

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—January 25, 2009



# St. Elizabeth

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Hastings, MN 55033

*Ann Seton*

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Fr. Jim Perkl, Pastor ~ Fr. Abraham George, Associate Pastor

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Weekends:**

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday:

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm

### **Daily Mass**

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am

Thursday: 5:15 pm

### **Reconciliation**

Weekdays at 6:45 am

Every Saturday 3:45-4:15 pm

*Immediately following 4:30 pm Mass on  
the first Saturday of each month.*

### **Anointing**

*Immediately after the 5:15 pm Mass on  
the first Thursday of the month, or by  
appointment.*

## HELP WANTED!

Are you available Wednesday mornings (9:30–11:00 am) to assist the priests with Mass at Oakridge? For more information, contact Pat Sammons at 437-7074 or Faith at the Parish Office.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The February ministry schedule is now available on our website, as well as on the back table near the sacristy. Schedules will NOT be mailed out, so ministers, please pick one up this weekend. March through May will be forthcoming.



## Catholic Education an “Outstanding Apostolate of Hope”



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we celebrate the Catholic School Week, it is an occasion to think about the importance of Catholic education and also to evaluate that how much we achieve through the Catholic education. Catholic schools provide a daily experience of the Gospel message of love and forgiveness. They create learning communities where each student is taught that he or she is created in the image of God and is a beloved child of God. Along with high academic standards, Catholic schools hold students to high moral standards. We expect young people to put their faith into action by loving and serving others. As Catholics, we can be proud of our long tradition of academically rigorous and value based education. We are grateful to the many religious communities of men and women, teachers and administrators who serve our children.

During his address to Catholic educators on April 17, 2008 in Washington DC, Pope Benedict XVI says, “Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. First and foremost every Catholic institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth.” The Holy Father greatly appreciated the sacrifices of the founders of the Catholic School System and the selfless services of countless dedicated religious, priests, teachers and parents. He called Catholic education an “outstanding apostolate of hope.” The Pope also recalls, “Some today question the Church’s involvement in education, wondering whether her resources might be better placed elsewhere. Certainly in a nation such as this, the State provides ample opportunities for education. It is timely, then, to reflect on what is particular to our catholic institutions. How do they contribute to the good of society through the Church’s primary mission of evangelization?” This mission of evangelization is related in a nation’s fundamental aspiration to develop a society truly worthy of the human person’s dignity.

Catholic education must interpret all facts in the light of God's purposes in creation and the human dignity as revealed in the Scriptures. We believe that our every concept and practice must be taken in light of the truth of the Scripture and the sacred tradition. We seek to encourage an education which is positive in its presentation of divine truth, and remedial, corrective, and disciplinary in its work on fallen human nature. Ethical issues and moral training must be an integral part of education.

The co-operation of pastors, teachers and parents are so important in the process of imparting catholic education. It is our **faith** which gives us cause to give Catholic education to the children, that they might be better equipped stewards of our Lord Jesus Christ. Education is more than just the transfer of knowledge from one person to another. The elements of knowledge and facts are neither bare nor neutral. All facts take their significance and relevance from the framework of a belief system. Knowledge will always be transferred in light of the teachers’, parents’ and pastors’ belief and conviction. This places on them a great responsibility. The responsibility of the parents and the family is very important in helping their children in the process of education. The Bible clearly instructs and enjoins parents, to bring children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:6-9) The state and the church should only assist in the process of education.

Catholic education goes beyond the technical understanding of facts, for it should presuppose the effective **integration** of those facts into life and all its areas. I may read a book on social justice, in fact I may read a whole shelf of such books, but until I integrate the information which I read into my personal life, I cannot say that I have been educated.

Through the Catholic education one must achieve the three levels of integration, such as **head, heart and hand**. On the **head level**, one acquires **knowledge (information)**. It should pass from head to **heart level**, that is the faith experience. At this stage, the knowledge must become **wisdom** and personalizes what is learned from the first level. There comes the **formation** of the individual. Again it moves from the heart level to **hand level**, that is, the charity level. And at this stage, takes place the **transformation** of the individual. Such an education enables one how to live and how to love. Such education produces the citizens and leaders for the smooth operation of the society according the will of God, now and into the future.

