

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!
Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

James 5: 7-10

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2019

PRIESTS

Very Rev. Fr. Brian D.M.J. Grady, TOC, VF- Pastor
Rev. Fr. Colin Easton- Parochial Vicar

DEACONS

Mr. Kenneth Giacone
Dr. Richard Marcantonio

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Saturday: 8:45 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday: 6:00- 6:45 PM
Saturday: 9:15- 10:00 AM
3:00- 3:45 PM
(or by appointment)

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday thru Saturday: 8:15 AM (in the Chapel)

RECITATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Monday thru Saturday: 9:15 AM (in the Chapel)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM- 7:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS (in the church)

Tuesday: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 6:45 PM

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Weekend of the Month at all Masses

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

4th Weekend of the Month at all Masses

WEEKLY BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Please drop off any articles to be blessed at the Parish Office on Tuesdays during office hours.
Blessed articles will be available for pickup the following Wednesday morning.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, CRYSTAL LAKE

PARISH SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15– THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Mass (+Justin Schroeder ~ Living & Deceased
Family of Rosemarie Krieb)
8:30 AM K of C Breakfast with St. Nicholas
9:00 AM Adoration until 12PM
9:30 AM Mass (The People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)
10:45 AM RCIA– Our Eternal Destiny
11:15 AM Mass (+Martha Gielow ~ +Leonora Ramos)
12:30 PM Baptisms
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Mission Kick-Off

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM Adoration until 7PM
8:15 AM Rosary
8:45 AM Mass (The Holy Souls in Purgatory)
9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00 PM SVdP Society Meeting
6:30 PM Giving Tree Sorting and Delivery
7:00 PM Maranatha Charismatic Group
That Man is You

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM Adoration until 7PM
Liturgy of the Hours– Morning Prayer
8:15 AM Rosary
8:45 AM Mass (Pat Girolamo ~ +James Hopman)
9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:20 AM Marian Movement of Priests' Prayer Cenacle
1:00 PM Holy Hour of Reparation
4:30 PM Religious Education
5:30 PM Confirmation Mass with Bishop Malloy
6:30 PM Family Religious Education

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM Adoration until 7PM
8:15 AM Rosary
8:45 AM Mass (+Lois Freimuth ~ +Maggie Youel)
9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:30 AM Rosary Makers
4:30 PM Religious Education
6:15 PM Seton's Echo Practice
7:00 PM ACA Meeting
Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15 AM Rosary
8:45 AM Mass (Fr. Witold Adamczyk ~ +Ken Ochs)
9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:30 AM Jesus' Lovely Ladies Bible Study
Bailey Bible Study

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19- (CONTINUED)

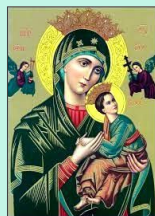
6:45 PM Liturgy of the Hours– Evening Prayer
7:00 PM Columbian Squire's Meeting
Thirstdays for His Word Bible Study

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM Adoration until 7PM
8:15 AM Rosary
8:45 AM Mass (+John and +Joanna Frasca ~ Evan Beck)
9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30 PM Maranatha Leader's Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:00 AM That Man Is You
8:00 AM Adoration until 12PM
8:15 AM Rosary
8:45 AM Mass (+John Dittmer ~ +Dorothy & +John Dittmer)
9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
Confessions
9:30 AM Impactful Women's Group Meeting
3:00 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Mass (+John Dittmer ~ +Frank & +Antoinette Borucki)



This week, the blue Our Lady of
Perpetual Help sanctuary candle will
burn for the intentions of

The Japsen Family

READINGS FOR MASS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019

SUNDAY: Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY: Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY: Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

THURSDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

FRIDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

SUNDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

*Please keep the sick, the needs of our parish community,
and the Church in your daily prayers.*



Simbang Gabi

A long-standing Catholic tradition from the Philippines is the **Simbang Gabi**. The 9 nights of Masses will be celebrated at various parishes in the area. We look forward to having your company in celebrating with us.

