

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—July 12, 2009



St. Elizabeth

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Hastings, MN 55033

Ann Seton

www.seasparish.org

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Fr. Jim Perkl, Pastor ~ Fr. Allan Paul Eilen, Associate Pastor

Artist: Christopher Santer

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday:

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

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday: 7:00am

Thursday: 5:15pm

Reconciliation

Weekdays at 6:45am

Every Saturday 3:30-4:15pm

Anointing

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Our welcoming committee will be available in the parish office after the 9:30am Mass on July 12 to answer any questions you might have about SEAS. All Are Welcome!

SEAS STYLE SHOW

Food, Fun, Fellowship...
and FASHION!

Mark your calendars for the SEAS Style Show on Saturday, 8/15/09 11:30 am in Mother Seton Hall

HAVE A BROKEN ROSARY?

Catholic Aid is collecting broken, unusable rosaries. Bring them to the parish office prior to August 1st.



ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON JOB LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Who: Anyone who has suffered a job loss, is underemployed, and/or knows someone who is unemployed

When: Wednesday, July 15, 22, 29, and August 12 at 6:30 pm

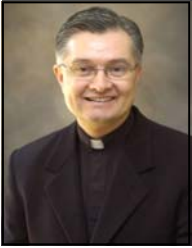
Where: SEAS St. Boniface Room

Contact: Mary Ellen or Jill at 651-437-4254

The Support Group Will Offer:

Tools to cope
Special speakers
Networking
Support

We help each other out! That's what community and faith are all about.



No Man is an Island

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were. Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee..."



This well-known prose or poem (It has been called both) by Sir John Donne from Meditation 17 of *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions* comes to mind for me as I begin to settle into my new assignment here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Hastings. It is so true that none of us exists apart from the wider community, that living, breathing community of faith we call the Body of Christ. Yet, while we know we are but one particular community of faith within the Universal Catholic Church, each one is truly unique.

Long before Archbishop Nienstedt ever notified me of my first assignment I became aware that in some special way I was already connected with the good people of this area. One day while working for a medical transportation company in St. Paul in the late 1980's I suddenly realized that my family of four brothers and three sisters from Delano just might not be the only Eilen (not Island) family in Minnesota. At first glance I thought I was seeing something as a large truck passed me by on Interstate 494, but this was soon confirmed when I clearly read the lettering on the door of the second truck which followed thereafter: *Tom Eilen and Sons Trucking – Hampton, Minnesota*. Holy Magpies! Batman, we got us some relations.

Not surprisingly, more than a few people have asked me, since my arrival here at SEAS, whether I am related to the Eilens in Hampton. The short answer is 'yes', the long answer is, I don't know how close or distant the connection is, but I will soon find out. Up to now I haven't had a lot of time to check into it because Fr. Abraham just moved out of the rectory on July 1st and Fr. Jim began a pilgrimage to France the following day, which meant yours truly was now the main priest on duty.

I see the hand of divine providence in the archbishop's decision to place me here after praying that God would just put me where He wanted me to be, where I could do the most good. In this decision I trust that my gifts and the gifts of this faith community will lead us both to know, love and serve God and one another in whatever time we are privileged to be together. In this, let us be reminded that God's grace has not left us orphans nor marooned us on some island, but has empowered each of us with the grace to live the truth in love; let us not miss the opportunity. Grace and peace to you!

Fr. Allan Paul Eilen
Associate Pastor

Spiritual Life

OUR CHOIRS AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Many thanks to the handbell and combined choirs from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for singing for Fr. Jim's 25th Jubilee Mass, our farewell Mass for Fr. Abraham, our welcome Mass for Fr. Eilen and the 50th Jubilee Mass for Fathers Leonard and Martin Siebenaler.

- The Seton Singers will resume rehearsing in the fall for the coming year on Wednesday, September 9.
- The Children's Choir will resume rehearsing in the fall for the coming year on Wednesday, September 16.
- The Chapel Choir sings year round for all our funerals.
- The 6:00 p.m. Band sings year round for the 6:00 p.m. Sunday night Mass. The 6:00 p.m. Band is looking for more singers & instrumentalists who are in high school & college.

