

# SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

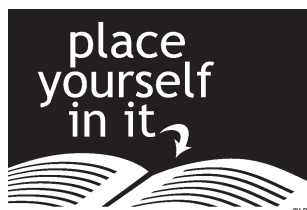
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**John was standing  
with two of his  
disciples, and as  
he watched Jesus  
walk by, he said,  
"Behold, the  
Lamb of God."  
The two disciples  
heard what  
he said and  
followed Jesus.**

- Jn 1:35-37



## THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

I don't schedule my life around it but am always glad when it happens. After the Saturday afternoon Mass or during the day on Sunday, I get into the car. I usually have the radio tuned to National Public Radio (except during the baseball season). As I start the car the radio comes on and I am greeted with the words, "It has been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon." Garrison Keillor's voice is made for radio. I feel as though he is speaking directly to me and he has my rapt attention. More than his voice, however, is what he has to say. Somebody once observed that God created us because He loves stories. Mr. Keillor tells stories like no one else and we do listen. He tells stories about ordinary people that I have never met but he makes me care about them. When he tells of their petty quarrels and fears, I hear my own. When he speaks about the longing of the human heart for something greater, something more, I aspire too. I know the people he talks about, and I know that their stories are mine. We are more alike than we know. Without using holy words, Garrison Keillor speaks about holy things. Raising children, doing laundry, eating a meal, joining a bowling team, putting on the storm windows. He tells stories and we discover that his stories are telling us.

The simple and unavoidable truth is that if God speaks anywhere, He speaks in the midst of daily life. If we do not listen for God there, we will not hear God anywhere. The mystery of the Incarnation is that God wrapped Himself in human skin. He loves the world so much that he was born into it, immersed Himself in it and died for it. As a friend suggests, God loves stuff—he created it! We must not love the stuff of life any less than God. And we must not pretend to be more other-worldly than the Son of God.

"It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon." This weekend listen to Garrison Keillor. Listen with your hearts to his words about a make believe town and make believe people. But listen with your heart so that his story will make us believe in our own.

May the Lord be with you always.

Father John Parr

## FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

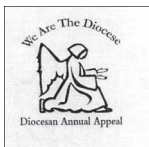
In a healthy family life we experience some of the fundamental elements of peace: Mutual help in the necessities of life. (Pope Benedict XVI)

For daily marriage tips visit: [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org)

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

### 2011-12 Summary Information

Total Pledged:	\$36,045
Target:	\$62,582
Under Target:	(\$26,537)



*Please pray for the success of the Diocesan Annual Appeal.*

## DIOCESAN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Diocese of La Crosse June 30, 2011 audited financial statements, along with Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about the financial statements can be found at [www.dioceseoflacrosse.com](http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com).

The audited June 30, 2011 financial statements are also available for St. Ambrose Financial Services, Inc., as well as Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about the financial statements at [www.stambrosefinancial.com](http://www.stambrosefinancial.com).

## HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Bishop Callahan has once again asked the deacons of our Diocese to coordinate a Holy Hour for Life on or around January 22, 2012, which is the vigil of the National Day of Penance and Prayer for offenses against life. Deacon Ludick will preside at a Holy Hour for Life here at SEAS on Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 11:30AM-12:30PM. All parishioners are invited to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament for an end of violations to the dignity of the human person and for a consistent life ethic for all stages of life—conception to natural death. The Holy Hour for Life will conclude with Benediction.

## MUSIC NOTES

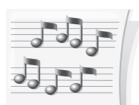
Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you interested in joining a choir?

Do you have a desire to learn more about the music ministry in general or specific programs here at SEAS? Now is the time to get involved!

Call or email Amy today-  
526-4424 or [music@seasholmen.org](mailto:music@seasholmen.org)

### CALLING ALL CANTORS!

Cantor Workshop and New Cantor Training Session  
Sunday, January 29 from 11:30-12:30pm in the church.  
ALL CANTORS (old and new) must check-in with Amy and either attend or pick-up the information by the end of the month.