DATE/TIME

LOCATION

DECEMBER 15TH
SUNDAY 7:00 PM

St. Thomas More Church
215 Thomas More Drive
Elgin
President: Rev. Ryan Browning

DECEMBER 16TH
MONDAY 7:00 PM

Ss. Peter and Paul Church
5N939 Meredith Road
Virgil
President: Rev. Ariel Valencia

DECEMBER 17TH
TUESDAY 7:00 PM

St. Margaret Mary Church
111 South Hubbard Street
Algonquin
President: Rev. Peter Sarnicki

DECEMBER 18TH
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

St. Mary Church
10307 Dundee Road
Huntley
President: Rev. Max Striedl

DECEMBER 19TH
THURSDAY 7:00 PM

St. Catherine of Siena Church
845 West Main Street
West Dundee
President: Bishop David Malloy

DECEMBER 20TH
FRIDAY 7:00 PM

St. John Neumann Church
2900 East Main Street
St. Charles
President: Rev. David Peck

DECEMBER 21ST
SATURDAY 7:00 PM

St. Patrick Church
6N491 Crane Road
St. Charles
President: Msgr. Daniel Deutsch

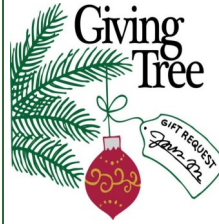
DECEMBER 22ND
SUNDAY 7:00 PM

St. Mary Church
312 Lincoln Avenue
Woodstock,
President: Rev. Burt Absalon

DECEMBER 23RD
MONDAY 7:00 PM

St. Laurence Church
225 Jewett Street
Elgin
President: Rev. Andrew Mulcahey

Note: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will celebrate Simbang Gabi here in 2020.



REMINDER: Wrapped and tagged gifts for the Giving Tree should be returned under the tree by Friday, December 13th. **Gifts will be sorted and delivered on Monday, December 16th**

at 6:30PM. We need volunteers to help with the sorting and delivery, so if you are able, **please come!** (Volunteers age 16 and over will need to have completed the Safe Environment paperwork.)

Thank you for all of your help and generosity!



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us.

The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets, but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming *and* his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season. Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: **"The Lord is near."**



"BEHOLD THE HEART WHICH HAS SO LOVED MANKIND!"

God will never forget our sacrifices offered out of love for others.

PLEASE JOIN US WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS FROM 1 - 2 PM

IN CHURCH FOR A HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION.
Please pray for all of the clergy and the Church!

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them,
Oh Lord—



Danita Chesler

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pete Aceto, Shari Anchor, Ron Bitz, Kay Bruess, Dolores Buss, Tim Cannon, Emma Capuno, Marcia Cassin, Fortuna Calez, Jonathan Christensen, Becky Corcoran, Carla Decker, Jessica Diaz, Mary Diaz, Jessica Duffy, Mia Durand, Lily Elder, Eleanor Erbes, Sandy Ferrell, Jill Fisher, Bernadette Gates, Bruce Gielow, Howie Gielow, Colleen Gleason, Michalene Gordon, Marilyn Gustafson, Jack Hardt, Clifford Hill, Marlene Hill, Pat Hill, Tracy Holcomb, Julietta Jacobi, Leo Jerman, Mary Ann Johnson, Carolyn Joos, Ashley Kelly, Madelynne Kersting, Kara Kolmar, Len Korn, Trish Koval, Amberley Kowalski, Sylvia Laux, Michelle Lee, Blanche Lichon, Bea LoBianco, Don Luna, Dave Marsh, Bob McCormick, David Mead, Eugene Melone, Carol Miller, Laura Miller, Bonnie Moriarty, Stephen Morrison, Sherry Muehlbert, Evelyn Moss, Michael O'Donnell, Ted Ougheltree, Nicole Orfanos, Regina Oroni, Felie Onishi, Tim Polanek, Tim Reidy, Carolyn Regini, Laura Salata, Judy Schroeder, Victor Schuett, Marianne Schulze, Mary Skipper, Richard Sloan, Linda Slatter, Lawrence Smith, Phil Stasenska, Caliope Sudzina, Kristen Thomas, Scott Tober, Regina Trasga, Brad Toman, Carl Vanisi, Lawrence Vanderleest, Jessica VanHorn, Daniel Wilczak, Beverly Wasilk, Cora Paige Wasilk, John Gordon Wasilk, John Patrick Wasilk, Bart Wisz, and Jim Wolfe

THIS IS MY HOME THE GIFT OF MY TREASURE

Sunday, December 8th \$15,956.00

Our 3% tithe this week will go to St. Vincent de Paul -- to assist the organization in providing for those in need in our community.

Amount Owed (Parish Debt) Mortgage: \$459,207.00

(Full mortgage payment was due 10/30/2018).

