

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house

they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.

Matthew 2:

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 5, 2020

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, JANUARY 5- THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM Mass (The People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)
 9:00 AM Adoration until 12PM
 9:30 AM Mass (+ Donald Lydon ~ Leona Kran)
 10:45 AM RCIA- Introduction to Liturgy and Sacraments
 11:15 AM Mass (+ Danny Cain, Jr. ~ +Kevin McKee)
 12:30 PM Baptisms

MONDAY, JANUARY 6- ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

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 Maranatha Charismatic Group
 Sisters of Grace
 7:00 PM That Man Is You

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7- ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

8:00 AM Adoration until 7PM
 Liturgy of the Hours- Morning Prayer
 8:15 AM Rosary
 8:45 AM Mass (Scotty Girolamo ~ Diane Squiers)
 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 Bosco Religious Education
 6:30 PM Religious Education
 Family Religious Education

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM Adoration until 7PM
 8:15 AM Rosary
 8:45 AM Mass (+Lorraine Christensen ~ +Martha Brueck)
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Lay Carmelite Community Meeting
 9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 9:30 AM Rosary Makers
 11:15 AM Carmelite Community Mass
 4:30 PM Religious Education
 6:15 PM Seton's Echo Choir Practice
 7:00 PM Choir Practice
 ACA Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM Adoration until 7PM
 8:15 AM Rosary
 8:45 AM Mass (+Henryka Stefanczak ~ Marcie Girolamo)
 9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 9:30 AM Jesus' Lovely Ladies Bible Study
 Bailey Bible Study
 4:00 PM Little Flowers Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9- (CONTINUED)

6:30 PM Youth Ministry Edge Night
 6:45 PM Liturgy of the Hours- Evening Prayer
 7:00 PM Columbian Squires Meeting
 Thirstdays for His Word Bible Study
 St. Monica's Faith and Fellowship
 Maranatha Servants' Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM Adoration until 7PM
 8:15 AM Rosary
 8:45 AM Mass (Fr. Brian Grady ~ +Lorraine Christensen)
 9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 9:30 AM Carmelite Spirituality Group

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00 AM That Man Is You
 8:00 AM Adoration until 12PM
 8:15 AM Rosary
 8:45 AM Mass (Fr. Colin Easton ~ +A.J. Freund)
 9:00 AM K of C Free Throw Competition (at St. Thomas School)
 9:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Confessions
 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
 10:00 AM Bereavement Ministry- Grief Support Meeting
 3:00 PM Confessions
 4:00 PM Mass (Sam and Maya Howen ~ +Jackie Boehmte)



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

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Staff and Volunteers*

READINGS FOR MASS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2020

SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
MONDAY: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUESDAY: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
THURSDAY: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a
FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
SUNDAY: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Some good news...

We have been very blessed for many years now with one very dedicated woman leading the Giving Tree at both Christmas and Easter... a huge thank

you to Carmina Lamoutte! The amount of work and time that it takes to make these generous events happen is far more than many of us may realize.

To bring you in on the inside, here is a snapshot on how it works. Members of our St. Vincent De Paul Society screen the requests by various families. They determine the family's need and then pass the names and requests to the Parish Office by the end of October.

[Before I continue, I want to make a point to acknowledge the generosity of the members of SVDP. *They do such an enormous amount of good work in our community*, helping our friends in need, that oftentimes they are overwhelmed with requests, etc. In the midst of all of it, they still find the time to get these family names and needs to us in a timely fashion. God bless them for the dedication and their commitment to serve Our Lord and His children!]

Back to the process of the Giving Tree... Once the requests are passed on to the Office, from there, the paperwork for each family needs to be organized and assigned colors with numbers for anonymity. Bulletin articles with a timeline need to be submitted beginning in November. Tags for each gift and each gift card are copied and cut out. Colored tags are handwritten for each family member amounting to hundreds of gift tags that need to get hung on the tree the Monday before Thanksgiving. Gift cards need to be collected from the box daily for security reasons and are sorted to the appropriate families behind the scenes to save time later. With the help of SVdP and parish volunteers, the huge pile of gifts are sorted and delivered to the families by mid December. Decisions will need to be made along the way as to who gets what and how much keeping in mind the available resources and some general guidelines. We aim for each family to get all that they need. We desire for each family, and especially the children, to feel the love that each gift represents. This last Christmas, we had 23 families in Crystal Lake that we, as a parish family were able to help. Our parishioners are *very generous* in giving to this ministry every year. It really is a beautiful act of charity to witness.