It is a special week to pray for our Catholic schools that God’s blessings would be with them in leading our children according to the will of God.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham George CMI  
Associate Pastor

## Spiritual Life

### THE SETON SINGERS

The Seton Singers will rehearse on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00pm in the church. They are busy preparing for a Mission Mexico Benefit Concert on Saturday, January 31 at 7:00pm.

### THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, January 28 from 5:45-6:30pm in the church. The Children's Choir is open to all children in grades 3-8 and meets on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30pm. The Children's Choir will next sing on Saturday, February 7 at the 4:30pm Mass. Please call Mo (ext. 228) or Chris (ext. 230) with any questions.

### THE SETON RINGERS (HANDBELL CHOIR)

The next rehearsal for the Seton Ringer will be on Tuesday, January 27 at 5:00pm in the church.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### *Our Winter Concert Series*

- Saturday, January 24, 3:00 pm- The Seton Ringers (Handbell Choir) will be in concert at the Handbell Festival at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hastings.
- Saturday, January 31, 7:00 pm- The Seton Singers will be hosting a Mission Mexico Benefit Concert at SEAS.
- Friday, March 6 – 7:00pm – Concert by Sonar
- Thursday, March 26, 7:00 pm – Concert by the St. Cloud State & the Hastings High School Choirs

### OUR 150th CHURCH HISTORY BOOK

"The 150 Year History of the Catholic Church in Hastings" by Dick Darsow is available for sale in the Parish Office or at Divine Inspirations. This limited-edition hardcover book sells for \$20.

### KDWA BROADCASTS MASS!

If you know someone that is ill and unable to attend our Sunday Mass each weekend, they can listen on 1460 AM on the radio. If you are traveling anywhere in the world, you can also listen to our Mass each Sunday at 9:30am Central time at [www.kdwa.com](http://www.kdwa.com). Many thanks to Dan & Barb Massman who are donating the air time for our weekend Mass on KDWA 1460 AM each week.

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### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Volunteers at SEAS...mark your calendars for March 28. Come for a spaghetti dinner hosted by the SEAS Staff to honor YOU and all you do at SEAS!

## Eucharistic Adoration



In the Chapel of Resurrection 24 Hours Each Day Except During Weekend Mass Times. Use the NORTH entrance of the building for late evening and night time hours.

*Everyone is welcome.*

*Come when you like,*

*stay as long as you wish.*

*Our Lord is always ready to welcome you!*

Divine Mercy Prayer Hour each Wednesday, 7-8pm

Little Way of Divine Love Prayer Group each

Sunday 7:15 – 8:45pm

Everyone is welcome in the prayer groups.

**When you visit Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration this week, please pray** 1) for guidance and protection for the new leaders of our country 2) for an end to abortion and that all Americans will come to realize the horror of killing almost 4000 of our babies each day 3) for guidance for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and all Catholic schools 4) that increasing numbers of young people will choose vocations to the priesthood and religious life 5) that all young people will have the courage and integrity to follow the moral teachings of the Church 6) for the return to the Faith of all who have separated themselves from the Church 7) for the homeless and the hungry 8) for the Total Life Care Center being established in Hastings and 9) for Father Jim, Father Abraham, all the area priests, the SEAS Parish and Staff, the Archdiocese of St. Paul – Minneapolis, the Red Lake Indian Mission and the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya.

### WINTER WEATHER ALERT TO ALL COMMITTED

**PRAY-ERS:** If the weather is such that you feel that you should not go to adoration, please know that it is okay to stay home. BUT please check with your co-pray-ers. If none of you can come, please call one of the coordinators listed on your appointment card so that she can provide for the hour. If you are unable to reach a coordinator, please call the Parish Office.

### ADORATION SUBSTITUTES

There are letters with updated information sheets waiting for you in the back of the chapel. Please pick them up when you come to the building.

