may make a pledge online at www.osvonlinegiving.com/224.



3 Steps to making your Pledge:

1. Know that your pledge helps!
2. Seek God's guidance
3. Make a pledge



All Sunday Masses
- Now "Live Streamed"

As the pandemic continues, we have pushed the right buttons and can now have all Sunday Masses (along with the 8:15 or 9:00 am weekday Mass) live streamed. Simply go to: www.seasfw.org. God bless!



"Drive by" Blessing - This Sunday 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Been cooped up due to the Pandemic? Come into the parking lot this Sunday from 1:00 - 2:30 pm and Fr. Stephen, Deacon Jim and myself will offer God's blessings upon all in the car. God bless!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Adult & Loose.....\$ 11,036.50

Online Giving.....\$ 17,926.00

Weekly Total.....\$ 28,962.50

Children's Collection.....\$ 3.70

THANK YOU
For Your Generous Support

LOW SENSORY MASS

What is a Sensory Friendly Mass? A Sensory Friendly Mass provides a safe and comfortable setting for children and adults with sensory challenges, mental illness, or any kind of disability to feel engaged and experience Mass in a meaningful way with family and caregivers. If you or someone in your Family would benefit from a "low sensory Mass", please join us next Sunday at 2:00 pm in the church.

We are expanding!

**Follow St. Elizabeth
on Twitter,
Instagram, Facebook,
and YouTube!**

Just search "seasfw."



While our Facebook Page is active and growing, St. Elizabeth also has a twitter, Instagram, and YouTube account. Just search SEASFW to follow us!

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

We have recently added a new feature to our website in which you can select your own date and time for Mass intentions and then use a debit/credit card to pay online. You simply go to the "Resources" tab on our website and click on "Mass Intentions Request" where you will be directed to the calendar and choose your own date, add your intention and complete your payment very easily from the comfort of your own home.

For those that do not wish to pay online or do not have a computer, the parish office would be happy to help you in person or by phone. Please call us at 432-0268.

Please note there is a limit of 1 Mass per person when done online. For this year

~ IN LOVING MEMORY ~



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish wishes
to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of
Jack Mogel

who passed away recently.
We offer our continued prayers for
all our deceased parishioners.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only faced with, but necessarily in the midst of this conflict: we are all involved and we shall share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life (Evangelium Vitae).

-St. John Paul II

"Give us the grace, when the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life."



Fidelis & Fraternus

Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
6th – 12th Grade

This week: Will you persevere when things get tough?
"In the spiritual life, he who doesn't go forward goes backward." *St Padre Pio*

Weekly meetings include competitive games/activities, dinner and a challenge to pray and apply virtue in the coming week. Please bring a mask to be worn inside.

Contact: dllandrigan@gmail.com





PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

What is your name?

Lommatzsch family: Jessica & Jesse, Hailey (4yr), Claire (1.5yr), Brooke (1month)

How long have you been a parishioner at Saint Elizabeth? 8 years

What activities are you involved in at our parish?

Eucharistic ministers & mentoring engaged couples ministry

What is your favorite thing about our parish?

Even though the parish is fairly large, the priests, deacon & staff make great efforts to know each of us personally and offer so many ways to connect with each other.

What is your favorite prayer? The Memorare

What is your favorite Catholic book?

Biographies of the Saints

How are you coping with the pandemic? Is there any advice you would like to share?

Even if you are watching the Mass at home, dress up and actively participate as if you are physically in the church. It keeps us focused on the importance of what we're watching and helps us feel connected to the parish.

What else would you like to share about yourself to our parishioners?

Jessica is a Project & Event Manager at Fort Wayne Metals. Jesse is a Personal Trainer at Catalyst Fitness.

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Annually, the pro-life committee sponsors a baby shower for the Women's Care Center to celebrate the completion of our Spiritual Adoption. Our celebration will be held on the weekend of September 26-27. We are asking that you consider dropping off a baby item for the WCC and placing it in the container provided in the church gathering area. Monetary donations can be made thru **Text-to-Give at 260-217-4383** (enter Diaper and \$ amount), at the Masses, dropped off or mailed to the church office. Please designate on your check that it is for the baby shower. Thank you so much for your generosity towards the babies in our community!

