



St. Elizabeth

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Hastings, MN 55033

Ann Seton

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Parish Office:
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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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to SEAS! Please stop by the Parish Office after the 9:30am Mass this weekend to pick up a welcome packet and to have any questions answered. We are happy to have you here!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Are you or someone you know interested in being trained as an altar server? We are holding training for all new altar servers on Thursday, January 8 at 6:30pm in the church. Please contact Sarah at ext. 245 or at sarah@seasparish.org to register for the class!



Dear Jesus, as you led the Three Kings to You
by the light of a star,
please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith.
Help us to desire You as ardently as they did.
Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles
that keep us far from You.
May we, like them, have something to give
You when we appear before You.
Mary, Our Mother, help us to know your Son.
Amen.



Love & Devotion



Dear Friends,

Often after baptizing a child, I will remember Jesus in His infancy. This leap of imagination and faith is not difficult for me to do. With the water and Sacred Chrism still glistening on the crown of their head, I will sometimes see the beautiful face of the child smiling at me from under their warm blanket. Similar to any Mother or Father who has had their child baptized, Jesus was also held safe and sound in the arms of Mary, while also enjoying the protection of his step-father, St. Joseph. The life of Christ is meant to enjoy the same protection and nourishment in the love and devotion of our sacramental way of life today.

Since we are only seven days from our celebration of Christmas, it only makes sense that the Church honors Mary the Mother of God on January 1st. *With that picture of Jesus smiling at each one of us from under His blanket, and with the kind and peaceful eyes of Mary and Joseph also looking at each and every one of us, please pray with me and your neighbor our Personal and Parish Consecration Prayers found below.* We offered these same prayers as a parish family on December 8th, on the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception. (If you have not yet received the medal of Mary that we gave on the Holy Day of Obligation, please go to the statue of Mary to receive the gift found in the basket on the kneeler).

Personal Consecration Prayer to Mary

Mary, my Queen and my Loving Mother, I give myself entirely to you and to the Catholic Church that I love.

To show my devotion to you and to our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, I consecrate to you this day, my eyes, that they may see as you see. My ears, that they may hear as you hear. My mouth, that I may speak as you speak. My heart, that I may love as you love. My whole body, mind and soul without reserve, that I may truly live as your child.

In a word, I give you my entire self to love according to God's Good and Holy Will.

Since I am yours, O Beautiful Mother of Jesus, keep me and defend me as your own through all difficulties, trials and temptations now and at the hour of my death.

Pray that I may obtain the Grace to faithfully obey and joyfully follow the Will of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in every moment of my life through living our Sacramental Way of Life in God's Presence. Amen.

Mary conceived without sin, pray for those of us who have recourse to you.

Parish Consecration Prayer to Mary

O Immaculata, Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven, we join together as a parish family to consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart. We consecrate to you all that we are, all that we have, all that we love; our bodies, our hearts, our minds and our souls.

To you we consecrate our families, our Priests, our Religious and all who serve in our parish ministries. We entrust to you the sick and dying, and the souls of the faithful departed of our entire parish. We desire that everyone may come to know you more fully and share in the benefits of your loving intercession.

So that our consecration may be truly effective and persevering, bearing the fruits of a richer interior life, today we renew our consecration as Catholic Christians through our baptismal promises.

We promise to follow the truths of the Catholic Church with joy and humility, always showing fidelity to the teachings of the Holy Father, our Archbishop and the Magisterium. We promise to show you rightful devotion, to listen to the Word of God and read it attentively, to obey God's Commandments, to participate in the feasts of the Church and to seek the grace and strength of the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Guide us that we may always be ready to offer our prayers, sacrifices and sufferings to bring about the Triumph of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our souls, in those of our sisters and brothers, in our parish, and in the entire world. Amen.

Mary conceived without sin, pray for those of us who have recourse to you.

May the Holy Spirit fill the heart of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, as the Holy Spirit filled Mary and the hearts of all the Apostles and disciples with Divine Love at Pentecost!

