



SEAS NEWS

January, 2021

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
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SEAS School: 887-6056

Established 1981

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, a Roman Catholic Christian community, strives to be a dynamic, welcoming center of faith, where life-long friendships begin and grow.

Our mission is:

- To provide opportunity for worship, ministry and proclaiming the Gospel.*
- To provide education and support for the spiritual growth of every parish member.*
- To build a local community of faith that fosters life, justice and peace in the global society.*

Friday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Masses at 7:30, 9, 11:15 AM
Parish Office Closed

Monday, January 4
Feast of
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Masses at 6:30 & 8:30 AM
Adoration until 4:00 PM

Friday, January 22
Day to Reflect on
Roe v. Wade
and pray for the issue of
dignity of human life
Please join with other
SEAS Parishioners
as we observe this
solemn occasion together
at the 6:00 PM Mass

Saturday, January 23
Sacrament of
Confirmation
during 4:30 PM Mass

From the Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

Let us keep one another in prayer.

The month of January reminds us all of new beginnings. It's a time of the year when we pledge to ourselves once again that we will watch our diets, strive to exercise and return to our efforts to live more economically. It's also a perfect time to renew our spiritual lives. It's a time to set aside our missed opportunities to strengthen our prayer lives, renew our efforts to make the Mass a central celebration of our relationship with God, and recommit ourselves to make the sacrament of Penance a means of safeguarding our efforts to live more peaceful and generous lives. And, as we leave 2020 behind, this new year provides hope that we may finally have a much needed vaccine to help eradicate the Coronavirus pandemic which has plagued us this past year. Now, more than ever, it is truly a time to begin again.

The month of January features three very important feast days: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, on Friday, January 1, the Feast of our own parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, on Monday, January 4, and the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord on Tuesday, January 5. I would just like to ask that everyone make a special effort to attend Mass on January 4 to pray for peace in our country and the world. After the 8:30 Mass, there will be Adoration in the Day Chapel until 4:00 PM. These three feasts remind us of our need to pursue peace throughout the world in every way that we can, in the hope that every family will be able to live out God's wish that each of us may realize our dignity as persons.

On Friday, January 22, the Catholic World, and other people of faith and morality, will reflect together on the impact of the Supreme Court's ruling, Roe v. Wade from 1973. This is a day that calls us to carefully pray on the issue of the dignity of human life in all of its stages—from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

On Saturday, January 23, we will celebrate the wonderful Sacrament of Confirmation with 54 young people. This represents a very important time for all of the youth and adults and ourselves, and I ask you to pray especially for all the candidates and their families.

As we begin our New Year, please know that each of you and your families are constantly in my prayers. May God bless and keep all of you.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES...

St. Bernadette Guild



Our focus is spiritual development and projects to support the church community. New members are always welcome to our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM in SEAS café. Call Debbie Davis, 889-2124 or Mary Ann Hale, 887-7089 for information.

St. Francis Guild



We actively participate in various parish and community activities. We annually support Newborns in Need, Rare Breed Teen Outreach, Relay for Life, Community Blood Drive and No-Kill Animal Shelter. Our biggest fundraiser is The Taste of Chocolate. Our fun activities include Bunco, pool parties, secret pals and making Harvest Home baskets. We meet on the 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM in the dining room. For information call Cindy Dittmer, 880-5675.

St. Eligius Guild



We are a group of women with young children who coordinate activities for all children of the parish, including St. Nick's Feast, Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat. We welcome new members to our meetings at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Wednesday each month in SEAS Café. Contact Haley Gillespie, 861-7587 or StEligiusGuild@gmail.com if you have questions.

SEAS MOM'S GROUP

SEAS Mom's Group is now meeting in the Adult Education Room at SEAS on Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM for prayer and study. Children are welcome and snacks are provided. Contact Erin Disseler, 417-827-9523 or erinmdisseler@gmail.com ~OR~ Katie Davis 417-838-0838 or ktsdavis@gmail.com.



