

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MESSAGE

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL UPDATE

It's that time of year again! Parents are purchasing school supplies and uniforms in anticipation of the new academic year at St. Elizabeth Seton. The children's arrival marks another year of learning, praying, and playing in this special community.

It has been a busy summer at Seton, with cleaning, applying fresh paint, and completing some much needed maintenance. An updated phone system has been installed and will enable us to communicate throughout the building. Our computer lab has been upgraded with Apple iMacs, a Macbook laptop cart for use in the upper grades, and an iPad cart for the lower grades. The main school restrooms have been completely renovated—a welcomed improvement. Soon we will set the date for the groundbreaking of our new Preschool and Kindergarten buildings.

We look forward to our first school Mass on September 14th, celebrated by Fr. Matt. It is with great appreciation that we begin this new school year: for the support of the Daughters of Charity; the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish; and our generous donors. May God bless you.

Evelyn M. Rosa, Principal

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission and ministries of our parish during the month of July. Our average weekly collection for the first month of this new fiscal year, was \$9,138 (\$9,183 in 2011). Remember, our parish needs \$11,000 a week in order for us to meet all of our financial responsibilities.

This puts us into an early financial crunch. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income for July at \$55,000 and received \$45,690. This \$10,000 deficit is more than the amount we budgeted for the entire year for maintenance at our 3 churches.

As you know, we are totally dependent upon you all of our parishioners for our livelihood. We are so grateful for the sacrifices you make so that the work of St. Thomas Aquinas may continue to impact the lives of so many. We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as

a way of returning to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS!



Our Weekly Offering

Aug 19 Actual TBA • Goal \$11,000



Please Pray



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Devin Wakefield, Robert Kerrigan Sr., Kathleen Briggs Kerrigan, Linda Staelgraefe, Erika Staelgraefe, William McNerny, Cecilio V. Suarez Jr., Theresa Diulus, Kimberly Bishop, Mary Lee Hagen, Fr. Thierry Geris, Douglas Hein, Frances Galea, Betty Heigel, Consuelo Hernandez, Emma Napolis, Kathy Gibbs

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Hong Lee, Fr. Tony Medina, Irene Zupon, Marguerite Chang, Marianne Pelligrini, Michel Boudart, Rachel Salcedo, William J. Wall, Emil Trojak, Rose DeVasto, William Chamberlain, Jean Koo, Natividad Aguila, Joan Sterling, Mary Stivala Peterson, Lorraine Schemel, Jalia Rodriguez

Pray For Lists guidelines: • Have permission from the person to be listed. • Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names. • Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed. • Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or fongmt@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 26:

10:30 am OLR . . Dulce Aranha †

10:30 am STA. . . Clothilda Rita Wait †

Readings: *Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;*

Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Monday, August 27: St. Monica

7:15 am STA. . . . Mary Baracchi & family †

Readings: *2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22*

Tuesday, August 28: St. Augustine

Readings: *2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26*

Wednesday, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am OLR . . . Robert Stanley †

Readings: *2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29*

Thursday, August 30:

Readings: *1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51*

Friday, August 31:

7:15 am STA. . . . Msgr. William Lenane †

8:30 am OLR . . . Mary Peterson †

Readings: *1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13*

Saturday, September 1: Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm STA . . Vince Giovannotto †

Readings: *1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30*

THE GIFT OF GRACE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase. —St. Rose of Lima

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday September 1 & 2, 2012

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Seimas

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Stanley

Sun 11:00 am Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am Msgr. Sandersfeld

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Seimas

Sun 12 noon TBD

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Gammad

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 26: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

10, 11:30 am . Pancake Breakfast (SESS/OLRH)

3:00 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

4:00 pm STAYouth (DC)

Monday, August 27:

7:00 pm TMC Liturgy (TH)

Tuesday, August 28:

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (DC)

7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)

Wednesday, August 29:

Thursday, August 30:

7:00 pm Catechist Formation (DC)

7:00 pm Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, August 31:

5:00 pm RCIA Inquirers Meeting (PC)

7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, September 1: First Saturday

8:00 am Environment Team (OLR)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

1. To be Baptized
2. To be Confirmed
3. To be Catholic

Happening Now

contact

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THE PRE-CATECHUMENATE

Any adult interested in receiving any of the Initiation sacraments is invited to a casual gathering on Friday, August 31 at 5pm at the Pastoral Center. The RCIA Team members will be present to address any questions an Inquirer might have about The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process or about our Catholic Tradition. Formal catechetical gatherings begin Monday, September 10 at 7:00-8:30pm at the Pastoral Center.

9TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST...

And ...Registration for Catechetical Classes – This Sunday (August 26) we will offer our annual Pancake Breakfast following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Albert the Great and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to partake of these scrumptious feasts prepared for us by the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers from the parish. It is also your opportunity to register your children for our catechetical classes and sacramental preparation. (Registration forms are available on-line.) Susan Olsen, our new Catechetical Coordinator for Children's Ministries, will be present at both breakfasts to meet and greet you as well as to answer any questions you may have. You may also contact her by phone in the Parish Office (Ext. 25) or email her at suolsen@dsj.org.

CONTINUING RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

Dear Parents & Guardians: As your children begin their return to school, I wish to remind all of you of the opportunity and responsibility that you have to do something of the greatest importance for the future of the Church— attending to the tasks of caring for your child's continuing religious faith formation. It was at their baptism that you promised to make one of your primary concerns your commitment to raise your children in the practice of the Catholic faith.

Their training in the ways of faith is just as important for them as the math, science, language and history which occupy their hours at school. Many different activities such as sports, ballet, music lessons, all compete for their valuable time. Please do not allow your child's religious education to get pushed down to the bottom of your "TO DO LIST." We are here to help you!

PARISH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 16

In just a few weeks, our annual Parish Picnic will be held at Our Lady of Rosary church-site on Sunday, September 16th after the 10:30am Mass from 11:30 until 3:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary on Cowper St. This year we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. The Knights of Columbus will be barbecuing again and refreshments will be provided. With yet another new activity to be added, we are expecting a better than ever picnic, so please add this event to your calendar. Come join us for a time of festivity and fun. What we have prepared, we are proud to share: good food, entertainment, and games.

As a way of celebrating this special anniversary we are offering a parish-wide raffle. Every registered household will be receiving 2 books of 10 tickets. We have four Cash Prizes – Grand Prize is \$2,500! We want everyone to have a chance at winning. Tickets are \$5 each or buy 10 for \$40 or all 20 for \$80. What a deal! You may also obtain one free ticket at the Pastoral Center. Although there is no obligation to participate, we do appreciate your support.

BISHOP DALY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

All parishioners are invited to join in our diocesan celebration of Bishop Thomas Daly's 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. The Mass will be on Saturday, September 8, at 9:30 am, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph. A reception (finger foods, hors d'oeuvres) will follow in the Cathedral Hall and grounds.

August 26, 2012

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES HELP NEEDED

LITURGY LEADERS, CATECHISTS AND AIDES NEEDED

— It takes many people to do the ministry of teaching our children about our faith. And while one teaches others, one also grows in one's own faith. Please consider helping with this important ministry in our parish. Training and guidance will be provided. Our children need us to light the fire of their faith by sharing our faith with them.

If you would like to help or have questions, contact Susan Olsen in the Pastoral Center (Ext. 25) or email her at suolsen@dsj.org.

CATECHIST FORMATION SESSION

August 30 - 7 pm in the Dermody Center — All catechists and potential catechists and aids are welcome to attend. Classes begin on September 9.

HAS AN ABORTION LEFT YOU WITH A BROKEN HEART?

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats renew hearts broken by abortion. A confidential retreat will take place September 7-9 in Menlo Park, at the Vallombrosa center, offering a loving and supportive environment, where women and men can reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of renewal and healing. Rachel's Vineyard is therapy for the soul. For confidential inquiries call Christine at (415) 260-4406 or email christine4faith@gmail.com www.rachelsvineyard.org

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS

This is the first in a series of reflections related to the upcoming election offered by the bishops of the four dioceses in Kansas. The intention of this reflection (and those to follow) is not to endorse or oppose a particular candidate, political party, or political action committee. Instead, it is to show how human reasoning enlightened by our Catholic Faith shapes our thinking, choosing and acting in daily life, including the most basic obligation of citizenship: voting.

We are a part of others, not apart from them – We see ourselves as one with God, with other Catholics (all over the earth, in Purgatory and in Heaven), and with the human family in general. It makes a difference when we think not only of me and mine, but of we and ours as well, inclusive of God, family, friends, parishioners, fellow citizens, strangers, even enemies.