Now, some bad news...

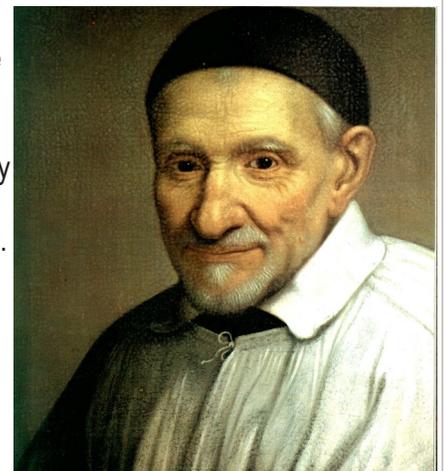
Carmina and her husband were relocated to Florida for work as of December 14, 2019. Even in the midst of the crazy business of moving, Carmina was able to do a little bit this year to help make sure we had a Giving Tree for Christmas ... but truly, thank goodness that a couple of my staff members stepped up (Marcie Girolamo and Donna Graham) to help along with three other ladies from the parish (Pat Voloch, Marta Ross and Annie Sadowski). These women pulled together and worked hard to make the Giving Tree go as smoothly as possible this year! This, however was only a temporary solution as all of these women are each heavily involved in other parish ministries and commitments and are already thinly stretched. We just can't have people spread that thin— *especially* in a parish that is blessed with so many people that all have many gifts and talents they can share!

As difficult as it is for me to say this, unless some “new blood” (meaning some new people) come forward to take over this charitable ministry, there won't be a Christmas Giving Tree or an Easter Giving Tree this year or any year hereafter. Case in point— the Easter Giving Tree would need to begin to get everything organized in the next 2 weeks in order to make it happen for Easter. (We begin the program on Ash Wednesday, which is February 26th this year. The tree would need to go up with tags, by February 24th.)

I truly hope that this is not the end of this wonderful outreach ministry. If no one steps up to take over and then people approach me about their disappointment, I will let them know that there is no one to run the program. I will then ask them right there on the spot if they will step up. Sometimes when we notice a need, it may be the Holy Spirit and our Guardian Angel that are trying to prompt us to step up to do something *more*.

And so, if you can help, please contact Marcie immediately in the Parish Office. (815)459-3033 X230

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us ... that some generous and caring souls step forward in order to serve the needy in our community by taking over this ministry.



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 Stasenka, 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

**DONATING IRA ASSETS TO CHARITY
TURN YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM
DISTRIBUTIONS (RMD) INTO CHARITABLE
DONATIONS**

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70½ and older take RMDs from their IRA each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income. This provision may be especially attractive for retirees who do not need all the income from their IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating the money to charity, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to a worthy cause while effectively lowering your tax bill. Contact Sue Schulz for further information (815)459-3033 X225

**PLEASE
SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS!**

Their ads offset the costs of printing our bulletin.
Let them know you saw their ad here!

**THIS IS MY HOME
THE GIFT OF MY TREASURE**

Due to bulletin printing deadlines and the Christmas holiday, the offerings will be printed in the January 12 bulletin.

Our 3% tithe this week will go to The St. Vincent de Paul Society to financially assist this ministry in their work to help those in our community in immediate need.

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

PLEGGED: \$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!

