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The man replied, "That is just what is so amazing! You don't know where he comes from and he has opened my eyes!

We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to people who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of someone born blind; if this man were not from God, he wouldn't have been able to do anything.'

They retorted, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through ever since you were born!' And they ejected him.

Jesus heard they had ejected him, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of man?'

'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.'

Jesus said, 'You have seen him; he is speaking to you.'

The man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and worshipped him.

Jesus said: **It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight may become blind.**

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'So we are blind, are we?'

Jesus replied: **If you were blind, you would not be guilty, but since you say, 'We can see,' your guilt remains.**

John 11: 30-41

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 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*

ALTHOUGH ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE, FR. GRADY AND FR. EASTON CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE MASS PRIVATELY. THEY WILL OFFER THESE MASSES FOR THE SCHEDULED INTENTIONS.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD AS SCHEDULED.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22- FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass (William Flachman ~ Matt Meeker)
Mass (+Judy Menke ~ +Judy Zelz)
Mass (Laura Knipp ~ +Leonora Ramos)

MONDAY, MARCH 23- ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Mass (The Holy Souls in Purgatory)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:00 PM Mass (+Beverly Skoniecke ~ Courtney Klinefelter)
Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25- THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Mass (Kevin Gerhardt ~ +Jennie Crimaldi)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Mass (Margaret Dollahan ~ +Gene Graham)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Mass (+Albert Chiodo ~ +Carole Strong)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Mass (+Laurence & +Katherine Huck ~ +Fr. Thomas Burr)

9:15 AM Confessions

3:00 PM Confessions

Mass (+Jose Campomanes ~ +Delores Neumann)

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

READINGS FOR MASS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020

SUNDAY: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

MONDAY: Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY: Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY: Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY: Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY: Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

MARCH 22, 2020

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DAVID J. MALLOY

March 17, 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The outbreak of the coronavirus has become an event unique in our lifetime. While diseases and epidemics have always been a part of human history, in recent decades medical advances have largely protected us from such outbreaks, at least in our part of the world.

As we have seen in recent days, the growth in understanding of the danger of this virus along with the corresponding expansion of guidance from health professionals has impacted our lives as believers and as citizens.

First and foremost, we are people of faith. Our lives of prayer, the sacraments and the practice of our faith come together as our witness to the gift of faith. In that context, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” (Lumen Gentium 11).

At the same time, as citizens we are participants in our society and so we bear our responsibility to contribute to the common good.

In light of these considerations, and with deep regret, I am announcing today the suspension of public Masses, both weekday and Sunday Masses, in the Diocese of Rockford effective tomorrow, March 18, 2020. That suspension reflects the most recent guidance from the Federal Government and from the State of Illinois for the limitation of public gatherings to reduce the opportunity for contracting and spreading the coronavirus. All Catholics within the Diocese are dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (per canons 85 and 87 in the code of canon law of 1983).

During this time all priests are to continue to offer the Mass privately each day. Pastors are obliged to celebrate a “Pro Popolo” Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in fulfillment of Can. 534. Emergency requests for urgent pastoral needs including the Last Sacrament and the Eucharist should of course be covered. Churches should as much as possible remain open for private prayer and for confessions.

At this time, even if we cannot physically attend Mass, each of us needs to continue to pray daily. During this Lenten Season, consider praying over the readings for the Mass of the day which are available online (<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>) or in prepared Missals. Guidance for prayer and making a spiritual communion is posted at www.rockforddiocese.org. Please keep in your prayers all those who are afflicted by the virus, their family members, doctors and nurses treating the sick, those who have lost employment and all whose lives have been upended in this moment.

As indicated in previous guidance from the Diocese of Rockford, weddings and funerals and baptisms should still be offered under conditions of limited numbers of attendees in order to minimize the opportunity for transmission of the virus. I am also announcing the temporary closure of the Diocese Administration Center, beginning tomorrow and continuing through March 31, 2020. Whether this date must be extended will be evaluated as March 31 approaches. Diocesan Administrative staff will attempt to monitor email communications during this urgent situation. Likewise, given the guidance of the health authorities, all parish center and school offices should be closed. Coverage should be from the parish priests and if necessary one staff member on a very minimal schedule for essential business only.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Community Center and Catholic Charities offices will function with modified and restricted hours related to food distribution for the poor and urgent services only.

Of course we need to ask how long such restrictions will be needed. Much of the current guidance is directed at reducing personal contact for the next two weeks. For that reason, the suspension of the public offering of Mass will last until at least Saturday April 4. Given the constantly updated guidance being given by health authorities, that date appears to be only advisory at this time. The Diocese of Rockford will continue to monitor developments and further directives will be issued closer to that date, especially with regard to the celebration of Holy Week.