MEN'S CLUB



"Good men doing good things." We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM to pray the Rosary and have dinner and socializing. We also gather on the 1st Saturday at 8:30 AM for Mass and breakfast. We support the parish with fundraisers and are involved in most parish functions. Contact Kelly Hayes, 838-3269.

Comforts From the Heart Quilters

This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at American Legion from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please join in the making of comfort quilts for area agencies to give to their clients. No experience is needed, just a willing spirit and an eagerness to learn. Newcomers are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Carmen Whorley at 350-8292 or carmenwhorley@yahoo.com.



P.C.C.W.



Did you know that all women of the parish are members of the Parish Council of Catholic Women? This group is actively involved in prayer, church projects and fundraisers to support SEAS faith community. Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Contact Mary Williams, 938-8110 or Mary Fox, 889-2136 for more information.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Our mission is to offer hope and service on a direct person-to-person basis. We serve at the food pantry, make home visits to those in need, visit nursing homes, grocery shop for the homebound and much more. No charity is foreign to us. New members are always welcome. Contact Tony Yarham, 773-6844 for more information.



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON



THE SAINT (1774-1821)

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York. Her mother was the daughter of an Episcopal minister and her father was a dedicated doctor. She lived in a comfortable home where many of the leading figures of the day were entertained. At nineteen, she married William Magee Seton, a wealthy merchant. As part of New York society, they were neighbors to Alexander Hamilton and hosted George Washington's birthday party. The Setons were blessed with three daughters and two sons. Elizabeth was active in her Episcopal church. With her sister-in-law, she organized women to work among the city's poor.

William's business failed so that he had to declare bankruptcy. When William's tuberculosis became acute, Elizabeth, William and her eldest daughter went to Italy, hoping to restore his health. After William's death, Elizabeth spent several months with Catholic friends. Upon her return to New York, Elizabeth opened a boarding house to support her family. When she became a Catholic in 1805, rampant anti-Catholic prejudice caused the closure of her boarding house.

At the request of a priest friend, Elizabeth moved her family to Baltimore to teach in a girls' school. Elizabeth felt a call to religious life as she encountered a group of women forming a new congregation. After making arrangements for the care of her children, Elizabeth professed her vows and received the title "Mother Seton." The little community grew; Elizabeth was elected to be the first leader of the Sisters of Charity, a role she held until her death.

The Sisters of Charity entwined social ministry with education as they established schools and orphanages.

The extraordinary manner in which Elizabeth lived an ordinary life flowed from the centrality of the Word of God and Eucharist in her life. Dominate themes on her life and writing include her pursuit of the Will of God, nourishment from the Eucharist and Bible, confidence in Divine Providence and charitable service to Jesus in the poor.

Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975, the first native-born U.S. citizen to be declared a saint.

THE PARISH

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish was officially established on June 5, 1981 by Bishop Bernard Law. The bishop chose St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as a patron with the hope of establishing a school in the developing southwest corner of Springfield. The new parish began with 200 households from St. Agnes and Immaculate Conception parishes. Fr. Leonard Chambers was the founding pastor. Initially, the Saturday evening Mass was celebrated in the Carmelite chapel, Sunday liturgies took place at Skateland and daily Mass was celebrated in the rectory chapel on West Swan Avenue.



Parishioners chose to begin with a multipurpose building to provide space for the celebration of Eucharist and a facility for social functions. Fr. Michael McDevitt was appointed pastor in the fall of 1982 and the building was dedicated in December, 1982. This facility served the parish for nine years, housing the many liturgical, educational and social functions of a very active and fast-growing parish community. The new church was completed and dedicated December 1, 1991. In August of 1993, Fr. Fergus Monaghan became the pastor. After many years of planning and collaboration, an expansion of the main worship space, a wing of classrooms, a new kitchen and dining room, an adult education room, office complex, prayer garden and labyrinth was dedicated March, 2003.