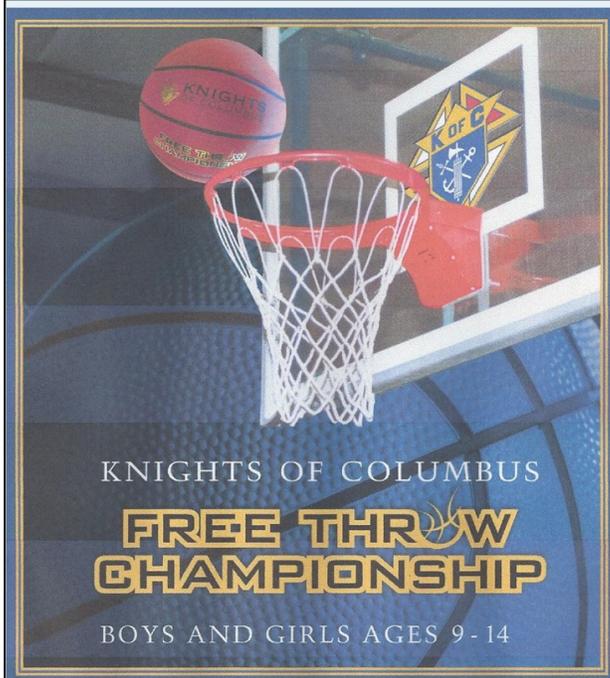
ONLINE (AUTOMATED) GIVING

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

**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
Christopher and Cascia Talbert
for the month of January.*



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1, 2020) are invited to participate in the

2020 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The competition will be held **Saturday, January 11th** at **St. Thomas the Apostle School**. Entrance to the gym is on Lake Street across from the Little Christopher Resale Shop (469 Lake Street).

Registration begins at **9:00AM**

Competition will start at **9:30AM**

All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Age group winners will receive a Championship plaque and advance to the District Free Throw Championship. District winners will advance to the Regional Championship on Saturday March 7th in Crystal Lake, and the State Championship in April in Chatham, Illinois.

*Participants are required to bring a **copy of their birth certificate** and have written parental consent to participate.* The consent can be signed the day of competition.

For additional information contact Bill Kolton at Kolton784@sbcglobal.net

Or (815)477-9527

To contact Bill on the *day of competition* phone (708) 341-9380

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP IS SPONSORED BY ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON COUNCIL 10678 AND FR. MCCORMICK COUNCIL 3880 FROM ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH.

The Knights of Columbus are very pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest held at the Breakfast with St. Nicholas on December 15th. The judging, as always, was really difficult! We had so many great entries! Thank you to all who participated! The winners' original art work will be submitted to the State for the next round of judging.

Congratulations to:

- Evelyn Wilson Winner Age 5 - 7 Division
- Danielle O. Winner Age 8 - 10 Division
- Anna Hougas Winner Age 11- 14 Division

Winners can pick up their prizes in the parish office after January 6th. All other children who entered can pick up their Certificate in the office as well.

-St. EAS Knights of Columbus Council #10678

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY NOW FORMING!

A new Men's Bible Study is now forming! It will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7PM here at the parish. The first one will be on TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST.

Study scripture with other men in the parish and grow your faith! Call the parish office to sign up (815)459-3033. Have questions or need more information? Contact Paul Van de Heuvel, the coordinator at pa320@aol.com.

Would you like to become an Eucharistic Minister or Lector?

Fr. Grady will hold a training session for anyone interested in becoming a new **Eucharistic Minister** or a **Lector**. Please call the parish office to sign up. The training will be held on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH AT 9:30 AM** IN THE CHURCH.



"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!

Are you, or someone you know in immediate need of temporary financial assistance?

Our St. Vincent dePaul Society is here to help.



CALL THE SVDP HELPLINE (815) 701-2737





THE FIRE WITHIN

Now that the holidays are over and our souls are hopefully refreshed from the blessed season of Advent...we might want to look at another aspect of our spirituality. That of taking care of our body.

The Bible tells us that "*your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit*" I Corinthians 6:19. Every year millions of us make new year's resolutions to start that diet or work out more. Certainly both of those things are very important. But, this year at St. EAS we are taking it one step further and bringing you a great opportunity!

We are bringing in a company called **Stroke Scan Plus** ON **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**. This company will provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm or internal cancers? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies will not normally pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Diagnostic versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital.

Stroke Scan Plus will be offering them to you for \$159 for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, AFIB & organs). Insurance is not necessary and appointments are limited. **Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on January 11/12 or you can call 832-437-7355 or 1-866-935-7226 toll free to schedule an appointment** for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place in/at the Parish Hall. Prevention and early detection are key to quality health! www.strokescan.com.



STROKE SCAN PLUS

My mother died this past August of stage 4 Kidney Cancer. The doctor told us that her tumor had been growing for at least 3 years but perhaps as many as 5 years! Had we caught the tumor a year earlier, my sweet mother would still be with us today. This has been a HUGE factor in me wanting to bring this service to our parish. To save even one life would be well worth it. I am already signed up myself!

Little Saints Preschool Registration 2020-2021

Are you looking for a wonderfully nurturing, faith-filled Catholic preschool for your little one?