My Love in Christ,
Fr. Jim Perkl, Pastor

Spiritual Life

THE SETON SINGERS



The Seton Singers will NOT REHEARSE this coming Wednesday, January 7. The next rehearsal for the Seton Singers will be on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00pm in the St. Clare room. The Seton Singers are preparing for their January 31 Mission Mexico Benefit concert.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Just a reminder, we will not have rehearsal on Wednesday, January 7. We will begin our 2009 rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, January 14 from 5:45-6:30pm in the church. The Children's Choir is open to all children in grades 3-8 and meets each Wednesday from 5:45 p.m.-6:30pm. Please call Mo (ext. 228) or Chris (ext. 230) with any questions.

THE SETON RINGERS (HANDBELLS)

The next rehearsal for the Seton Ringers will be on Tuesday, June 6 at 5:00pm in the church.

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. This limited-edition hardcover book sells for \$20.

CDs BY PARISH MUSICIANS FOR SALE

Copies of "The Music of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church" CD featuring the musicians from our parish, along with other CD projects by Chris Falteisek, Pete Likes, Nancy Gessner & Theresa Raway King are also available for sale through Chris in the Parish Office.

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.

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!

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 our parish as we celebrate the Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 2) for guidance for Congress and the state legislatures as they begin their new sessions 3) for guidance for our country in finding workable solutions for the immigration issues 4) that the newly elected leaders will work to protect human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death 5) for the homeless and the unemployed 6) for a reawakening of the faith in all who have become lax or indifferent to it 7) that our parish will grow spiritually and have the resources to provide for parish needs and 8) 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.

PRAY-ERS NEEDED

There is a need for persons to make a commitment to pray each week in the following hours: Thursday 9-10am, Saturday 9-10pm

WINTER SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Tuesday: 11-12 noon for month of February through March 1, Wednesday: 1-2am from January through April 8, Friday: 11-12noon from January through April 3.

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, Diane at 438-2851, Marguerita at 437-9777, Barb at 437-3784 or Edna at 437-8800.

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is a Catholic Family Where
God is Present and Active Through the Gift of the
Seven Sacraments.*

Stewardship

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN

Let us consider the gift of teaching another about God and His gifts. Share your love of God with a child. Teach children the love of God by attending weekly Mass with them. Teach them how to pray and worship as you continually encourage them to watch and imitate you. Yes, our actions speak louder than words. Our children will learn from our example.



Weekend of December 28, 2008

Sunday Envelopes.....\$36,030.22
Plate.....\$5,381.10
Youth Envelopes.....\$339.33
Christmas.....\$51,558.70
Weekly Total.....\$93,309.35
Weekly Budgeted.....\$93,187.00
Difference.....\$122.35
Phase II Building Fund.....\$3,415.00

Year to Date Actual Budget

Actual.....\$890,226.64
Budgeted.....\$938,398.00
Difference.....(\$48,171.36)

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Sunday, January 11, 2008

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/21

Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Mark 1:7-11

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.



SEAS School

ATTENTION ALUMNI!!

Hi! My name is Michelle Franzmeier and I'm SEAS's new Alumni Coordinator. We are updating addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Please contact me at mfranzmeier@seasparish.org or alumni@seasparish.org. You can also call the school at 437-3098 to talk to me directly. If you would like to be on this committee and help locate lost friends and/or classmates please let me know. We are hoping to put together a spring newsletter to send to all alumni. If you have ideas or would like to see something special featured give me a call or email me your ideas.

FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Everyone is welcome to celebrate Mass at school on Wednesday, January 7 at 9:15am for the Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

SAVE THE DATES

The SEAS School Fish Fry will be on March 6 & April 3 in Seton Hall. The Spring Fling will be on April 24 in Seton Hall.

News & Events

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

The next meeting for the prayer shawl ministry is on January 8, 2009 from 10am-12noon in the Youth Room. If you know of a loved one who is sick or would benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact Janie at ext. 224.

