



# St. Elizabeth

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*Ann Seton*

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*Please remember in your prayers the students from our parish who will be Confirmed Sunday, April 20, 2008, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Congratulations to them!*

Jacob Ball  
Alicia Beattie  
Kellie Becker  
Nicolle Benecke  
Ellen Bergschneider  
Scott Blehm  
Nikki Buttermore  
Ashley Darst  
Tace Doffing  
Caleb Eichmann  
Dominic Endres  
Jillian Fritze  
Foster Gale  
Tara Gaspar  
Alea Gaughan  
Michael Gillard  
Emily Gjelhaug  
Nicholas Gmitterko  
Laura Gorski  
Emily Hermanson  
Zachary Hodgson  
MacKenzie Holm  
Emily Hughes

Aaron Irber  
Kim Jahnke  
Pam Jahnke  
Joseph Kaiser  
Ryan King  
Rachel Kisby  
John Klein  
Mike Klein  
Jordan Klimek  
Lisa Kranz  
Thomas Kuhn  
Alyse Kullmann  
Rebecca Kummer  
Nicholas Kuykendall  
Patrick LaBelle  
Paige Lundell  
Megan Magee  
Suzanne Mages  
Megan McNary  
Julianne Medcraft  
PJ Mike  
Kathleen Mimbach  
Jessica Moes

Thomas Moynihan  
Elizabeth Neitzke  
Lynna Nulty  
Jake Oakes  
Megan Oakes  
Madeline O'Brien  
Alyssa O'Connell  
Nicholas Owl  
Amber Parks  
April Parks  
Kenneth Pevonka  
Anna Raskob  
Austin Richardson  
Cody Richardson  
Amanda Ridenour  
Stephanie Ries  
Tony Ries  
Mariah Ring  
Michael Rother  
Alexandra Rueber  
Tyler Saccoman  
Bryan Schiefelbein  
David Schulist

Joshua Seigler  
Morgan Seleski  
Kirsten Shemon  
Elliot Siebenaler  
Thomas Sieh  
Antonia Silva  
Charlie Spurlin  
Jenna Sylvester  
Derek Thooft  
Samantha Truax  
Ashley Trumble  
John Turnbull  
Austin Vokoun  
Jessica Wahlstrom  
Andrew Walker  
Justin Wardell  
John Webber  
Ben Wenker  
Robert Wright  
Jacob Youngren  
Jared Zetwick  
Katherine Zuzek

## “We Are Precious To God”



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jesus proclaims: “I am the Way, the truth and the life”. The Lord Jesus does not simply give advice and direction. He personally is the *way*, and we cannot miss it. He leads and guides us personally every day. Jesus also is the *Truth*. Many can say, “I have taught you the truth.” Only Jesus can say, *I am the Truth*. Moral truth cannot be conveyed in words alone; it must be conveyed in example. As Christians, parents, teachers, elders, priests, religious, etc., we are called to convey the moral truth in examples. Jesus embodies the truth in his person. Jesus also is the *Life*. He not only shows us the way of life but also gives the kind of life which only God can give – eternal life. Is there any fear or trouble which keeps us from the perfect peace and happiness of a life committed to Jesus Christ?

The second reading for this weekend from the First Letter of Peter contains some of the most reassuring verses in Scripture for us. We are called living cornerstones of the Church, built into a holy priesthood. We are called a chosen race, a people the Lord claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. We are precious in the sight of the Lord.

Does God love us so much because of something that we have done? Why are we so precious? Well, why do you, why do we love our children? Why are our children so precious to us? Is it because of what they do? I don't think so. Sure, there are many times that you are proud of your children's accomplishments. But you love them even without their accomplishments. You love them for whom they are, not for what they do. You see a reflection of God's beauty in your child.

Why does God love us? Why are we so precious to Him? He loves us for whom we are, unique reflections of His love in the world. He loves us because he sees in each of us the love He has for his Son, Jesus. He loves us because each of us carries on the life of Jesus in the world.