Msgr. Thomas Reidy was appointed pastor in August of 2004. In these 37 years, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has grown to become the largest parish in the diocese with 1,860 households. A capital campaign was initiated in January, 2009, to develop our facilities to meet the growing needs. On August 14, 2011, Bishop James Johnston blessed the new outside work and Education Wing which includes: 5 classrooms, new school entrance, new parking area, lights/islands installed in the East parking lot. On June 24, 2012, the Youth Center and O'Reilly Gym were dedicated as facilities to serve our school, our youth and area sports teams.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton continues to be a dynamic community of faith and service, the spiritual home of families and individuals seeking to build the kingdom of God.

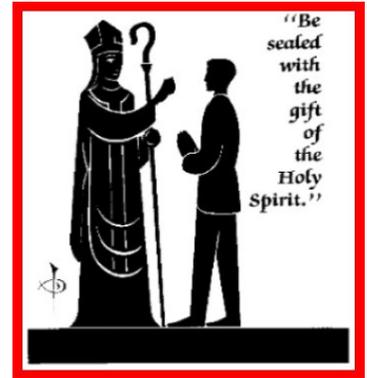
SPECIAL INVITATION

YOU are cordially invited to the
CELEBRATION of the
SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Saturday, January 23, 4:30 Mass

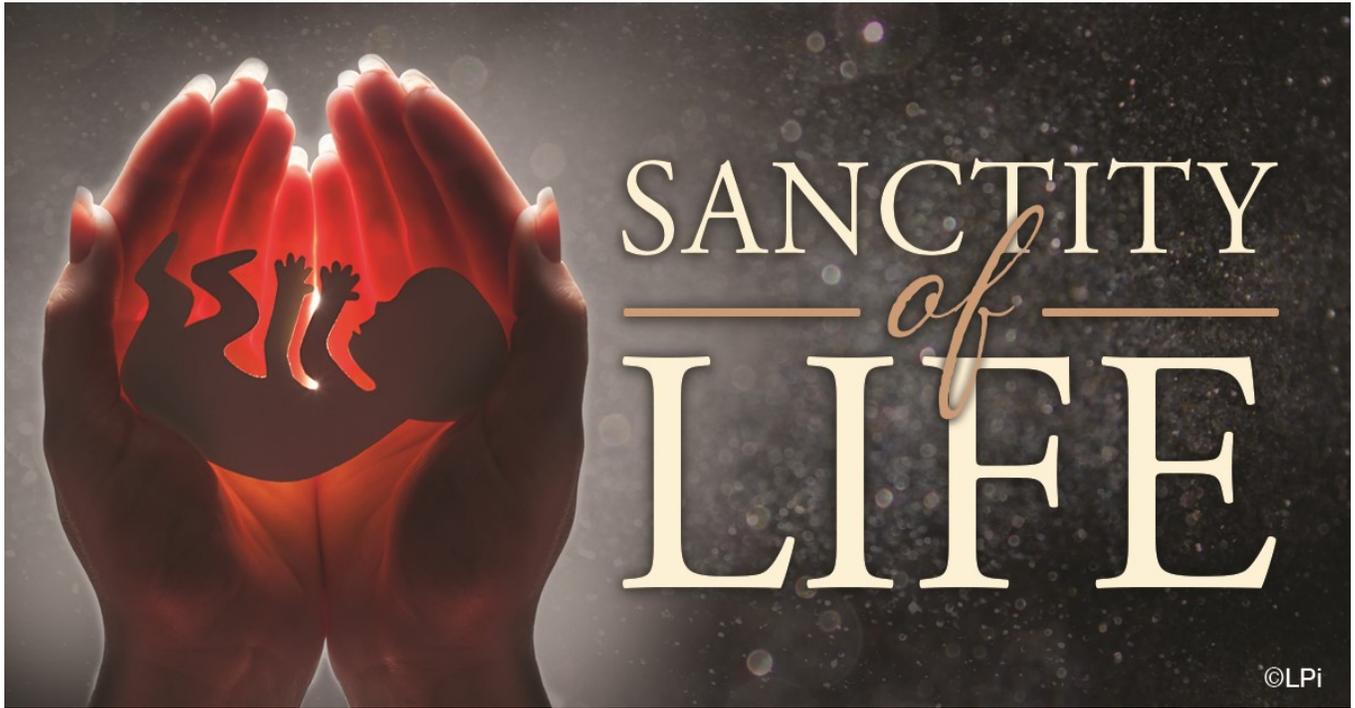
Please pray for our youth and adults who, in the context of Eucharist will:

- ◆ Renew their baptismal promises.
- ◆ Be called forth by name from among the community.
- ◆ Be prayed over by Bishop Edward Rich with outstretched arms.
- ◆ Be anointed with chrism and “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- ◆ Be welcomed and again take their place among the community.



The Men's Club Storage Building is really starting to take shape. What a great addition to our SEAS campus!





All life is precious.

Join your SEAS Family for a special Mass
to pray for the protection of the unborn.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 ♥ 6 p.m.

This Mass will be livestreamed if you are not comfortable attending in person.





**We are grateful to those who made a contribution
toward the flowers and decorations
for this Christmas season.**

Thank you for your generosity!

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Chuck Mushrush, Sam & Laura Pizzaferrato, Cianfoglione Family
Deceased Grandparents
Kerry Ann Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hanmer & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Nor-
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William "Bill" Thomas
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To honor all the Health Care Workers looking after Covid patients and all other frontline workers. In memory of the people we have lost to Covid.
Deceased family members
Charles Schmidt & deceased members of Brand family
Regis Griesemer
Long & Goth families
Cathy Kliethermes
Clyde Rodreick, Jack & Georgette Ellwood, Steve Ellwood
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Our beloved son, Larry; Armstrong & Henderson families, Friends & Families
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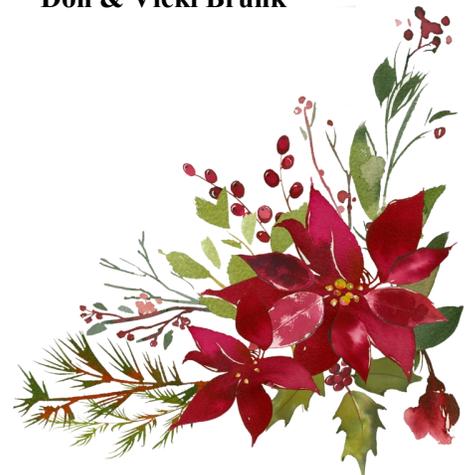
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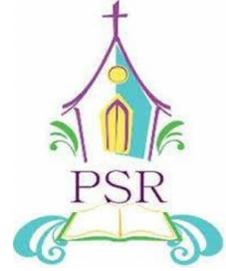
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SEAS Parish

Office of Religious Education

January 2021



Happy New Year to all! We are all certainly ready for a new year and have hopes that our lives will return to normal soon. We have so much to be thankful for, even during this trying past year. Hopefully, this pandemic has given us time to strengthen and grow in our relationship with Christ. In all we face, it is so important to trust in Jesus. Let us pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, our country, and in our world. We look forward to seeing ALL our kids back at PSR and all parishioners back at Mass soon.

PSR and Confirmation classes begin again on **Wednesday, January 6, and Sunday, January 10.** Thank you, parents, for bringing your young people to classes regularly. Please remember to discuss what they did in class each week and review the papers they bring home as well as what we send via email. Thank you also to those families providing the curriculum to their children at home. Parents, you are so important in your child's faith formation! We pray that our students grow in their relationship with Jesus and in their faith and knowledge of God and the Church. We are so thankful to our dedicated volunteer catechists who have worked with the onsite students as well as connecting with the home study families.