Original mortgage amount \$1,837,559. (2003)





2019 | DIOCESAN APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

GOAL \$95,427.00

PLEDGED: \$83,539.00
PAID: \$69,270.00
FAMILIES PARTICIPATING: 215

Additional pledge envelopes may be found in the pews, or outside the parish office. You can also donate electronically via rockforddiocese.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

ONLINE (AUTOMATED) GIVING

Parishioners have the option of making their regular parish offerings securely and hassle free! It's so easy and convenient to have your Sunday, Holy Day and other church donations automatically transferred from your checking account or your debit/credit card. Enroll via our website elizabethannseton.org.

Click "ONLINE GIVING" on the right side of our Home Page, and follow the prompts for quick and secure automatic transfers. For more information, please contact Patti at (815)459-3033 X227 or Sue at X225

Advertiser of the Week

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THIS IS MY HOME— RESERVED PARKING FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY OF THE MONTH

As a way to express our gratitude and say "thank you" to those who support our parish home, we randomly draw a new winner monthly for a prime parking spot! If you are one of the many who support our parish financially, you will have a chance to win a reserved parking spot in the front row of the lot for a month. Every family that actively gives to our parish will automatically be entered into the drawing, and one recipient will be drawn.

*Our reserved parking space will be enjoyed by
Dave and Marie Morrison for the month of December
Thank you for your continued support to our parish home!*

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24) 4:00pm
10:00pm

Christmas Day (December 25) 9:00am
10:45am

Mary, Mother of God Vigil (December 31) 4:00pm

Mary, Mother of God (January 1) 10:00am

Confessions: Tuesdays 6- 6:45pm
Saturdays 9:15-10:00am and 3-3:45pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The Knights are selling
trees and wreaths
until they're all gone!

You will find a large selection of
the freshest trees around—
Balsam, Black Hills, Scotch Pine
and Colorado Blue Spruce—
all 7' to 10' tall!

The lot will be open:

MONDAY – FRIDAY 5– 7:30PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9AM– 7PM

Prices are very reasonable! All proceeds go towards
the many charities and ministries that our Knights
support.

We ♥ love
having you as part of our flock



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

Choose to get updates only from the groups you are interested in!
Unsubscribe at anytime. Go to our parish website to sign up for
Flocknotes, or modify your notification preferences!



THE FIRE WITHIN

As Christmas fast approaches I have begun praying hard for all of those that will visit our church and attend Mass on the 24th or the 25th whom have not stepped in our parish doors since Easter or maybe even last Christmas. "Christers" is the name they are given. This word is a blending of Christmas and Easter signifying that this is the only time we will see them attending Mass. **Is there anything we can do to try to help them find their way back home more regularly?** Yep. Three things. 1) Pray for them. That they begin to see what we see; the glory of our Catholic faith and the graces that flow from practicing it every day! 2) We are putting together a Christmas card/flyer with some events in the parish in 2020 that might interest them...Irish Fest, Fish Fry, etc. A card that might just perhaps appeal to people who are really more "secular" in their views at this point in their journey. Any event that will get them back in the doors of the parish (even if it is not for a "religious" event) is one more chance for us to show them our joy and be hospitable. We will couple this card with a book...a gift package ... one per family that all will be given away at all the Masses. We have 500 of these so if you are one of our regular parishioners who loves the faith and is always here, perhaps hold off on taking one of these gifts so we can be sure those who really need them, get them. As of December 26, all extras will be put in the Narthex for the rest of us to take! 3) Speaking of hospitality, here is the last thing we can all do. **BE WELCOMING!** I know it can be frustrating to come to Christmas Mass early to be sure you get seats in the exact pew you like to sit in...and then at the last minute, in come a few people you have never seen before...and they want to sit in your row and they want you to move in! Yep. We have all been there. This year move in with joy! Welcome them. Even just a hello and a smile go a long way. It is one Mass and you will receive many graces for doing this! A small experience like this can determine whether or not these Christers feel loved and welcomed and can go a long way in how they feel as they walk out of the church that day- and this in turn can have a huge impact on how soon they come back. I hope the remaining days of Advent are peaceful and fruitful for all of you.

Marcie G.

Director of Evangelization



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The "Blessing of the Bambinelli" has long been a tradition in Rome where the children bring the baby Jesus figurine from their home nativity set to be blessed at Mass. On the Third Sunday of Advent, (Gaudete Sunday), we are reminded to rejoice (gaudete) as we anticipate the birth of Jesus!