If you would like more information on any part of our music ministry, you can contact Chris at the Parish Office at 437-4254, ext. 230.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

A Befriender journeys with a care receiver as they sort out life's concerns. If you or someone you know needs the caring Christian presence of a Befriender, please contact Vern Fox at 480-3496 or call the Parish Office.



SEAS CEMETERY MASS

The annual SEAS Cemetery Mass will be held this year at SEAS Cemetery on Sunday, August 2, at 1:30 pm. The Mass intention will be for the salvation of all of those buried in our cemetery. All parishioners, and particularly family and friends of those interred in our cemetery, are welcome to attend this Mass. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. A collection will be taken, and cemetery envelopes and loose plate money will go to support the maintenance of our cemetery. Bring an umbrella - the Mass is rain or shine, unless severe weather threatens.



"Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence."

Eucharistic Prayer II

THANK YOU!

Fathers Martin & Leonard Siebenaler wish to thank St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for being so welcoming for our 50th anniversary. Everyone was so gracious. An unofficial count, but up to 900 came to the Mass, and about 700 to the reception. We love you all, and thank you most sincerely. We ask that you say an extra prayer for more answering to the call of priesthood. God reward you all. -Father Martin Siebenaler & Father Leonard Siebenaler

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 the SEAS Sharing and Caring Ministry and for all who care for the needy 2) for all who are seeking employment 3) for all who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life 4) for a good growing season for the crops 5) that the dying will be given the grace to reconcile with God 6) for guidance in the selection process for the next Supreme Court Justice 7) for an end to abortion and the closure of the Mildred Hanson abortion clinic 8) for the conversion of all those who promote and support a culture of death and 8) for Father Jim, Father Abraham, Father Eilen, all the area priests, the SEAS Parish and Staff, Archbishop Neinstedt, Bishop Piche' and 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 people to make commitments to pray each week during the following hours: Sunday: 2-3am, Tuesday: 9-10am, Friday: 9-10am

Please prayerfully consider if you could pray during one of these hours. There will be times when you cannot come; that is not a problem. All you need to do is call your coordinator, who will arrange for a substitute. For more information or to make a commitment, please call Mary Ann at 437-4546, Diane at 438-2851, Marguerita at 437-9777, Edna at 437-8800 or Barb at 437-3784.

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS

We are asked to pray for Archbishop Neinstedt and all the priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese. Thanks to the SEAS Council of Catholic Women, there is a prayer calendar in each of the PRAYER INTENTIONS books that are in the pews in the chapel. The calendar assigns a priest or seminarian to each day of the month. When you visit Our Lord, please pray for the "priest or seminarian of the day".

Stewardship

Sow, sow God's word! Make good on the talents entrusted to you! God has given you, and your neighbors as well, not merely one talent but ten. These are the Ten Commandments, the very life of your soul. So be enterprising in your use of them.
-St. Catherine of Siena

Weekend of July 5, 2009

Sunday Envelopes.....\$23,325.50
Plate.....\$992.98
Youth Envelopes.....\$34.66
Direct Contributions.....\$3,829.74
Weekly Total.....\$28,182.88
Weekly Budgeted.....\$28,195.00
Difference.....(\$12.12)
Phase II Building Fund.....\$1,948.00

Year to Date Actual Budget

Actual.....\$28,182.88
Budgeted.....\$28,195.00
Difference.....(\$12.12)

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Sunday, July 19, 2009

Jeremiah 23:1-6/107
Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

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

If you wish to have your baby baptized, please call the Parish Office to register for the baptism class & for upcoming baptism dates.. It is recommended that you attend the class before your baby is born.

Golf Fun Day

Saturday, September 19th
Registrations forms in next week's bulletin!

Our Parish Life

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School

PE TEACHER POSITION AVAILABLE

K-8 PE Teacher for SEAS School. Must have MN licensure and experienced is preferred. Submit resume, cover letter, and references electronically to Principal, Rita Humbert, rhumbert@seasparish.org. A complete posting can be found on the Archdiocesan Website <http://www.archspm.org/employment/2453.html>

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Enrollment is underway for the 2009-2010 school year. Please call the school office 437-3098 or visit our website <http://schoolweb.seasparish.org> for information.