Jesus is the rock that has been rejected by the world but has become the cornerstone of the New World. We are the living cornerstones. The Church is the building of the spirit of God. Jesus is the great high priest. He is the Light of the world, the one who dispels the darkness of sin. We are also the light of the world when we try to bring hope and light to a world living in fear and darkness.

We are precious to God because we were created in His image. We are precious to God because He sees his Son at work in us. Therefore, we have to be aware and attune to our dignity as children of God. We have to treat ourselves and each other with the respect a child of God deserves. There are many times that we are tempted to go along with a philosophy of life that treasures attitudes and actions that are in themselves self-destructive.

Out of respect for myself, out of respect for yourself, out of respect for the dignity that God has given us in calling us to be children of God, we have to avoid the self-destructive attitudes and situations of the modern world. We are precious to the Lord. We carry the image of God within us and among us. We have to hold our heads up through the muck of society. We have to have enough self respect to avoid degrading ourselves by giving in to what everyone else says is acceptable in this modern day but what we know is unacceptable in any day. We have to stand with the Lord. For we are the Church, we are the people whom God has chosen to bring light to all who live in darkness.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham George, CMI  
Associate Pastor

## Spiritual Life

### SETON SINGERS

The next rehearsal for the Seton Singers is Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00pm in church. The Seton Singers will sing at the 9:30am First Communion Mass on Sunday, April 27.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The next rehearsal for the Children's Choir will be on Wednesday, April 23 from 5:45 - 6:30pm in the St. Clare room, and we will sing at the 4:30pm Mother's Day Weekend Mass on Saturday, May 10. Please call Mo at ext. 228 or Chris at ext. 231 with any questions. Thank you.

### ANNAJEAN OBY SCHOLARSHIP

Graduating seniors who have been and are currently involved in our cantoring and/or choir ministry are invited to contact Chris at the Parish Office to pick up an application for the AnnaJean Oby Scholarship. A scholarship is awarded each year to a high school graduating senior based on an essay & questionnaire, which shows their involvement in our music ministry. The scholarship application should be returned to Chris by May 15.

### ALL GRADUATING SENIORS

Mark your calendars for our 11:30am Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 1. We are looking for seniors to help in ministering at Mass & helping with the music. More information will follow, but if you have any questions, you can contact Chris at ext. 230.

### CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

Bring your appetites for cinnamon rolls after the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses next weekend. We will be selling them for \$1 each!

### 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.*

## Eucharistic Adoration



### PERPETUAL 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 to the prayer groups.

When you visit Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration this week, please pray 1) for all students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and especially the students from SEAS 2) for all members of the Military and in particular for the Hastings National Guard 3) in thanksgiving for our Holy Father's visit to the United States 4) that the United Nations will promote a culture of life rather than a culture of death 5) for all who have separated themselves from the Church that they may receive the grace to return 6) for guidance for all members of Congress and of the State Legislatures 7) for guidance in the upcoming parish elections and 8) for Father Jim, Father Abraham and all the area priests, the SEAS Parish and Staff, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the Red Lake Indian Mission and the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya.

### PRAY-ER NEEDED

Someone to make a commitment to pray each Sunday at 2-3AM. Substitutes are available for times when a committed pray-er is unable to keep his/her hour. If you can make a commitment to this hour, please call Mary Ann at 437-4546 or Diane at 438-2851.

### IS THE AFTERNOON A GOOD TIME FOR YOU TO VISIT OUR LORD?

Here are some afternoon hours when it would be helpful to have an additional committed pray-er: Sunday: 1-2PM, 2-3PM, 5-6PM Tuesday 4-5PM Wednesday 4-5PM Thursday: 1-2PM, 4-5PM Friday: 12noon-1PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 5-6PM Saturday: 1-2PM, 2-3PM.