In celebration as a St. EAS family, **we encourage everyone to bring their Baby Jesus figurines for a blessing** by the priest in Church **immediately following the 9:30AM Sunday, December 15th Holy Mass.** We will conclude by singing "Silent Night."

TAKING CARE OF THE TEMPLE

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

1 COR 3:16

According to the National Fire Protection Association, December & January are the peak months for home fires to occur. The following are some tips to keep you & yours safe while enjoying the holidays:



Candles:

- ◆ Always keep an eye on candles and extinguish them when you leave the room.
 - ◆ Keep candles away from flammable objects, such as gift boxes, curtains, etc. and out of reach of children.
 - ◆ Always use sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candleholders
- Kitchen:** The leading area in the home where fires start. Never leave the range, broiler or oven unattended. Keep a fire extinguisher handy and know how to use it.

Fireplaces:

- ◆ Place a sturdy screen in front of the fireplace.
- ◆ Before you start a fire, make sure the flue is clear and not blocked.
- ◆ When was the last time you had a Chimney Sweep?
- ◆ Do not put any gift-wrap, boxes or pine needles in the fire.
- ◆ Keep a fire extinguisher handy here, too.

Christmas Trees:

- ◆ Make sure the lights are UL certified and there are no exposed wires in the extension cords.
- ◆ Unplug ALL lights before retiring for the night.
- ◆ If you have a real Christmas tree, make sure it stays well hydrated.

The Health & Wellness volunteers offer Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings in Seton Hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We'd love to see you there!

Wishing all a healthy, safe and blessed Christmas celebration.

—St. EAS Health & Wellness Ministry

Are you, or someone **YOU** know in immediate need of temporary financial assistance? Our St. Vincent dePaul Society is here to help.



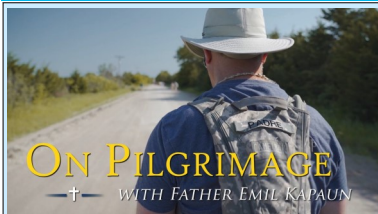
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(815) 701-2737**



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OUR FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



The Father Kapaun Pilgrimage On Pilgrimage with Father Emil Kapaun

"How many times does not Holy Mother Church tell us

that our life on this earth is a journey? This earth is not our lasting home. God created us for a higher, a much more perfect home, our home in heaven with the joy of God." -

Servant of God Emil Kapaun

Each year at the beginning of summer hundreds of pilgrims walk 60 miles in the plains of Kansas to the hometown of Servant of God Emil Kapaun. They do it not only to remember the heroic Catholic priest and Army chaplain who is on the path to sainthood, but to discover how they can better continue on their own path to sainthood. Will you answer the Lord's call to journey with us towards heaven? 31 minutes

Register for your **FREE** subscription to all FORMED has to offer on our parish website!



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Behold am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."

Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on

JANUARY 24-26 IN BROOKFIELD, WI

FEBRUARY 14-16 IN GENEVA, IL

MARCH 13-15 IN MADISON, WI

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653

Respect Life Ministry Spiritual Adoption Program

WEEK 10



Our babies are just over 1- 1/2 inches long now, about the size of a fig and are now almost fully formed. Her hands will soon open and close into fists. Tiny tooth buds are beginning to appear under her gums, and some of her bones are beginning to harden. She's already busy kicking and stretching, and her tiny movements are so effortless they look like water ballet. These movements will become more frequent as her body grows and becomes more developed and functional. The mother won't feel her baby's acrobatics for another month or two, nor will she feel the hiccupping that may be happening now that our babies' diaphragm is forming. **"This is My Body, given up for you."** Lord Jesus, we hear Your words each day at Mass. **"This is my body"** Lord, we also hear these words used by those who think they can take a life, just because it is growing within their body.

Grant that all Your people may learn that human fulfillment is never found by pushing someone else out of the way, only by pushing *ourselves* out of the way. May all Your people live their lives according to Your most sacred words, **"This is My Body, given up for you."**

Did you know that our **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

STUDENTS participate in **several service projects** throughout the year? Giving of ourselves to others what being disciples of Jesus is all about. **In October, over 900Lbs of food** was collected for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry!