### COMMITTED PRAY-ERS

You have letters with appointment cards waiting for you in the back of the chapel.

### PRAY-ERS NEEDED

There is a need for persons to make a commitment to pray each Friday from 8-9AM and each Saturday from 9-10pm. If you make a commitment and sometimes cannot keep your hour, you need only to call your coordinator, who will call a substitute. If you can make a commitment to one of these hours, please call Mary Ann at 437-4546.

## Stewardship

We are grounded in our baptismal covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ. This commitment is manifested in WORSHIP, EDUCATION, STEWARDSHIP and SERVICE as we desire to do God's will under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patroness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

### Weekend of January 18, 2009

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$19,630.81
Plate.....	\$959.99
Youth Envelopes.....	\$161.18
Weekly Total.....	\$20,751.98
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$22,588.00
Difference.....	(\$1,836.02)
Phase II Building Fund.....	\$1,562.36

### Year to Date Actual Budget

Actual.....	\$977,553.38
Budgeted.....	\$1,032,999.00
Difference.....	(\$55,445.62)

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

#### **Sunday, February 1, 2009**

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20/71*

*Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9*

*1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

*Mark 1:21-28*

### WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

If you are interested in having your wedding at SEAS, please contact Janet at ext. 265 at least six months prior to your expected celebration date.

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call the parish office for information about baptism class times and baptism dates.

### UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING

Protecting God's Children Awareness Session at SEAS on Monday, February 2 at 6pm. Refreshments will be served. Register on line: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) or call the parish office. For more information or questions, call Faith at ext. 232.

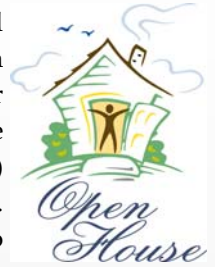
## SEAS School

### SUPPORT SEAS SCHOOL WITH A YARD SIGN

Yard signs, supporting SEAS school, are available in the Parish Office. Get yours today and show your school support!

### PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us on February 3 from 6:30-8:00pm for the Preschool Open House. We offer morning (8:45-11:15am) or afternoon (12:15-2:45pm) classes on Monday-Wednesday-Friday for children who will be four years old by September 1, 2009. We offer classes on Tuesday & Thursday morning (8:45-11:15am) for children who will be four years old by November 1, 2009. Please come to visit our classrooms, meet our staff, and to register your child! If you have questions, please call Polly or Barb at 438-3223.



### INFORMATION MEETING

Join us for an information meeting especially designed for new kindergarten families, but open for all, on Tuesday, January 27. The evening will begin at 7pm at the Early Childhood Campus (church). Tours of the Tyler Street Campus and middle school information will be available at 8pm. Experience the difference of SEAS School!

### ATTENTION ALUMNI: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE!

**Taco/Bingo Night** will be held on January 30 from 5:30-7:30pm to celebrate the end of Catholic Schools week. Alumni are welcome to join us this evening. If you'd like to help with serving and/or cleanup we'd love your help. Please contact Michelle at 437-3098 for more information and/or tickets for this evening.

**Alumni**-please join us on Wednesday, January 28, for Mass at 9:15am at SEAS church to help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

## News & Events

### HASTINGS TOTAL LIFECARE CENTER/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION OPENING

Hastings Total LifeCare Center is a pro-life organization that provides pregnancy-related and health related services. The ideal candidate for Executive Director is a person committed to HTLC's mission, a person who adheres to its policies, procedures and maintains high standards of professionalism and integrity while offering hope, help and respect to all individuals and families served.

Part-time position responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, counseling, management of both volunteers and clients, public relations, fundraising, general office duties and working collaboratively with HTLC's Board of Directors. For more information and / or to submit your resume, please send a resume on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> to: [taklaserman@msn.com](mailto:taklaserman@msn.com) or mail to: Hastings Total LifeCare Center, 101 10<sup>th</sup> St E, Hastings, MN 55033

# Faith Formation News

## **FIRST EUCHARIST**

All Second Graders in Catholic School and Faith Formation program are encouraged to register (if you have not done so) for First Eucharist preparation. The first meeting is for parents only. Please choose one of the following times: Monday, February 23 at 7:00pm or Saturday, February 28 at 9:00 am. Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they were baptized at a church other than SEAS. Contact Mary Ellen at ext. 227 if you have questions, or if you need to register your children for First Eucharist.