Our Confirmation Two students will have their priest interview January 3 and January 6. The class attended a retreat on December 6 led by 10 faith-filled young adult Catholics with NET Ministries who travel across the country leading youth retreats. The retreats included music, games, skits, witness talks by the team, small group discussions, Reconciliation, Adoration, and Mass. Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the retreat. A big thank you to the Acosta and Southern families who hosted the retreat team and fed them breakfast daily during their 10 day stay in Springfield! And thank you to all those who prepared meals and brought them to the parish to feed them lunch and dinner. Bishop Rice will be here for Confirmation at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, January 23. Please pray for the 54 youth preparing to celebrate the sacrament that day.

The NET Ministries Team also led a Confirmation One retreat on December 9. Students in 7th grade participated in a three-hour retreat which included skits and witness talks by the team, small group discussions, and prayer. everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner.

Copies of the *Protecting God's Children - Teaching Touching Safety* booklet are available in the Office of Religious Education. Brief, age-appropriate safe environment lessons will be taught in grades Kindergarten through Confirmation One at a class in January or February.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions or questions. Also, please let me know if you would like information about volunteering with PSR - we need assistant catechists and substitutes.

Blessings of good health and Christ's Peace and Joy to you all in 2021!

Denise Dumars,
Director of Religious Education
417-887-6472, ext. 610 / ddumars@seaschurch.org

PSR/Confirmation in PHOTOS

Top 3 photos: **Confirmation Two** Retreat "With Great Power" put on by NET Team Ministries Dec. 6 at CCC at MSU
Bottom 4 photos: **Confirmation One** NET Team Retreat "Anchored in Hope" Dec. 9 at SEAS



SEAS SCHOOL NEWS

in PHOTOS



“Can the Principal’s Office”

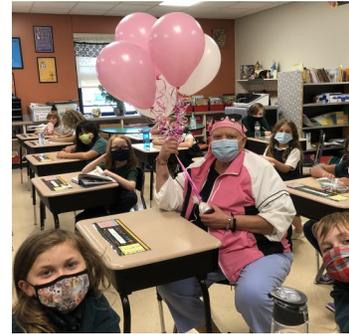
SEAS School students conducted a food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Food Pantry.

And, then, helped sort the cans.

An AMAZING 1750+ cans of food were collected.

Congratulations to all of you.
Great job!

Shelly Puckett, (right) a long-time SEAS paraprofessional and her father (who has been ill) are pictured with a SEAS Student Prayer Blanket.



Sr. Sheryl (pictured above) is congratulated on her last day of cancer treatment.



Kindergarten students (above) enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.



8th grade students (above) enjoy a field trip to Trotilleria Perches with their classroom teacher, Mrs. Speakes and Spanish teacher, Mrs. Perdoma. That looks like fun - and very delicious!



Third grade students (left) spend some time researching Sr. Rose Phillipine Duchesne - our diocesan co-patron.



New Year Blessings! We had a great Advent in SEAS Youth Ministry!

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations for Rare Breed. Through your generosity we were able to bless many homeless youth. The Giving Tree project allowed our youth to focus on Corporal Works of Mercy during the season of Advent. As part of this project, Kathy Westmoreland, Youth Services Director at The Kitchen, Inc., came to speak to both ROC and CREED to tell us about what they do at Rare Breed. It was quite an eye opener that there are kids the same age as our youth living on the street here in Springfield. It made the Giving Tree that much more impactful for our SEAS youth!

We were fortunate to host internationally known speaker, Jason Evert for the Purified event on December 1. What a powerful message of purity and chastity he shared that evening! We were blessed to welcome the west side of the diocese for this event. Thanks to the SEAS volunteers that were instrumental in making this evening such a success. Also, a HUGE thank you to Music Minister, Melinda Arnold, for coordinating the requirements of the evening.

On December 12 we were blessed to have the NET Ministries Retreat Team here. They led an all-day retreat for our high school youth that focused on how to seek and find true joy. In our world today, it's easy to forget that it's not the latest greatest technology, the coolest car or trendy clothes that bring us joy, it's Jesus Christ. Especially when we were being bombarded by Christmas sale ads, it was good for our high school youth to get a strong reminder of that fact.