NOTE: you are welcome to choose any hour that works for you, even if it is not listed here. If you would like to make a commitment to one of these hours or any other hour, please call Mary Ann at 437-4546, Edna at 437-8800, Diane at 438-2851, Marguerita at 437-9777 or Barb at 437-3784.

## Stewardship

Beginning in May many of you will be receiving "economic stimulus" payments from the U.S. government. Please remember your parish when you receive this money and consider tithing 10% of it to SEAS!

*Christian Stewards sharing God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure.*

### Weekend of April 13, 2008

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$21,571.50
Plate.....	\$1789.50
Youth Envelopes.....	\$148.43
Weekly Total.....	\$23,509.78
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$24,841.00
Difference.....	(\$1,331.22)
Phase II Building Fund.....	\$1,697.00

### Year to Date Actual Budget

Actual.....	\$1,363,157.15
Budgeted.....	\$1,385,052.00
Difference.....	(\$21,894.85)

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

#### Sunday, April 27, 2008

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/55

Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-16

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Our welcoming committee will be available in the parish office after the 9:30am Mass on May 4 to answer any questions you might have about SEAS. Welcome!

### WEDDINGS AT SEAS

To plan your wedding at SEAS, please call Janet at extension 265.

### FALL FESTIVAL INFO

If you want to donate/be listed on the raffle ticket this year, give Marie Huneke a call at 480-3134 or Faith at the parish office. Committee Chairs...the first planning meeting will be Monday, April 28th at 7pm in the gathering space. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 21st. Cake walks, kids games, petting zoo, food and lots of fun!



## Youth Ministry & Confirmation

JEREMY IRLBECK, YOUTH & CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR  
437-4254 EXT. 237, JIRLBECK@SEASPARISH.ORG  
<http://seascatholicyouth.blogspot.com>

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: TEEN LEADERS NEEDED!

Please sign up to help with Vacation Bible School on April 12 & 13. Look for the table in the gathering space. VBS will be June 16-20. Helpers will also be needed for preparation on May 28, June 4, and June 11. Please sign up!

### HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS (Including 8th Graders):

#### CAN I GET A WITNESS ...August 1-3, 2008

Coming to a campus near you (University of St. Thomas)...Steubenville Youth Conference! Thousands of teens packed into a gym...going crazy and loving it...to be Witnesses to Christ's power! Join us this summer as we head up to St. Paul for this amazing, transforming youth conference. The forms are neon green and are posted on the youth bulletin board. **Space is limited!!** For the theme song and more info, check out the Youth blog.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS:

#### SUMMER STRETCH

Although it might not seem like it from the recent snow storm, summer is coming soon! Summer Stretch is an opportunity for kids who have just completed 6th through 8th grades to participate in service in the Hastings community and fun activities in the afternoon (Grand Slam, Welch Tubing, Valley Fair, etc.). Space is limited to 50 participants from SEAS, Our Saviors, and St. Phillips, so sign up soon! The cost is \$125 and the program runs from June 11 to July 9.



### CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:



The SEAS Confirmation program is a two-year program. Normally, this takes place in the first two years of High School although special arrangements can be made. Students in K-8 must attend Catholic school or Faith Formation classes prior to entering the Confirmation program. Confirmation registration forms for Year 1 and 2 are available by the Youth bulletin board. They are gold in color.

### REMINDERS:

- The Confirmation Ceremony this year will be on April 20 at 2:00pm, at the St. Paul Cathedral. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as we prepare.
- 2nd Year Confirmation students may pick up their Confirmation certificate from the "liturgy bin" outside of the parish office starting April 27. These will be available for two weeks. After that time you will need to contact Jeremy.

# Faith Formation News

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Classes have ended for the 2008-2009 school year. Re-registration materials were sent home the week of April 2. If you did not receive materials, please give us a call. Materials are also available on our website. We will be offering new programming and a new day and time in the fall. Sign up early and don't miss out on a very exciting year! Please invite a family that is not currently enrolled to join the fun.