## 2012 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Propagation of the faith office of our diocese has invited the diocese of KUMBAKONAM, India to speak to us about their missionary activities and challenges. Accordingly, Rev. M. S. Selva Raj will be speaking to us during all the Masses on the weekend of Jan. 21/22. This diocese has an area of 7823 sq km. and is situated in Tamil Nadu, South India with a Catholic population of 2,13,000 which is just 6 % of the total population, It is served by 182 diocesan and 45 religious priests, 501 nuns and 17 trained lay catechists. The Kumbakonam diocese celebrated the centenary of its inception in 1999 by setting certain concrete and meaningful goals for a New Evangelization in the III millennium, as follows:

1. Construction of 20 more new parishes, each with a new church and rectory. At present, there are 87 parishes and 641 missions-stations. Many of these are so large that they have to be made independent parishes with a resident priest. But the people are quite unable to support the church, for such pressing pastoral projects.
2. Construction of convents for those parishes which do not have one. Now there are 501 nuns in charge of catechetical, educational, medical and social ministries throughout this rural diocese, thus educating the children in the Catholic faith and helping the people, particularly the poor, for their integral development.
3. Training a lay-catechist for each mission in Liturgy, Bible and Catechetics.
4. Recruiting more young men in the seminary, since the rural diocese abounds in vocations to priesthood and religious life and sending a few as missionaries to where they are most needed.
5. Education of 2000 very poor or orphan children from remote villages every year by providing them with free board & lodge. The diocese is trying to materialize the missionary goals, depending on the availability of funds. Every year, an average of 50 young men and women go out of this diocese to other missions throughout India and other parts of the world to serve God and His people as missionaries. The mission and spiritual prospects of Kumbakonam diocese are bright but its needs are pressing. 60% of its Catholics are depressingly poor. Therefore, your fervent prayers and generous help are earnestly requested for building the KINGDOM of GOD, in and through the diocese of KUMBAKONAM, INDIA.

With deep gratitude and prayerful wishes, yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. M. S. Selva Raj

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Masses with distribution of ashes at:

8:30 am      5:00 pm  
6:30 pm

*A Day of Fast and Abstinence*



## FAITH FORMATION

### Family Spirit

In our first reading today, Samuel hears the voice of God. It takes him awhile to figure it out, but he listens and opens himself up to what God is saying. Here is a short story about listening and being alert, taken from *The Sower's Seeds*, compiled by Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.

*Waiting in a steamship office to be interviewed for a job as a wireless operator, a group of applicants filled the room with such a buzz of conversation that they were oblivious to the dots and dashes that began coming over a loudspeaker. About that time another man entered and sat down quietly by himself. Suddenly he snapped to attention, walked into the private office, and a few minutes later came out smiling with a new job.*

*"Say," one of the group called out, "how did you get in ahead of us? We were here first.*

*"One of you would have gotten the job," the successful applicant replied, "if you had listened to the message from the loudspeaker."*

*"What message?" they asked in surprise.*

*"Why, the code," the man answered. "It said: 'The man I need must always be on the alert. The first one who gets this message and comes directly into my private office will be placed on one of my ships as operator.'"*

Has the noise and hustle and bustle of everyday tasks filled our lives with such a buzz that we are oblivious to the message coming from God's loudspeaker? Make an effort this week to sit down quietly by yourself for a few minutes and listen to God's call.

### Religious Education Important Dates!!!

Monday, January 16	6-8pm	First Penance
Saturday, January 21	9:00am	First Penance
Wednesday, February 1	6:30pm	First Communion Parent Meeting

## WE CARE COLLECTION JANUARY 28/29

***"God's justice and peace cry out to bear fruit in human works of justice and peace, in all spheres of actual life. The works inspired by the Gospel must always be sensitive toward those who are most in distress; those who are poor; those suffering physical, mental and moral ills that afflict humanity, including hunger, neglect, unemployment and despair."***

Pope John Paul II - 1979 homily in NYC

St Elizabeth's is most grateful for the generosity of our parishioners in their gifts of their treasure during the second collection at Mass every month that there is a 5th Sunday. It is this revenue which permits us to assist those in need who come to us for assistance with their critical financial needs such as utilities, shelter, clothing and other crucial issues. We thank you for your generous response. The next collection will be held the week-end of January 28/29, 2012.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Would you find it helpful to having your weekly offering debited directly from your bank account? St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. Contact Mary at the church office for more details at 526-4424.

### STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

## RIGHT TO LIFE SIGNATURE AD ADD YOUR NAME THIS WEEKEND

Add your name to the list of people in our community who value human life at all stages. Volunteers will be in the gathering place this weekend to accept your signature — ad will be placed in the LaCrosse Tribune January 22nd.

## PRO-LIFE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BIRTHDAY PARTY

Almost nine months ago, many people from St. Elizabeth's spiritually "adopted" a baby in danger of abortion. We gave our babies names and have been praying for them and their parents throughout the nine months of pregnancy. Now it's time to celebrate!! In conjunction with the Faith, Family and Fellowship group, we will be throwing a "Birthday Party" for our spiritually adopted babies. Everyone is invited.

**On Saturday, February 11th, following 5:00 Mass,** we will meet in the gathering space for a "Birthday Party." Bring a dish for the potluck and a gift for the babies and stay for some Faith, Family, Fellowship, FOOD and FUN. Any gift you would bring for a newborn through toddler age would be great. All gifts will be donated to Birthright of La Crosse to help mothers in need.

If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Fisk at 783-0246 or [pfisk@centurytel.net](mailto:pfisk@centurytel.net).

## HAPPENINGS IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



**Donna Schroder, age 73** died December 22, 2011. A Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, December 28, 2011 with burial following at Mormon Coulee Memorial Park, Town of Shelby. Donna is survived by her husband, Marvin, children Glenn A. (Lily Emerson), Sheryl (Bob) Runchey, Sue (Dave) Pittman, grandchildren, siblings and nieces and nephews. Please keep Donna and her family in your prayers. *May she rest in peace.*

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Christmas flowers have been donated for the special intentions /loving memories of:



George Hammes  
Marie Thier  
Evelyn Hein  
Pauline Karwoski  
G. Birdella Deutsch  
Parents of Joan Stellrecht  
Harry & Lillian Wipf  
Dick Wallace  
LaVern & Irma Von Ruden  
Terry Sieben  
Pauline Nelson  
Carter & George Kukovec  
Marie Cortopassi Hardt  
Jerry Peterson  
Robert & Minnie Merfeld  
William & Doris Clark  
Brent Loken  
Helf Family & Friends  
Ziehm Family & Friends  
Robert Drier  
Eddie Gillmeister  
Raymond Peterson  
David Peterson  
Debra Buhr  
Ivan Severson  
Leola Karl  
Evan Severson  
Marie Slouf  
Luigi Boletto  
Ed & Marita Polodna  
Joe Reid  
Ray Hansen  
Alex, Theresa, Ron & Rudy  
Wozney  
P.R. Walsh Family  
Joanne Mieszczaak  
Paul R. Neman  
Martin Kiggins Family  
Joseph Doyle  
George & Colleen Gautsch  
Ed & Geraldine Melde  
Art & Marie Meuler  
Joe & Mary Stephens  
The Imgrund Family  
The Bloudek Family  
Steve McLain  
Ron Sebranek  
Theresa & Albert Tschumper, Jr.  
Joseph & Valeria Gittens  
Donald & Corella Wallace  
Willard Tanke  
Matt Merfeld Family  
Anne & Roger LaFleur

Jim Doherty and Ken  
The Lange Family  
Joseph Beranek, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Slaby  
Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Ruff  
Dennis Madigan  
Theona Crawford  
Renee Steele  
Racich Family Members  
Skwartz Family Members  
Yvonne Meyers  
Robert Clarkin  
Henry F. Meyers  
Chad E. Dooley  
Tom & Madolyn DeRosa  
James R. Ristow  
Carl Pedretti  
Marge Pedretti  
Stressler/Ludick Family  
Benjamin Motylinski  
Henry & Anna Brown  
Victoria & Anthony Stluka  
Paul Brown  
Jacob Krumenauer  
Bernice Krumenauer  
Kathy Grattan  
Jeannie Meyer/Brohmer Family  
Knute & Ethel Bertelsen  
Robert, Sr. & Irene Schaller  
Jane Engeliem  
John K. McHugh  
Phyllis Heiderscheit  
Merlin Anthony  
Harold & Marcel LaSarge & Family  
Frank & Mariane Limberg & Family  
Brandon Jennings  
Madelyn Grabowski Family  
Len Cooper  
M/M Fred Frick Family  
M/M John Towner Family  
M/M Ted Roerkohl Family  
M/M Ted Nagel Family  
M/M Dennis Mihalovic Family  
M/M Richard DeFlorian Family  
M/M Gerald Heiderscheit Family  
Dr./Mrs. Steve Johnson Family  
M/M John Frei Family  
M/M Herb Bassett Family  
Tom Ryan Family  
Jake & Mary Jacobson Family  
Ralph & Josephine Donaldson  
Rose and Delbert Malin  
Alex and Rosemary Kroeger