It may seem that we've done it all, but we have some exciting new ideas for the New Year! First, we will be starting a book discussion for high school youth, grades 9-12, on the book **Bleeding Hands, Weeping Stones** by Elizabeth Ficocelli, on Sunday, January 10 from 10:10-11:10am, in the Youth Room. This book highlights many of the amazing, wonderful, even weird mysteries, wonders and miracles that have been given to us through our Catholic faith. We'll continue the discussion at the same time each Sunday. The book is available for \$12.95 at our local Catholic bookstore or online. Second, we will be introducing High School Super Sunday on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Keep an eye out for details!

Below, our youth gave their rapt attention to the animated speaker, Jason Evert, during the recent "Purified" event.



JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking has become an area that **Parish Council of Catholic Women**, through the National Council of Catholic Women, have made a priority in creating awareness and in working to inform the public on the importance of stopping Human Trafficking throughout the world.

Human Trafficking is the trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. This may encompass providing a spouse in the context of forced marriage or the extraction of organs. Human trafficking can occur within a country or trans-nationally. Human trafficking is a crime against the person because of the violation of the victim's rights of movement through coercion and because of their commercial exploitation. Human trafficking is the trade in people, women and children, and does not necessarily involve the movement of the person from one place of another.

This a problem in this country, state and county. If you see someone you might feel is being human trafficked, please notify the authorities. There are many stories of people that have been human trafficked, and this is a horrible life to live until they can get away from the person that has put them in this place.

We know that God has many beautiful laws like the beatitudes. There is one beatitude that pertains to human trafficking and that is the fourth beatitude that states "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled". It is evident through this blessing that the bible reminds those who strive for justice may have the strength and faith in God's will to reward their efforts and desires. It provides hope for those who suffer, that the longing for their desires will be rewarded. This encourages those who suffer to continue and carry on, as good will win over power of evil.

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Detén el Tráfico de Personas!

1-888-3737-888

Text 233733 (BeFree)
TraffickingResourceCenter.org

The toll-free hotline is:
• Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
• Available in both print and electronic
• Available in Spanish and English
• Available in 175 languages
• Free to use, with no charges for
• Anonymous and confidential

Learn Trafficking Statistics:
• Over 40 million people are trafficked
• 80% of victims are women and girls
• 49% of victims are children
• 27% of victims are men
• 24% of victims are transgender

Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. and Missouri law.
Los víctimas de tráfico de personas están protegidos por la Ley de Estados Unidos y Missouri.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE HUMAN TRAFFICED

Loving Father,

We seek your divine protection for all exploited and enslaved. For those forced into labor, trafficked into sexual slavery, and denied freedom. We beseech you to release them from their chains. Restore their dignity and provide them a new beginning. Show us how we might end exploitation by addressing its causes. Help us reach out in support of victims and survivors of human trafficking. Make us instruments of your spirit for their liberation. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women and acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, leadership and service. Council of Catholic Women programs, at every level, respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. For more information, visit the website at www.nccw.org. **JOIN US—BE COUNTED!** Please contact Mary Williams (983-8110) or Mary Fox (812-0602)

Message to Seniors from Sr. Bernadette

Dear Seniors,

As we all know, March 2019 changed our lives. It's now January, and we are living a different "normal" life. Some of us have returned to Eucharist while others are still at home being protective. We all need to be aware of what is best for us. We have learned that social distancing and wearing a mask have made it difficult to verbally communicate. Let us continue to pray for each other. We have lost family and fellow parishioners to COVID, and it has limited our visiting hospitals, nursing homes, and even homes. We have written notes, called one another and prayed for each other. And, although COVID is on the rise, it appears that a vaccination will soon be readily available.

I have spoken with some of you about the challenges you have endured. Please let me know if you wish Eucharist to be brought to you and arrangements will be made. I will do whatever is needed to allow you to feel safe and comfortable.