# Adult Faith Formation News

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: A JOURNEY OF CONVERSION**

The next session of the RCIA is Tuesday, January 27 from 7-9pm in the St. Boniface room. These sessions are for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the RCIA process. If the time is right for you, come join us. Scripture is foundational in what we know and believe as Catholics and profoundly impacts how we go about our daily lives. In the RCIA, the candidates break open the Sunday Scriptures each week to gain new and deeper insight into the Catholic faith. They take time to read the Scripture passages, reflect on them and connect them to Catholic teaching. Through this process they come to know and understand the faith we profess and to apply it in the world in which we live. Please pray for them as they continue their journey to Easter.

## **LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP**

During Lent we will study the Passion and Resurrection Narratives beginning on Monday March 2 at 7:00pm or Tuesday March 3 at 9:00am. Call Mary Ellen at 437-4254, ext. 227, for more information or to register for the Lenten series.

## **THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY**

Our next Bible Study will begin on Thursday, March 5 (10am or 7pm) with our study of the Psalms. The Psalms are the *School of Prayer*; come and discover the biblical path to knowing God through prayer. This study will teach us to hear and understand the poetry of the Psalms and will open our eyes to see how Christ is hidden in the Psalms. For a registration form, please visit our website at [www.seasparish.org](http://www.seasparish.org) or find one in the Parish Office. Please call the Parish Office if you have questions.

## **EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVE: LENT 2009**

The Evangelization Initiative was written by Archbishop Harry Flynn to find our true identity in evangelization, "once we've caught fire with the love of Jesus Christ in our bellies, then we'll be able to go out and transform society". Lent is a great time to reflect on that desire. The materials are divided into 4 segments (years) and written to be used in small group discussions as well as home use with families. Each of the segments shows us the way Jesus Christ is present in our lives, encouraging a renewed passion and growing our roots of evangelization. These discussions segments are:

- Year 1: Awake
- Year 2: Follow Me
- Year 3: Live in Me
- Year 4: Witness

Materials will be available in the Gathering Space the weekend of February 14th and 15th. After that, materials will be available for pick up in the Office of Faith Formation. Please take a look at this wonderful program!

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## **MISSION MEXICO TURKEY DINNER – ALL ARE INVITED!**

The annual Mission Mexico Turkey dinner will Saturday, February 7 from 4:30-7:30pm here at SEAS. Advance ticket sales will be sold after all Masses the weekends of January 24th and 31st. Tickets will also be available at the door. Adults and teens are \$10, children ages 3-10 are \$5 and children 3 and under are free. Please come and support Hastings Mission Mexico!

# Parish Family & Life

## PRAYER CORNER

**Note:** To add a name to the prayer corner, please call Janie at extension 224 with the name of the loved one needing prayers, your name, and your telephone number. Thank you!