## DATE CHANGE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008

The date for our first VBS session, *Power Lab*, has been changed! The new dates are June 16-20 from 9:00am-12:00pm. The second VBS session, *SonWorld Adventure Park*, has not changed. It will be held August 4-8 from 6:30-8:30pm. Registration begins this week after all Masses.

## ATTENTION TEENS:

Have we got a deal for you!!! Do you need community service hours for school or Confirmation? We are looking for volunteers to help with the Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 3 and for the Vacation Bible School programs offered this summer. WE NEED YOU! Please call the Faith Formation office for more information.

## UPCOMING VIRTUS DATES

### Attention Catechists and VBS volunteers:

There are two upcoming dates for those who still need to attend the *Virtus* training. Please join us on either Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm (pizza and soda) or Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm (donuts and coffee). Please register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). For those who don't have access to a computer, call Jill at ext. 225 to register.

## RCIA- NEWLY RECEIVED CATHOLICS' WITNESS STATEMENTS

I'm 17 years old and I recently made my Confirmation. My responsibility as a Catholic was to fulfill my Sacraments. As I joined the adult RCIA program, I had asked my dad to be my sponsor, for he completed the same class when he became Catholic. I feel good about myself now that I completed the Sacrament, now that I'm entering adulthood. Sacraments are important in our Catholic lives. -Brittany Shull



Congratulations to all of the children who received their first Holy Communion the weekend of April 12 and 13!

# SEAS School



## SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Open enrollment is now underway for the 2008-2009 school year. Please call the school office 437-3098 or visit our website <http://schoolweb.seasparish.org> for information.

## LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

Attention all Alumni of **St. Boniface, Guardian Angels, Hastings Parochial, and SEAS School!** We are looking to update our information. We promise to keep all information confidential and it will only be used to contact alumni for the purpose of updating you, inviting you to events, and to ask for prayers and support at times. Please email [alumni@seasparish.org](mailto:alumni@seasparish.org) with current information (including the year of graduation or the year of school attendance) or stop by the school office or parish office to see the hard copy and make the changes!

## SPRING FLING NEWS

Don't delay in returning your response card for the Spring Fling or you'll miss out on some great auction items like: Amazing Kennedy memorabilia, including an authentic JFK autograph; Walt Disney Park admissions; a brand new laptop; a Mudhens and Kings gift bucket--go Mudhens!; planters, spa baskets and a Joe Mauer signed baseball! There is also a raffle for a queen sized quilt. Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds will benefit SEAS School. We hope to see you there and thank you for supporting our school! Any questions please call Kay at 437-5205.

## SUMMER BASE PROGRAM

Summer BASE Camp is taking registrations!! This program runs from June 9-August 22. Summer BASE is best suited for kids entering first grade through sixth grade. There will be field trips and lots of summer fun! Please pick up a registration form in the parish office or school office, or on the school website. Contact Sarah Brenny, BASE Director, if you have any questions at 651-437-3098 or [baseprogram@seasparish.org](mailto:baseprogram@seasparish.org).

# Parish Family & Life

## PRAYER CORNER

**Note:** Please call the parish office 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!

Bernice Balitz, Jan Burr, Mary Cedar, Delia Cullen, Richard Cordes, Sue Cysieski, Margaret Denn, Julianna Ferguson, Kay Fisher Family, Julie Gabor, Lisa Gergen & son Matt, Sr. Carol Illa, Jeanne & Family, Jon Holmes Family, John Hoffmann, Norb Kenney, Dave Latch Family, Maggie Marcolina, Robert Meiers, Kent Neitzke, Mickey O'Connor, Fred Olson, Marian Peine, David B. Rienardy, Rick Smith, Eugene Sabaitis, Jackie Schmitt, Jackie Scott, Michael Schaack, Fran Schneider, James P. Swanson, Sylvester & Irma Taube, Mary Tri, Diane Watson, Lenny Weiss, Celestine Wagner, Penny Whipple, Brian White Family