Many of you might have had the experience of an Advent Angel. I am pleased that this year we had over 50 of your fellow parishioners volunteer to be a part of this project. Next year we anticipate that there will be even greater participation. You are an important member of SEAS and parish community is being encouraged. This brings a real depth of love to SEAS.

Take care and be blessed,
Sr. Bernadette

NEEDED: Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound or to those in healthcare facilities.



This would mean a weekly visit to a parishioner that would take less than an hour. Date and time will be decided by you and the communicant. We will do all that is necessary to keep you safe when asking you to minister. Please pray about this and ask God if you are being called. Think about what joy this can be for you!

Please call Sr. Bernadette at 576-1313.

FAITH
Provident God,

*you are the source of all life
and giver of all good gifts.
Nourish the small seed of my faith
that I may see you in every human being
and all of creation.*

*Enlarge my vision beyond the doubts and disbeliefs
that often haunt my mind and heart
to a deeper awareness of your abiding
and loving presence
in the whole community of Life.*

*Transform this tiny seed of faith until it flowers
and bears fruit in a land where
justice reigns and your love
is known in every heart.*

Amen.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS . . .



Michael & Kelli Balmes
Charles & Michele Bogart
Charles & Samantha Gaston
Carolyn Hintzen
Richard & Lorinda Rehagen
Chris & Anna Wynn



Rush Jeffrey Dykman
son of
Niclaus & Chelsea

Luke Delos Reyes Bacani
son of
Patrick & Rhocel

Mackenzie Hutson
daughter of
Richie & Christina

WE OFFER CONDOLENCES . . .

our hearts to out to . . .



Neil Frost
at the death of his father
Edwin Cecil Frost

Mark Bernskoetter
at the death of his brother
Roger Bernskoetter

Eric Pichler
at the death of his mother
Rosemary Pichler

Cheryl Hall
at the death of her husband
Tom Hall



Financials for November, 2020 . . .

Finance Committee

Donna Powers Dan Hoy Michael Hoppman
David Straus Gary Gift



INCOME

Envelopes	\$ 72,019
Plate Collections	\$ 816
Equip/Maint. Contingency Fund	\$ 948
Education	\$ 1,300
Church Property Rental	\$ 8,095
Designated Gifts	\$ 20,398
Other income	\$ 5,237
Other Special Collections	\$ 8,410
Total Income	\$ 117,223
Cash Available October 31	\$ 63,996
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 181,219

EXPENSES

Salaries & Payroll Taxes	\$ 25,770
Retirement	\$ 819
Medical/Dental Insurance	\$ 4,208
Babysitting	\$ 204
Catholic Cemeteries	\$ 83
Insurance Premium- Multi-Peril/Liab	\$ 4,073
Bank Chgs / Misc Fees	\$ 1,056
Office	\$ 2,107
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 4,659
Janitorial/Maintenance Supplies	\$ 2,310
Altar, Sanctuary, Choir Supplies	\$ 768
Telephone	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 5,630
Household Expenses	\$ 451
Other—Miscellaneous	\$ 0
Financial Assistance to Needy	\$ 6,411
Religious Education	\$ 2,043
Youth Programs	\$ 0
Parish Special Programs	\$ 386
Support of Catholic Schools	\$ 50,434
Assessment	\$ 311
Priests' Mutual Benefit Society	\$ 1,866
Special Collections Forwarded	\$ 1,782
TOTAL BILLS PAID	\$ 115,371



The Building Fund

Bank Balance at October 31	\$ 46,807
November Income	\$ 13,250
Cash Available	\$ 60,057
Expenses paid	\$ 35,365
Bank Balance at November 30	\$ 24,692

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The Bulletin Board

**Sacrament of
Confirmation**

**Saturday, January 23
during 4:30 PM Mass**

CANCELLED

**No Seniors' Mass
& Breakfast
in January**

**1st Friday, January 1, is
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 AM**

**The deadline for the
February Newsletter
Is
Wednesday, Jan 20**