Currently, we are collecting baby items for **Informed Choices Pregnancy and Parenting Center**. This organization helps support women and families during the wonderful time of expecting a

child. Students were given a list of baby items that are most needed for young mothers and their babies. In the past, we collected 2 car loads full of items for the center. We hope to fill the playpen with even more this time!

We are also participating in building the Outdoor Stations of the Cross project coming this Spring.

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO:

- ADD A FAMILY MEMBER
- SET UP A WEDDING OR BAPTISM
- REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER
- CHANGE YOUR PHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS
- HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ONLINE GIVING ANSWERED
- STOP YOUR WEEKLY ENVELOPES IF YOU HAVE AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS THRU ONLINE GIVING



(815) 459-3033

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL APPRECIATES YOUR ASSISTANCE IN BEAUTIFYING OUR ALTAR FOR CHRISTMAS AND HELPING THOSE IN NEED



Poinsettia Donation- \$15.00 _____

I would like to make a monetary donation of \$_____ to aid St. Vincent de Paul in their efforts to support our friends in need.

Please make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul.
Return this form to the St. Vincent de Paul Box in Narthex by
December 15th.

*We thank you for all of your support
and wish you God's blessings!*



Please include in your prayers all those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, December 17th, here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Isabella 'Pelagia' Anderson
Joseph 'Joseph' Barnett
Elena 'Cecilia' Cangelosi
Molly 'Elizabeth' Cook
Daniel 'Nicholas' Cubelic
Charlie 'Damien' Davis
Cristina 'Caroline' Dickson
Ryan 'John' Dickson
Cordelia 'Catherine' Egan
Rocco 'Rocco' Farra
Joshua 'Alexander' Felton
Charles Fitzgerald
Julia 'Joan' Flanagan
Paige 'Gianna' Gadowski
Giavanna 'Cecilia' Galati

Ellie 'Helen' Golko
Henry 'Nicholas' Grauer
Harrison 'Michael' Hall
Brock 'Sebastian' Harrington
Abigail 'Abigail' Hougas
Katherine 'Catherine' Husak
Sean 'Justin' Janci
Nathaniel 'Sebastian' Karbowski
Timothy 'John' Kasper
Alannah 'Margaret' Kolze
John 'Michael' Kraft
Daniel 'Luigi' Krol
Victor 'Anthony' Kurowski
Natalie 'Edith' Marlin

Amanda 'Sarah' Marzec
Diego 'Agatha' Medina-Carlin
Jack 'Jose' Mickle
Sophie 'Adela' Mikulec
Henrik 'Thomas' Nystrom
Jack 'Peter' Rokos
Jaiden 'Michael' Skeens
Ryan 'John' Skwarek
Julia 'Cecilia' Smitendorf
Lilly 'Lillian' Starkey
Alexander 'Alexis' Stinson
Ashlyn 'Kateri' Sullivan
Dylan 'Joseph' Treat
Jacob Weldon
Sandra 'Josephine' Zajac

Father in Heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May we persevere in our preparation so we may be ready when He comes. Amen.



**Think you know the
Knights of Columbus?
Think again.**

The Knights of Columbus Fortune 1000 Insurance Company was born out of Father McGivney's vision to help protect Catholic families from financial ruin.

As a seminarian, Father McGivney's father died unexpectedly. Father McGivney was convinced that there had to be a way to help other Catholic families facing similar financial troubles. He established the K of C insurance system that has evolved into a top-rated insurance program, with over \$100 billion of life insurance in force.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Sign up to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home. Invite family and friends to join in prayer to Mary for your own petitions, our church's petitions and the petitions of the world.

If interested in hosting our Lady for 13 days, please contact Rosemarie Krieb @ 224 636-2963.



WE HAVE OPLATKI!

The traditional Polish wafers are available in the parish office for \$3 while supplies last. The Oplatki are enjoyed by families, typically right before the Christmas Eve meal. Generally the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year – whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The purpose of this act is primarily to express ones unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family. Start a beautiful new tradition this Christmas!



DECEMBER 15, 2019

*Waiting in Silence
Waiting in Hope—*

2019 Women's Group Sponsored
Advent Dinner



2019 Advent Dinner Hostesses



The St. EAS Impactful Women's Group would like to thank all of the ladies of our parish, family and friends who attended the Advent Dinner on Friday, Dec 6. It was a wonderful evening of sharing great friendships, delicious food and special memories.