I ask for your prayers, your patience and your understanding in these difficult days. Jesus told His followers, “I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt. 28:20). We trust in His guidance now as we respond to the threats from the coronavirus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fr. Grady is looking for candidates interested in heading up and rolling out our new Family Immersed Religious Education program (F.I.R.E) to our children grades K-7. This is a part time position. If interested, please email your resume to Fr. Grady bgrady@elizabethannseton.org.

Pray the
Rosary
every day



MARRIAGE CARE

offering free confidential support to married couples

- Do you ever feel disconnected to your spouse?
- Do you and your spouse disagree on how to discipline your children?
- Do you ever feel lonely in your marriage?
- Do you sometimes wish that you and your spouse could communicate better?

Perhaps these are just a few questions that you might be asking yourself. Marriage takes a tremendous amount of work, understanding and devotion. There are so many circumstances that can affect a marriage like addictions, abuse, mental illness, grief and loss, financial burdens, infidelity, etc.

The marriage care ministry is here to help you **care for your marriage**, and to assist you in getting the help that you and your spouse might need.

Please call or email us anytime. Our confidential email is: care4marriage@gmail.com and confidential phone is: 815-246-CARE (2273).

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

Weekly collections will be reported when it is safe for our volunteer counters to return.

Our 3% tithes this week will go to EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) - to provide financial support to the largest religious media network in the world, transmitting programming 24 hours a day.

Amount Owed (Parish Debt) Mortgage: \$444,207.00
(Full mortgage payment was due 10/30/2018)



2019 DIOCESAN APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

GOAL \$95,427.00

PLEGGED:	\$86,874.00
PAID:	\$78,180.00
FAMILIES PARTICIPATING:	239

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!

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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.

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

As a way to express our gratitude to those who financially support our parish home, we randomly draw a monthly winner for a prime parking spot! If you are one of the many who support our parish, 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 is automatically entered into the drawing, and one recipient is drawn.

*Our reserved parking space will be enjoyed by
Mark & Lynn Widholm for the month of March.
Thank you for your continued support to our parish home!*



**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
MARRIAGE MINISTRY**

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Let the Lord be the shepherd of your marriage. Attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend:

- APRIL 17-19 IN BROOKFIELD, WI**
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TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS ONLINE

Saturdays 7PM & 11:30PM Holy Mass from the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** in Washington, DC.

catholicTV.org/masses/national-shrine-mass

6:30AM Sundays- Diocesan Catholic Mass on NBC WREX TV CatholicTV

Sundays 8AM, 5:30PM and 10PM La Santa Misa, Spanish Mass catholicTV.org/masses/la-santa-misa

Sunday 10AM - Mass live from the **Basilica of the Sacred Heart** at Notre Dame's campus in South Bend, Indiana. catholicTV.org/masses/notre-dame-mass

Daily Mass Live Monday-Friday at 9:30AM on The CatholicTV Network (rebroadcasts 7PM & 11:30PM)

catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) ewtn.com/tv

Daily Mass 7am, 11am and 6pm

Sunday Mass 7am, 11am and 11pm

Heart of the Nation Sunday Mass online

heartofthenation.org/online-mass/sunday-mass#/

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, Bill Hayes, David Hess, 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

WHAT IS A "SPIRITUAL COMMUNION"?

For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. We may have broken the one hour fast, be in a state of mortal sin, or be homebound. Now as we face the Coronavirus pandemic and public Masses suspended, we are not able to receive Our Eucharistic Lord as we would desire.

In these cases, the Church encourages us to make an act of "Spiritual Communion", where we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to Our Lord our desire to be united with Him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Countless saints incorporated this type of prayer into their daily lives, as they were not able to receive our Eucharistic Lord weekly as we have become accustomed. Making an act of spiritual communion for them was an essential part of life and drew them closer to God on a daily basis.

St. Josemaria Escriva encouraged everyone to make a spiritual communion as often as they could, "*What a source of grace there is in spiritual communion! Practice it frequently and you'll have greater presence of God and closer union with him in all your actions.*"

Padre Pio also had a habit of making a spiritual communion throughout the day outside of the celebration of Mass. He desired to be always united with Jesus Christ in everything he did.

Saints throughout the ages have witnessed to the value of spiritual communion. In a vision, Our Lord explained it to St. Catherine of Siena by showing her two chalices: one made of gold, the other of silver. He told her that her Sacramental Communion was preserved in the gold chalice, and that her spiritual communion was in the silver chalice.