Little Saints Preschool has openings for the 2020-2021 school year. We will be hosting an **Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 2:30PM-4:30PM at the preschool building, (454 Lake Street, Crystal Lake).**

At this time, preschool registration will officially open for the 2020-2021 school year. Families can take a tour of our beautiful, state of the art building, meet our amazing teaching staff and allow us to show you all we have to offer.

Check us out on Facebook to see examples of programs and curriculum choices. For more information, please visit the 'Preschool Registration' section on the main page of the St. Thomas the Apostle School website www.stthomascl.org or contact the Preschool Director Jennifer Gallien jgallien@stthomascl.org.



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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

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

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES
BEGIN NEXT WEEK!**



Are you a baptized Catholic adult who has received your First Holy Communion, but was never confirmed?

Do you want to complete your Sacraments of Initiation and receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit that is received in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Beginning **Sunday, January 12th**, we are offering a **4-week Condensed Catechism** class designed to reintroduce (or introduce) you to the core teachings of the Catholic Faith with an emphasis on Confirmation.

Along with the 4 Catechism Classes, you will also need to attend the Spirit-filled **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

RETREAT (Saturday, February 29th—Monday, March 2) which is 2 full days and one evening. The Classes, along with the Retreat will help prepare you to receive the sacrament. The established **class dates are: January 12, 19, 26, and February 2.** Upon completion of the 4 classes *and* the LOTW Retreat, you will then be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, April 11th** at the Easter Vigil. It's that simple! Please realize that because this is such a condensed Confirmation catechism, *you MUST attend ALL 4 classes and the LOTW Retreat.*

If you would like to sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Marcie in the parish office (815)459-3033 X230.

NEW SENIOR GROUP!



Fun for Seniors

We are starting a new group for those of you that are 65 years young and up! We will have these fun meetings *every other month.*

The first meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 9:30AM IN SETON HALL.** We will have some great refreshments, games, a bit of learning and more. Sign up in the parish office today! Contact Marcie X230 for more information.



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Balancing the Budget Tip: Decide together on your long-term goals (house, education, retirement, etc.) and base your monthly budget around those goals. Keep the big picture in mind to help make saving and scrimping easier.

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by participating in an upcoming World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend
Upcoming dates are:

- 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



Drop in the RCIA class on any given Sunday at 10:45AM in the St. Joseph room. Each week, a different topic will be covered explaining a piece of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome to sit in on any of the classes.

On January 12th, we will learn about the sacrament of Baptism.

Sisters of Grace

REMINDER: SISTERS OF GRACE will meet for the second session on Monday, January 6th at 6:30 PM.



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

At the peak of the Ku Klux Klan's power, the K of C stood as its most vigorous opponent.

In one incident in 1924, hooded Klansmen abducted, and severely beat and mutilated Father John Conoley in Gainesville, Fla. Knights armed with shotguns stood in the windows of the rectory, protecting another priest and the church itself from the Klan's threat to burn it.

JANUARY 5, 2020



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

The largest pro-life event in the Midwest!

MARCH

Over 8,000 in 2019!

SCHEDULE

Rally at 1 pm

March follows Rally

CONVENTION

presented by **weDIGNIFY**

FEATURING

Youth Rally

Exhibitors

Banquet



THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY IS PAIRING UP WITH YOUTH MINISTRY FOR THE CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE!

Everyone is welcome to join us is standing up for LIFE! We will take the 10AM Metra from Crystal Lake to Chicago. We will have lunch and then attend the Rally and March at 1PM. We will attend the Vigil Mass at St. Peter's at 5PM and have dinner afterwards. Time permitting, we will go to Millennial Park. We will catch the 8:30PM Metra back to Crystal Lake arriving at 9:51PM.

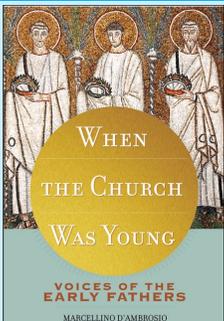
Join us for all of it, or just the Rally and March...we just hope you will join and take a stand!

In addition to standing up for the unborn, we will show respect and value to the homeless lives we encounter by handing out sack-packs to them. The sack-packs will be filled with cold-weather needs (hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc.) as well as small toiletry and food items. If you would like to donate items for the sack-packs, please bring them to the parish office by Wednesday, January 8th. (There will be a collection box at the parish office entrance inside Seton Hall until the office reopens after Christmas Break on January 6th.)