Laine Alter family, Jerry Abbott, Jesse Abbott, Eva Bernstein, Jan Burr, Marlene Burkard, Peter Biessel & family, Jacob Berggren, Ruth Bremer, Jim Burgoyne, Gary Benson, Cole Christian, Pat Conway, Marie Cowan, Mary Cedar, Scott Dodge, Don Diamond, Cal Daniel, Clarence Drietz, Margaret Denn, Monica Driscoll, Margie Flemming, Jim Flemming, Roger Fike, Barb Frank, Brian Fraleigh, Lorene Gergen, Julie Gabor, Steve Gilbert, Bill Gilles, Ryan Gelhar, Jim Gergen, Craig Giles, Bill Hobday, Jim Heerey, Deanne Swainston-Harrison, Collette Hall, John Hoffmann, Lynn Hunter, Mike Husman, Jon Holmes & Family, Margaret Huberty, Tom Imdieke, Sr. Florence Judge, RSM, Gary Kitzmann, Kiki, BPK, Lucy & family, Keith LaValla, Cheryl Murtaugh, Jodi McNamara, McCarty/Gergen Family, Mike, Jim McGrath, Adam Majetch, Robert Meiers, Pete Nelson, Leonard Rother, Ruth, Rita Razidlo, Jim Rotty, Ryan, Gene Rotty, Dan Riley, Charlene Schaupp, Terry Salo, Emma Seeger, Bob Shaw, Gordon Sanders, Fran Schneider, Jackie Scott, Ed Siebenaler, Michael Schaack, Rick Smith, Rose Sieben, Jane & Daniel Saxton, Sylvester & Irma Taube, Mary Tri, Gloria Tebbe, Cody Vanderloop, Celestine Wagner, Penny Whipple, Lenny Weiss, Julie & Steve Warmbo, Nico Youngren, Louise Young, Elizabeth Zweber



## FREE ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar for a free estate planning workshop here at SEAS on January 27 at 6:30pm. The workshop will be led by Dan Fluegel from Fluegel Law Firm and Andy Lucking from Vermillion State Bank. Please join us for an informative night!

## WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP?

Cyrique, one of the victims of torture who has been living with the Franciscan Brothers of peace, while waiting to be granted political asylum, is now moving into his own apartment. We have had a kitchen table donated to him, but are in need chairs to go with it. If anyone would like to donate 4 chairs to Cyrique, please call Brian Hoyland at the Parish Office.

## FACES OF GRIEF...WORKSHOP FOR THE BEREAVED

Mitch Carmody, our very own facilities manager, will conduct a workshop for the bereaved on Saturday January 31 from 10am-12pm in the Seton Hall. The presentation is called "Faces of Grief, Whispers of Love, *Surviving the loss of a loved one*". This workshop is designed for anyone who has lost a loved one in their life, anytime in their life, for all ages and manners of death. It is also recommended for professionals, clergy, caregivers, family and friends of the bereaved. See posted flier on the east entrance doors for more information. Mitch presents this workshop nationally and is the author of the book *Letters To My Son*, a journey through grief. A freewill donation will be collected.

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER? SACRISTANS ARE NEEDED!

We are in need of more Sacristans for our 4:30pm, 11:30am, and 6pm Masses. The Sacristan plays an integral role in each Mass, and is responsible for setting up, making sure there are enough ministers, and assisting Father with final preparations before Mass begins. Training will be provided and serving time will average once per month. If this interests you, please contact Sarah in the Parish Office.

## 50+ ANNIVERSARIES

- Richard & Delores Koch  
01/19 (52 years)
- Roger & Victoria Grundman  
01/27 (65 years)

## BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

Throughout our lives we experience losses, and we grieve. Grieving is a natural process, not a sign of weakness or lack of faith. It is the expression of our human feelings, which are neither good or bad, but are there. It helps to have someone to talk over these feelings with. A Befriender would like to be that someone for you. Call Vern Fox at 480-3496.

## ATTENTION WIDOWS/ WIDOWERS

Are you looking for a social get-together, maybe to play some cards? Join us on Tuesday, February 17 at 7pm in Mother Seton Hall. For more information give Barbara Lutz a call at 437-6998.

## MASS FOR CUBSCOUTS

February is National Scout Month. Pack 92 is participating in the annual Scout Mass on Sunday February 1, at 11:30am. All scouts from any pack are welcome and encouraged to attend. Scouts should arrive at church no later than 11:00. For further information, please contact Martha Sullivan 651-261-9785.

## STEWARDSHIP MEETING:

The next Stewardship meeting is January 27 at 7:30am in the conference room.

## SUNDAY DONUTS

**Sunday, February 1, 2009**  
7:30am- Char Nygaard, Jeannie Wagner, Annette Johnson  
9:30am- The Stoneberg family, Judy McDowell, Mike & Sandra Murtaugh