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Mission Mexico of Hastings is still accepting student applications. Forms are available in the gathering space or online at <http://missionmexicohastings.org>. All youth who are interested in participating in Mission Mexico 2009 are encouraged to attend the first meeting on January 25 at 4:00-5:30pm at Hastings United Methodist Church. Fundraising and trip finances will be emphasized at this meeting. Please prayerfully consider this mission experience!

THANK YOU FROM THE SEAS CCW

Thank you to everyone who said "yes" when asked to help with the CCW's Annual Bake Sale; the turn out was fabulous! We raised \$1400, which is the highest ever. Thank you one and all to the poster makers, callers, bakers, and buyers.

The CCW would also like to thank you for the "Giving Tree" Blue Angel gifts given for our military. Twenty-eight boxes were packed and given to military members. Thank you to Jan Featherstone for coordinating the "Giving Tree". Thank you also to the volunteers who helped sort, pack, itemize, and filled out custom forms. God bless you all!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When was the last time you felt a spontaneous outpouring of wonder about something? How can you nurture the spirit of wonder in everyday occurrences? Have you recognized Emmanuel as the Son of God who: walks with you, speaks your language, makes himself heard with your ears, has seen with your eyes, and has felt with your hands?

Faith Formation News

Classes will be on Christmas break until Wednesday, January 7, 2009. From all of us in the Faith Formation Office have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2009!!

FIRST EUCHARIST

Please attend a parent-only meeting on Monday, February 23 at 7:00pm OR Saturday February 28 at 9:00 am. Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if 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.



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH INITIATIVE

There will be a parent meeting outlining the program for preschool thru grade 12. We have posted a newsletter on the parish web site with important upcoming dates and other information. Please take a look!!

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Confirmation Candidates are needed to help with the Cana Dinner scheduled on Saturday, January 24. Please call the Office of Faith Formation or Brian Hoyland, our Youth Minister, for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mark your calendar for these coming attractions!! If you have questions, please call the Office of Faith Formation.

- Learn Spanish – for those attending Mission Mexico and anyone wishing to learn another language: begins January 28
- Mission Mexico Concert: January 31
- Teen Bible Study: "T 3 Timeline", begins January 7th
- SONAR: Youth Rock Concert: March 6
- VBS: "Crocodile Dock": June, 2009 More details to follow but put the week of June 15th on your calendar. Join us where fearless kids shine God's light!!

Adult Faith Formation News

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

LRSS is on an Advent/Christmas break but will return Mondays or Tuesdays beginning in January. We are studying Galatians and Romans now, and will study the Passion and Resurrection narratives during Lent. Call Mary Ellen at ext. 227 for more information or to register for the January classes or the Lenten series.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: A JOURNEY OF CONVERSION

In the context of the impending Christmas season, our candidates in the RCIA immerse themselves in our Catholic faith and gain a deeper appreciation for all it offers them. We hold a special place for them in our prayers.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

- THE BOOK OF JAMES: We will take the next 3 weeks off for the holidays. We will meet again on Thursday, January 8th.
- THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Our next Bible Study will begin on March 5th with our study of the Psalms. To register for this study, print off the form from our website at www.seasparish.org or you can visit the Parish Office. For more information, please call Jill at ext. 225.

FIREPROOF LENT 2009

All married couples are invited to a showing of the movie "Fireproof". This is a movie that takes a realistic and Christian look at a marriage that is crumbling. Finally the couple finds a plan that challenges them to love better, to love first and to love for a lifetime. Over a few sessions we will watch the movie and offer a Catholic discussion. Watch for more details about this event soon!

Parish Family & Life

PRAYER CORNER

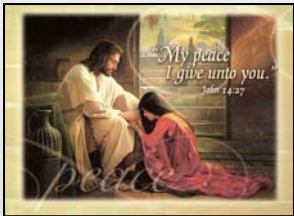
Note: To add a name to the prayer corner, please call Janie at extension 224 with the name of the loved one needing prayers, your name, and your telephone number. Thank you!