MS 150 BIKE RIDE

Congratulations to seven SEAS School staff members who recently biked in the MS 150 ride. Mary Ingebrand, Paula Wenker, Barb Spurlin, Kathy Gleich, Rita Humbert, Colleen Petersen



SEAS CCW sponsored Supporting Our Service Men and Women and Their Families

again this year will be collecting donations for the Minnesota Veteran Family Support's Backpack Project. They are in need of backpacks and school supplies for pre-school thru college age children of all military families in Minnesota whose loved one is deployed, be it Bosnia, Iraq, or Afghanistan. Specially marked boxes will be made available for your donations. Please check at the box whose box it is! There may be boxes for the Hastings Family Services, for needy families of the School District #200, as well as for SEAS school children. We hope to have a list made available to us that we can copy of the Minnesota Veteran Family Support "WISH LIST".

Volunteers are needed to sort and pack the donations, you can sign up for times that fit your schedule by contacting the Minnesota Veteran Family Support Volunteer Coordinator at 651-230-2542 or email: jkelly@mnveteranfamilysupport.org These are both great ways to show your support to our Minnesota Military Families and Our Service Men and Women.

NEED SOME GREAT COFFEE??

From the remote mountains of Africa, South America, and Mexico come the handpicked beans to the market and then to Faribault to be roasted, and then brewed by you for a great cup of coffee. In the process you have helped a family far away to feed their members for one more day. You'll find ground coffee, as well as coffee beans for sale in the parish office.



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

Mary Jo Copeland's Sharing and Caring Hands is in need of gently used household items including dishes, silverware, glasses, pots and pans, bath towels, blankets and sheets. Your donations will help homeless families from Sharing and Caring Hands transition into a new home. Donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Please call Mo at (651) 438-7979. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Faith Formation News

SUNDAY CONNECTION FOR FAMILIES - Mark: 6:7-13 - SHAKING OFF THE DUST

The early Christians understood that they were on a mission to the world. They recalled Jesus' words about going into the whole world and baptizing all nations. They recalled how Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs to talk to people about the Kingdom. Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

Reflection Question: *Why might we turn away people bearing the Good News of Jesus?*

- Perhaps their message is too challenging or upsetting to our lifestyle.
- Maybe we are not ready to accept what God is offering to us through them.

Maybe we are too busy to realize that they have something to offer us. Today, let us open our hands as if to receive a gift, and offer a prayer to God for the openness to welcome God's messengers and to receive the Good News they bring.

WE WILL OFFER ANOTHER EXCITING WEEK OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Crocodile Dock, August 3—7 from 6:30—8:30 PM. Registration materials are available in the Gathering Space. Come join the fun as we journey with Chadder the Chipmunk through the swamp!!



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE IN GRADES 9-12

Steubenville North Youth Conference: This summer there are 2 different locations and 2 different weeks to participate. The Conference will offer a great weekend of great speakers, music, and entertainment. Conferences will be held in Rochester and St. Paul. See the following website for more info: www.partnershipforyouth.org.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for 2009-2010 is underway. Forms are available in the gathering space and website.

Adult Faith Formation News

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)



"Faith is a lifelong adventure with the Lord that the Church walks with you."

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which people enter the Catholic faith. The next RCIA session is **Tuesday, July 14, from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Boniface Room**. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, come join us. There is no need to call in advance. If you would like more information on the RCIA process, please call Mary Ellen at the parish office at 437-4254, ext. 227.

JOB LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

We all know that there are large numbers of people in the pews who are out of work or lost their benefits or need to lean on someone else for the first time in their lives. Our confidence, a lot of time, is wrapped up in our jobs and being able to provide for our families. When we lose that ability to provide for our family...we go through emotional dips, downers, and a support group would be so important here to know 'I'm not the only one,' or to vent, or to have someone to care how we feel. To this end, SEAS is starting a job loss support group for the unemployed and will begin at 6:30 pm Wednesday, July 15th. The group is designed for those experiencing job loss to discuss ideas and coping skills. There is no charge to attend. You may simply show up or contact the parish office for further information at 437-4254, ext. 227 or 225.