Below is a traditional prayer of spiritual communion that many saints have prayed over the years. It can be prayed if you find yourself at Mass unable to receive the Eucharist, or anytime you desire to draw yourself closer to the Lord.

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire
to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy,
hear and answer me. Amen.

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A Lenten Study on Prayer



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DESERT**

6 Episodes

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yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video-based study with daily meditations in the participants guide. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. This series captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through His love.

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EASTER GIVING TREE



Our Easter Giving Tree still has Gift Card tags available to help families in need through our St. Vincent dePaul Society. Please take a tag or 2 if you are able.

All gift cards should be returned (with the amount notated on the card) to the lock box near the tree by **Sunday, March 22nd** so they may be distributed to the families in plenty of time before Easter.

Thank you for your generosity ~
May your Lenten journey be fruitful and blessed.

PANDEMIC UPDATE FROM FR. GRADY

As a reminder, all parish activities have been cancelled until further notice.

- ◆ The Church will be open each day for private and personal prayer in the main church where Our Lord will continue to be present in the tabernacle. For the time being, the Church will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 1:00pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Saturdays from 9:00am until 11:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm (for confessions), and Sundays from 9:00am until noon.
- ◆ Because of government health restrictions, all group prayer is suspended until further notice. This includes the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings, as well as the daily recitation in common of both the 8:15am daily Rosary and 9:15am daily Divine Mercy Chaplet. This is to protect the health and welfare of the faithful. Please continue to pray these important prayers and devotions in private.
- ◆ Sadly, this restriction called for by our Bishop means that we *will have to cancel First Communion on April 4*. As things become more clear, we will look for the best date to reschedule our First Communion Mass.

Our normal confession schedule will continue as scheduled on Tuesdays (6:00-6:45pm) and Saturdays (9:15-10:00am and 3:00-3:45pm). We will be looking to include additional times for confessions. Please make sure you are signed up to receive Flocknotes as well as checking our parish website and Facebook page for updates.

All Mass intentions will be honored and offered as they have been scheduled. Our daily Mass will be lifted up in private as both Fr. Easton and I bring you all mystically to the altar of God.

We will be looking at other ways to continue to feed you spiritually... so please stay connected to us via Flocknote, the parish website, and our parish Facebook page. In the meantime, please be safe out there. Know of my continued prayers for you and your family.

God bless!
Fr. Grady



*"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing,
God is unchanging,
Patience gains all—
Nothing is lacking to those who have God,
God alone suffices."*

— St. Teresa of Avila

Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Pick up a baby bottle in the Narthex and fill it with bills, change, or checks for Informed Choices Pregnancy



Center in Crystal Lake—to help mothers in need who chose life for their babies.

Please return your filled bottles by April 5th. (Palm Sunday) **Thank You!**



FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE COMMUNICATIONS— ESPECIALLY IN THESE TIMES, PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO FLOCKNOTES. CHOOSE TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM THE GROUPS YOU’ RE INTERESTED IN VIA TEXT OR EMAIL. UNSUBSCRIBE ANYTIME.

TEXT: **saintEAS** TO **84576**
FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE TO SUBSCRIBE.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen

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- 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

ALTHOUGH THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, STAFF WILL BE RETRIEVING MESSAGES AND RESPONDING TO VOICE MAIL (AS WELL AS EMAIL) MESSAGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.



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Your legislators need you to exercise your Catholic duty to speak for the common good and help them make good public policy – all you need to do is sign up. Signing up is free and easy at www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/. Join I-CAN today! To also receive alerts from the USCCB about federal legislation, visit www.votervoices.net/USCCB/home, and let your voice be heard!



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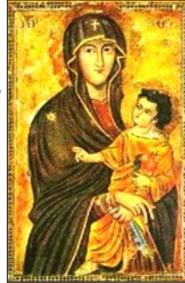
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Plague in Rome ends after Pope St. Gregory the Great leads a procession through Rome with a painting of Our Lady (591AD)

The Abbot Orsini wrote: "On this day, in the year 591, St. Gregory the Great, having had the picture of Our Lady painted by Saint Luke, carried in procession, the plague ceased at Rome."



The miseries that afflicted Rome in the year 591 were substantial. The Gothic War between the Byzantine Empire and the Goths had greatly depopulated Italy, so much so, that a Germanic tribe of Lombards had entered the peninsula and established their own kingdom. They were pagans and Arians who did not respect Catholics, burned the famous Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino and pillaged the land.