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

OUR FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



WHEN THE CHURCH WAS YOUNG by Marcellino D'Ambrosio

If the word 'trinity' isn't in Scripture, why is it such an important part of our faith? If the Bible can be interpreted in many ways, how do we know what to make of it?

Who decided what should be in the Bible anyway?

The Church Fathers provide the answers. These brilliant, embattled, and sometimes eccentric men defined the biblical canon, hammered out the Creed, and gave us our understanding of sacraments and salvation. It is they who preserved for us the rich legacy of the early Church.

E-Book

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

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.



project rachel

There is hope. There is help.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, please contact Project Rachel by calling (815) 387-3379 or 1-888-456-HOPE. If you prefer email, contact us at projectrachelrockford@gmail.com.

For more information and resources, please visit the Project Rachel website at www.hopeafterabortion.com.

**EVERY 40 SECONDS, SOMEONE IN THE U.S.
IS HAVING A STROKE!**

**STROKE SCAN PLUS WILL BE AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

TO PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING, WELLNESS ULTRASOUND SCREENINGS.



STROKE SCAN Plus
"Prevention Is Key To Quality Health"



It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have **high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes**, or a family history of **heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm or internal cancers**? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Stroke Scan Plus will be bringing its stroke-prevention, ultrasound team here for early detection and prevention of:

- ◆ **STROKE**- Carotid artery scan to look for blocked arteries in the neck
- ◆ **AAA**- Sudden death due to ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- ◆ **Atrial Fibrillation**- A 2-lead, handheld EKG screens for irregular heart beat which increases stroke risk by 5X.
(Only detects if you are in AFib at the time of screening.)

Do you have any of these RISK FACTORS?

high blood pressure, high cholesterol, family history of stroke, heart attack or aortic aneurysm

LIFESTYLE RISK FACTORS: Smoker, diabetic, overweight, physically inactive?

We will also scan these vital organs: **thyroid, gall bladder, liver and both kidneys**, where we can detect possible nodules, lesions, stones, sludge, and polyps.

Diagnostic versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital. **STROKE SCAN PLUS** will be offering them to you for **\$159 for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings** (Vascular screenings + 5 organ ultrasounds) Insurance is not necessary. Appointments are limited. The entire screening takes about 20 minutes.

STROKE SCAN will be available at the parish for you to register next weekend January 11/ 12, or you may call 832-437-7355 or toll free 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment for you or for a loved one. The screenings will take place in the Parish Hall. Prevention is your key to quality health! Visit www.strokescan.com for more information.

Utility Kitchen Workers Needed:

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington has part time and full time positions available. Flexible schedule, morning and pm shifts available. No experience necessary for some positions. We can train you. Contact Michael at jesuit@fspro.com

Please Help the Vulnerable Moms with Unborn Children this Christmas Season

This Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Jesus was born a baby in Bethlehem, after his parents' long journey from Nazareth, far from home, poor and in great need. The Holy Family received gifts of support and kindness from strangers— a stable owner, shepherds, the magi, and others who helped during this vulnerable time.

Today, many women discover an unexpected pregnancy. They are vulnerable. They often feel scared, overwhelmed, and with little or no support. They depend on the goodwill and encouragement of others, as Mary and Joseph did.

TLC Pregnancy Services provides social support to moms in need. This Christmas, please help us walk with expecting moms and dads so they can love their babies and experience the love of people helping people in need.

Please visit <https://tlcpregnancyservices.com/christmas/> for more information on how you can help.



**PREGNANT MODELS NEEDED FOR
ULTRASOUND SCANS**

1st Way Life Center is a pregnancy support service which offers assistance to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. At this time, we have Registered Nurses (RNs) taking a course in obstetric ultrasound. We are currently seeking pregnant women to serve as volunteer models for the purpose of scanning instruction. The RNs will be scanning under the supervision of an Ultrasound Instructor.

If you would like further information about being a volunteer ultrasound model, please call **1st Way at 815-385-2999** and leave your contact information to the attention of Judy Cocks, or email her at life@1stwayjohnsburg.com.

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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Gayle Dirksen, Director of Music
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Sue Schulz, Parish Business Manager

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.