## OUR FRIENDS AT BRIDGEVIEW

To SEAS Staff and Parishioners,

After much heartfelt consideration, due to a decline of our number of participants, we will be closing Bridgeview at the end of April. The directors and staff of Bridgeview Adult Day Center would like say thank you for opening your doors and renting space for our programming. Your support has been greatly appreciated as we utilized the multi-purpose space. We wish to extend a special thanks to SEAS School staff and students who shared in joyful intergenerational experiences and to those of you who generously volunteered. Seeing the statue of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as we entered the building each day brought both comfort and inspiration. She symbolized our mission to provide care connections while keeping our minds, bodies, and spirits full of life. In gratitude, Sheila Ries, Jean Beattie, and the families of Bridgeview.

## FR. SOLANUS CASEY – WISCONSIN ROOTS

On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> following the 4:30pm Mass we will be hosting a dramatic play of the life and times of Fr. Solanus Casey. Join us to get to know how he loved and served God. Bring the kids, sit back, have some fun and enjoy a great evening.

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION: CALL FOR CANDIDATES

A parish-wide election will take place at all Masses the weekend of May 17 & 18 for two at-large seats on the SEAS Parish Pastoral Council. Any baptized, confirmed and registered member of the parish, 18 or older, may nominate him- or herself for consideration. A nominating committee has been established to discern the candidates whose names will appear on the ballot. Interested and eligible parishioners may nominate themselves as candidates for the Parish Council with the Candidate Information Form that is available online and in the Parish Office. The deadline for nominations is April 22. Please call Lisa Piotrowski, Nominating/Election Committee Chair (651-651-437-5246) or Ron Gilbertson, Parish Council Chair (651-651-437-3727) for more information.

## NEW BELL POST & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Christmas Bell in the Gathering Space, which many of you have heard since Christmas, will be mounted on a post in the landscaped area outside the church's east entry in May. Several generous donors are contributing the labor and the cost for materials for this. Thank you! The bell will sit atop an 8 x 8 inch post, about ten feet high. It will be rung prior to each weekend Mass, at funerals, and for other special liturgical occasions. **SEAS is in need of individuals or families who will sign up to ring the bell prior to weekend Masses.** The bell will be rung five minutes before Mass, for about 30 seconds. This new volunteer opportunity will be on the ministry schedule; call Sarah at ext. 245 to sign up. An entire family could sign up to ring the bell--with adult assistance, even a child could have the opportunity to serve in this way!

## 50+ ANNIVERSARIES

- Dale & Diane Burke  
04/26/1954 (54 years)
- Gerald & Agnes Doffing  
04/25/1944 (64 years)
- Gotthard & Veronica Rohling  
04/21/1956 (52 years)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Tammy Kummer & George Podgorski celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on Friday, April 18.

## BEFRIENDER MINISTRY



We are often reluctant to ask for help when a crisis or heavy burden arises in our life. But there are times when we need a caring Christian friend to talk to. A Befriender would like to be there for you in your time of need. Please contact Vern Fox at 480-3496.

## AUGUSTANA MINISTERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed for the Monday morning ministry as ministers or substitutes. The service begins at 10:30am and takes about an hour. You are scheduled about once a month. For more information, call Faith at ext. 232 or call Marilyn at 437-9313.

## BIBLE TIMELINE WITH JEFF CAVINS

This one day Bible timeline seminar will take your understanding of Scriptures and your faith to entirely new levels. Saturday, May 17th at All Saints Catholic Church, Lakeville MN from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Register before April 30th for early registration savings. Registration by April 30 is \$35 with box lunch, \$29 without box lunch. After April 30, registration is \$45 with box lunch, \$39 without box lunch. For more info go to [www.allsaintschurch.com](http://www.allsaintschurch.com) or call Mike at 952-469-6480.

## CINNAMON ROLL/ DONUT SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 27, 2007**

7:30am- Jeanne Hill, Rod & JoAnne Olson

9:30am- Paul & Karen

Simons, Margie Grovum, Melany Radke