Below are some baby shower gift ideas:

diapers, diaper cream, wipes, bibs, toys, bath tub, bath towels, baby shampoo and lotion, blankets, crib sheets, books, pacifiers, teething toys, burp cloths, bottles, socks, onesies, hats, clothes, jackets, etc.



ALL MASSES LIVE-STREAMED!

Beginning this weekend, all Sunday Masses will be live-streamed. Please note, only the 9:45 am Mass will continue to be staffed, the rest will have a zoomed out view of the altar.

The next *Called & Gifted* Workshop is Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Life Center (w/social distancing). If you have not yet attended a workshop please join us! ALL are welcome! \$10.00 fee for materials and lunch. For more information, contact the Church Office at 260-489-3537 ext. 3 or register online at saintv.org.

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The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is the teaching document of the Catholic Bishops of the United States on the political responsibility of Catholics. It provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.

Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good.¹ In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [*Gaudete et exsultate*], Pope Francis writes:

Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. . . . You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.²

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and

become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"³ The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include **human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.**⁴

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27).

Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society.¹⁵

Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.⁶ The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.⁷

The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”⁸

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to **care for God's creation**, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si'* as “our common home.”⁹ We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us].”¹⁰ Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible *for all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one's neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one's own advantage.”¹¹

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes

- 1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1913-15.
- 2 *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 25.
- 3 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221.
- 4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.
- 7 *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6.
- 8 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164.
- 9 *Laudato Si'*, no. 77.
- 10 *Laudato Si'*, no. 217.
- 11 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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SETON NIGHT LIVE

The rescheduled October 10, 2020 date for SNL has been cancelled. At this particular time in our lives, school administration feels that our attention should remain focused on the health, safety and well-being of our students. Our goal right now is to keep our students in school and making our school environment as safe as possible. However, the party will go on!! We are excited to announce that Seton Night Live 2021 will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021!!! Thank you so much for your patience as we try to navigate these uncharted waters. Looking forward to seeing you all at SNL 2021!!!

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St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish & Catholic School August 2020 - Financial Recap Church

	2020 August	YTD (July-June)
Income:	\$ 169,391.81	\$ 341,959.34
Expense:	\$ 98,750.30	\$ 99,732.11
Sub Total:	\$ 70,641.51	\$ 142,227.23
Add Non-Cash Depr. Expense:	\$ 8,468.23	\$ 16,936.46
Less capital expenditures:	\$ 15,280.00	\$ 22,660.00
School Subsidy	-	-
(i) Cash Shortfall /Gain	\$ 63,829.74	\$ 136,503.69

School

	2020 August	YTD (July-June)
Income: ***	\$ 490,402.02	\$ 553,358.73
Expense:	\$ 241,401.42	\$ 484,721.77
Sub Total:	\$ 249,000.60	\$ 68,636.96
Add Non-Cash Depr. Expense:	\$ 27,488.13	\$ 42,738.53
Less capital expenditures:	\$ 12,237.73	\$ 12,237.73
(ii) Cash Shortfall /Gain	\$ 264,251.00	\$ 99,137.76

***August school income is always high, due to some families paying their tuition in full for the year.

Parish Cash **Shortfall**/Gain (i+ii): \$328,080.74 \$235,641.45

One Family Rooted In Christ Fund as of 8-31-2020

(A) OFRIC Cash on Hand	\$ 131,073.46
Pledged to OFRIC	\$ 2,859,230.74
Paid on pledges	\$ 2,349,906.14
(B) Pledges Outstanding	\$ 509,324.60
(A+B) Total cash on hand and outstanding pledges	\$ 640,398.06
(C) Loan Balance at Start of Campaign (March 2018)	\$ 1,784,792.11
(D) Total Paid on Loan since Start of Campaign	\$ 1,784,792.11
(A-D) Current Loan Balance	\$ -



TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

What is the only country whose capital begins with "Z"?

Please send answer to sogg@seasfw.org.
Answers can be found in next weeks bulletin under Sponsor of the Week.



From September 23 through November 1, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood of Fort Wayne at 2930 Lake Avenue and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. St Elizabeth parishioners will be praying at this site on Friday, September 25 from 8am to 8pm. Please sign up in the gathering area to pray with us for an hour or two, or just show up that day. If you have any questions, you can call Chris Klefeker at 260-750-4152. There will also be a box in the gathering area next to the sign up sheet if you would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause or you can also leave a contribution in the parish office.

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ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION

The Winter Solstice

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