Thank you to Fr. Grady, who began the evening with prayers and blessings of gratitude. We also thank our delightful hostesses who set 21 exquisitely beautiful tables for their guests. Our very own talented musicians entertained us with Christmas sing-a-longs, performed by Deacon Rick Marcantonio, Eric Japsen, Dean Ramis, Gregg Squiers, Kevin Campbell, Moises Aseron and Rob Behrens. The "left – right" Christmas game was a lively addition to the evening as well!

We thank our *amazing* master chef, Tom Sadowski, and his dedicated kitchen help, Ken Fisher, Brian Quast and Andy Voloach. Delectable!! Lastly, the evening would not happen without our fabulous male servers, who truly pampered the ladies. Terrific job, guys!!

At the event, the Women's Group collected over \$900 as well as 2 tables full of household items needed for the Refuge Center for Women, a safe haven for those lucky enough to escape sex-trafficking industry. What a beautiful outpouring for those who need help getting back on track!

Many, many thanks to all who participated in this lovely Advent evening!

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, CRYSTAL LAKE

Requirements for Baptism

In order to have your child baptized at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the following is required:

- To be a registered member of our parish.
- Attend a Baptismal Preparation class (call the Parish Office to register for this class in advance as space is limited). For your convenience, you may attend the class before your child is born.
- Schedule the Baptism- the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month following the 11:15AM Mass (12:30PM Baptismal Service).

Sacrament of Marriage

One or both of the engaged couple should be a registered member of the parish. Wedding arrangements need to be made *at least* six months in advance. Please call the Parish Office to begin the process.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office if a loved one is seriously ill or in the hospital.

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the parish office. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program begins in the fall and concludes with Easter.

St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic School

St. Thomas the Apostle School is a Catholic Pre-K through 8th grade elementary school serving the parish communities of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Every student in our Catholic school receives a strong foundation in all core subjects— Religion, Reading, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies, along with regular classes in Spanish, Computer Technology, Music, Art and Physical Education. For more information, please contact Gina Houston, principal, at (815) 459-0496. www.stthomascl.org

Marian Central Catholic High School

Marian Central Catholic High School is a college preparatory Catholic high school. The school shares with parents and the parishes of the McHenry Deanery in the teaching mission of the Church. It is supported by the 17 Catholic parishes in McHenry County. For more information, please call the school (815) 338-4220.

Religious Education

Religious Education (K-7) classes are held Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the school year at the church. There are three sessions: Tuesday (4:30- 6:00PM and 6:30- 8:00PM) and Wednesday (4:30- 6:00PM). A two year preparation is required before students can receive their Sacraments. For more information, please call the Religious Education office.(X223)

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is for grades 9-12. The Sacrament of Confirmation is received after two years preparation (8th-9th grade). Youth Ministry is a year-round program with extra activities which include spiritual and social events. For more information, please call the Youth Ministry Office.(X231)

Ministry of Care

If you or a family member is ill, homebound, or unable to get to Church for Sunday Mass and would like to have Holy Communion or a visit, please call the parish office. Your needs are very important to us.

Prayer Chain

If you have a loved one in need of prayers, please call the parish office or e-mail the office at parish.office@elizabethannseton.org with your prayer request for special needs.

Parish Information

Telephone: Parish Office (815) 459-3033
FAX (815) 459-3040
Religious Education (815) 459-3096

Office Hours: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY:
9:15AM to 4:00PM
FRIDAYS 9:15AM- 12:00 NOON
SUNDAYS 9:00-11:00AM

Mailing Address: 1023 McHenry Avenue
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Parish Web Site: www.elizabethannseton.org

St. Vincent dePaul Helpline: (815) 701-2737

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New Parishioners

All adult (high school graduates and older) and new parishioners are requested to register through the parish office. Please call the parish office at (815) 459-3033 to register. Though all are welcome, regular attendance at Sunday Mass does not automatically make one a registered member of the parish. We look forward to having you as a member of our parish family!

Moving?

If you are moving, please notify the parish office at (815)459-3033 with any changes of address or phone number(s). This will help ensure that our parish records are accurate.

Website

Please refer to the parish website elizabethannseton.org for additional information and on-line bulletins. If you would like a parish event or ministry information posted on the site, please send a detailed email to: website@elizabethannseton.org.

Weekly Bulletin Articles

All articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted via email by 12:00PM on the Wednesday *a week before the* desired publication weekend (10 days prior to publication date). Articles should be e-mailed directly to: parishbulletin@elizabethannseton.org.