The instability and warfare caused famine in large regions, though Rome was still able to obtain grain by sea. Earthquakes and flooding furthered the suffering, and Rome was not immune to the plague. The banks of the Tiber overflowed, and when the waters did not recede, all of the low-lying lands became swamps that brought disease and death.

The sickness struck so quickly, that the victim would often die shortly after contracting the disease. Our custom of saying, "God Bless you," to someone who sneezes came about at this time, as sneezing was one of the signs that someone had contracted the plague.



Even the previous Roman Pontiff (Pope Pelagius II) died of the plague. His successor was Pope Saint Gregory the Great, who was a humble and pious man. It would be an understatement to say Pope Gregory did not wish to be pope, but nonetheless did everything in his power to save his flock. He understood that the plague was a chastisement from God, and encouraged the faithful to repent of their sins and pray for deliverance.

Saint Gregory called for a procession to take place at dawn on April 25th. On that day, the faithful first assembled in their groups throughout Rome and then walked through the streets of the city

praying and singing as they approached the church of Saint Mary Major. The plague was so deadly at that time, that 80 people collapsed and died as they walked through the streets towards the church.

Castel Sant'Angelo



Pope Saint Gregory met them upon their arrival, joining them in prayer as he took his place with them holding aloft the miraculous image of Our Lady painted by Saint Luke the Evangelist. As they processed toward the Vatican, the participants all saw Saint Michael the Archangel standing upon the cupola of Hadrian's Mausoleum (the current Castel Sant'Angelo) as Michael sheathed his sword. It was a sign that the chastisement had finally come to an end, and at once the heaviness in the air lessened and the air itself seemed to freshen and clear.



Indeed, at that moment the plague ended as the faithful rejoiced and lifted up their voices to thank the Mother of God:

Regina Coeli laetare, Alleluia!
(Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!)
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia!
(Son whom you merited to bear, Alleluia!)
Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia!
(He has risen as He said, Alleluia!)

From RomanCatholicSaints.com

Parishioners "got their green on" at the Annual Knights of Columbus sponsored Irishfest!

Attendees enjoyed live bagpipe music, corned beef and cabbage dinner, an Irish dance performance, 50/50 Pot O' Gold Raffle, D.J. music, dancing and Karaoke! A good time was had by all—

Thank you to the Knights for hosting this festive and fun event!



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Paycheck to paycheck living
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Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will teach you how to take control of your money.

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Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00PM

Starts: Thursday, April 30

St. Margaret Mary Ministry Center Room 3

Coordinator: Garry & Arla Thomas

Contact Info: 847-658-1585 getart@flash.net

**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.

**HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION
TUESDAYS AT 1:00PM**

WE HAVE TRANSITIONED TO DIAL- IN PRAYER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The Holy Hour of Reparation aims to help the Church and the world by offering prayers of reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus through Our Lady asking for peace, hope, and healing.



Dial in Number:

1 + 515-605-0071

(PIN: 718918 #)

Please download the "Holy Hour of Reparation - Hope & Healing for the World" prayer booklet from the parish website: elizabethannseton.org

After dial-in welcome @ 1:00PM, please mute your phone and join in prayer from home along with prayer leaders!



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-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



LOSS OF A SPOUSE:

Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program
Visit www.joyfulagain.org or call (708)354-7211

MARRIAGE HELP:

Retrouvailles for troubled marriages
Visit helpourmarriage.org or call (800) 470-2230

CRISIS PREGNANCY:

Informed Choices Pregnancy and Parenting
Crystal Lake call (815)455-0965
or text (847)421-1446

ABORTION HEALING:

Project Rachel Visit hopeafterabortion.com
Email projectrachelrockford@gmail.com
or call (815)387-3379

SAME SEX ATTRACTION:

Courage for individuals with SSA
pkaim@rockforddiocese.org
Encourage for family/friends of SSA individuals
rbrowning@rockforddiocese.org

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY:

St. Vincent de Paul Society (815)701-2737

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Turning Point call (815)338-8081
<http://www.turnpt.org/>

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

Parish Staff

Gayle Dirksen, Director of Music
Susan Dunham, Receptionist
Marcie Girolamo, Administrative Assistant to the Clergy;
Director of Evangelization
Donna Graham, Bulletin Editor
Deborah Japsen, Receptionist
Laura Knipp, Director of Youth Ministry
Paul Komis, Custodian
Mike Scronce, Coordinator of Building Maintenance
Patti Scronce, R.E. Administrative Assistant
Vicky Serio, Director of Religious Education
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.