ARE YOU TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

For nationwide Mass times and locations, contact Mass Times at 1-410-676-6000 or www.masstimes.org

Parish Family & Life

PRAYER CORNER

Note: Please call Janie at ext. 224 by the last Monday of each month to continue having your loved one's name in the following month's prayer corner. We will be removing your loved one's name from the prayer corner on the last week of the month, unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you!

All military members and unemployed, Tami Anderson, Vince & Delores Braun, Jan Burr, Marlene Burkard, Linda Cloud, Carol & Chris Capriglione family, Baby Dominic Capriglione, Pat Conway, Mary Cedar, Margaret Denn, Joel Evans, Josie Evans, Margie Flemming, Jim Flemming, Brian Fraleigh, Bill Gilles family, Jim Heerey, Deanne Swainston-Harrison, John Hoffmann, Lynn Hunter, Sr. Florence Judge, RSM, Jerry Kasel, Dennis Klopf, Janet Lafave, Jim McGrath, Ann Merfeld, Charlotte Meier, Fran Schneider, Rick Smith, Daniel Saxton, Sylvester & Irma Taube, Mary Tri, Julie & Steve Warmbo, Nico Youngren



WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Our next event will be July 10. We're meeting at 7pm at the LeVeé Café for dinner. Following, we're joining Dave Pattridge around the piano for the sing—a—long. Come when you can, go if you must. Would you like more information? Give Barbara a call at: 437.6998.

SEAS FALL FESTIVAL

On Sunday, September 20 the fun will begin at 12:30pm here on the SEAS Church grounds! **So much happening, a lot of fun!** Cake walk, raffles, pork chop on a stick, pony rides, petting zoo, silent auction, bingo, games for all ages, KC's will be serving pork sandwiches, Country store, craft sale and so much more. **Contact Marie at 480.3134 to donate or volunteer to help with this exciting weekend!**



LIFE'S CORNER

Saint Elizabeth Seton,
you knew the beauty of all human life
when you carried a child in you womb
and when, as a young widow,
a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity,
you sought to live the Gospel of Life.
Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You know the sacrament of Holy Matrimony;
Teach us to support all families with faith and truth.
You know the cry of a little child;
Inspire us to protect the littlest and most vulnerable.
You know the searching of the adolescent;
Open our eyes to the wonder of their lives.
You know the journey of the dying;
Be with us as we journey toward death with those whom we love.
You know the pain of the widow;
Inspire us to seek out those who are most in need.

STEWARDSHIP

The next Stewardship meeting is Tuesday, July 14 at 7:45am in the Conference Room. If you'd like to learn about Stewardship or join this Commission, join us!

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

- Eugene & LaVon Chandler
7/13 (52 years)

WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN?

Join us for the Rivertown Days parade on Sunday, July 19! Our Parish and School will be represented in the parade with opportunities for adults and children to walk along the parade route handing out treats. Please call the Parish Office 437.4254 to save a spot on the parade route!

WE WANT YOUR BLOOD!

The Red Cross Blood Drive at SEAS this past year was so successful, we are doing it again! Mark your calendar for July 24. Watch for more information.

www.givebloodgivelife.org

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

The Separated/divorced support group will be taking a little break for July. Sessions will begin again in August. For immediate assistance, please call Mary Ellen or Jill, 437.4254.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GOING ON A PILGRIMAGE?



Join Fr. Jim on a **spiritual pilgrimage** to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes, Paris and Lisieux, France. October 19-30, 2009. For information call 438.2725 or call the parish office.

SUNDAY DONUTS **Sunday, July 19, 2009**

7:30– James & Janice Weber, Joe & Mary Lawrence, Mary Jean Engstrom

9:30– William & Karen McDonough, Jacqueline Northard, Tim & Kathy O'Keefe