Laine Alter family, Jerry Abbott, Jesse Abbott, Eva Bernstein, Jan Burr, Marlene Burkard, Peter Biessel & family, Jacob Berggren, Ruth Bremer, Jim Burgoyne, 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, Deanne Swainston-Harrison, Collette Hall, John Hoffmann, Gordy Hennen, Lynn Hunter, Mike Husman, Jim Heerey, Jon Holmes & Family, Margaret Huberty, Tom & Barb 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, Gene Pitra, Ruth, Rita Razidlo, Jim Rotty, Ryan, Gene Rotty, Charlene Schaupp, Terry Salo, John Shima, Bob Shaw, Gordon Sanders, Fran Schneider, Jackie Scott, Ed Siebenaler, Michael Schaack, Rick Smith, Jane & Daniel Saxton, Sylvester & Irma Taube, Mary Tri, Gloria Tebbe, Cody Vanderloop, Evie Williams, Celestine Wagner, Penny Whipple, Lenny Weiss, Julie & Steve Warmbo, Nico Youngren, Louise Young



ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!

You are all invited to join us at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake for our Women's Winter Mid-week Retreat! This year it runs from Tuesday, January 20th through Thursday, January 22nd. If you know of someone who is in need of the perfect peace that Jesus wants to give them, be sure to invite them to join us ~ Mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. You can register by calling Janie at 651-437-4254, Rose at 651-437-3097, or Franciscan Retreats at 952-447-2182. We will car pool from SEAS East parking lot on Tuesday. Please call us as soon as possible, so we can line up drivers. Jesus is waiting for you at Franciscan Retreats!



WEST ENTRY PROJECT COMPLETE

Have you noticed the new set of doors at the west entry to the church building (near Mother Seton Hall), creating a new vestibule? The project, approved by the Finance Council at its July 2008 meeting, is intended to add a buffer between St. Peter Sacrament Hall and the cold west wind. The vestibule was not included in the plans for Phase II as it was believed the social hall doors and the two sets of hallway doors further inside would meet the air barrier need, but it became apparent soon after Phase II that there was a problem. Prior to the vestibule, cold air would easily enter the west area space. This created a very uncomfortable space for parishioners and guests, and contributed to heat loss. Upon the recent completion several people have already commented that the area is much more comfortable.

The project cost \$20,357, and the Finance Council authorized the cost to be drawn from the parish's Capital Improvement Fund. After this project, the Capital Improvement Fund has a balance of approximately \$150,000. The Capital Improvement Funds came from part of the Guardian Angels block sale and the Arnold & Eva Reinardy estate donation.

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

- Matthew & Marrietta Schmelzer
01/08 (56 years)
- Russell & Elizabeth Anderson
01/10 (50 years)
- Lavern & Eldora Wahlstrom
01/04 (65 years)

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

"Why, God?" Every Christian goes through periods of struggling with questions about faith. Often this can be very painful. If you are going through a rough time in your spiritual life right now, a Befriender would like to be there for you. Call Vern Fox at 480-3496.

* The next Befrienders meeting is on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00pm.

PRAYER SERVICE/MARCH

Join us for the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Life at 10:30am at the St. Paul Cathedral, followed by the MCCL March for Life at the state capital from 12:00-1:00pm. The bus will leave from St. John's in Vermillion at 9:00am, and from SEAS's east parking lot at 9:15am. The bus will return to SEAS and Vermillion following the march. Call 437-4038 for more information.

CANA DINNER

Our Cana Dinner here at SEAS will be on January 24. Tickets will be \$26, the dinner is catered by Green Mill, and the guest speaker will be Justin Stroh. Mark your calendar and watch for details about when and where tickets will be available.

SUNDAY DONUTS

Sunday, January 11, 2008

7:30am- Roger & Sue Schweich, Jerry & Char Kasel, Jeanne McGree

9:30am- Elizabeth Doffing, John & Sandy Ostby,

Dan & Rita Pasch, Justin & Debbie Blattner