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday January 15

7:00 am Youth Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 am **Mass** *40th Wedding Anniversary of Patrick and Patricia Jehring*  
10:15 am **Mass** *People of SEAS*  
6:30 pm Confirmation Mentor Session IV

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Monday, January 16

8:30 am **Mass**  
6:00 pm First Penance

### Weekday

*Priest Intention*

### Tuesday, January 17

7:00 am **Mass**  
6:30 pm RCIA

### St. Anthony

*Everett Parr*

### Wednesday, January 18

8:30 am **Mass**

### Weekday

*Intentions of*

*Barbara and Larry Moen*

5:30 pm Children's Choir  
6:30 pm Religious Education Classes

### Thursday, January 19

8:30 am **Mass**

### Weekday

*Priest Intention*

### Friday, January 20

### St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

YOUTH LEAVE FOR MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON DC

### Office Closes at Noon

8:30 am **Mass** *Priest Intention*  
6:30 pm KC's Board Meeting

### Saturday, January 21

9:00 am First Penance  
4:00 pm Confessions

### St. Agnes

### Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm **Mass** † *Margaret Zignego*

### Sunday, January 22

8:00 am **Mass**  
10:15 am **Mass** †  
11:30 am Holy Hour for Life

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*People of SEAS*  
*Jane Engeliem*

### Attn: Students

**Altar Server Training with Mr. B on "early release Wednesdays".**

**\*\* 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm at SEAS \*\***



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Rectory & Office

Phone.....526-4424  
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 Website www.seasholmen.org

### Staff

**Pastor**, Father John Parr .....526-4424  
 pastor@seasholmen.org  
**Pastor Emeritus**, Father Delbert J. Malin .....526-4908  
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**Deacon**, Deacon Matthew Ludick .....526-4424  
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**Pastoral Associate**, Sister Bridget Donaldson, O.S.B. ....526-4849  
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**D.R.E. (3 years-gr. 5)**, Rebecca Schumacher .....526-4424  
 reled@seasholmen.org  
**Youth Minister/D.R.E. (gr. 6-12)**, Patrick Brueggen.....526-4424  
 youth@seasholmen.org  
**Director of Music**, Amy Gleason .....526-4424  
 music@seasholmen.org  
**Secretary**, Mary Jacobson .....526-4424  
 office@seasholmen.org  
 Sister Jean.....526-4908  
 sjean@seasholmen.org

### Parish Council Members

Len Beranek.....526-3623 Les Giesler.....526-9625  
 Tom Bertram.....399-1616 Shelly Linskey.....526-2286  
 Francis Brown.....783-2744 Betty Schultz.....526-3514  
 Shelly Copeland.....399-1413 Andrea Stupi.....526-4694  
 Larry Warzynski.....526-6474

### Finance Council Members

Marie Dummer.....526-4107 Pat Stephens.....526-2480  
 Janice Dvoracek.....526-3957 Larry Warzynski.....526-6474  
 Bob Heiderscheidt.....783-5300

### Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Sat. 5:00 pm and Sun. 8:00 & 10:15 am  
**Weekday:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am except Tues. 7:00 am

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment.  
**Baptism:** Baptism involves membership in the church. Parents are to attend four sessions early in the pregnancy.  
**Marriage:** Our church is trying to create successful marriages. This takes some time. Arrangements for a wedding date are to be made at least six months before the anticipated date.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Communal celebrations in fall and spring. Individual celebrations upon request. Please call the office when family members are hospitalized.  
**Confirmation:** Two year preparation program in grades 9 and 10.

### Pastoral Visitation

Anyone who desires a personal home visit is invited to call the parish office.

### Catechumenate

Anyone wishing to become a full member of the Church is invited to visit the parish office.

### New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Elizabeth's  
 Please call the parish office - 608-526-4424

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Steve Adams	Sherry Gillies	Judith Niedfeldt
Kristy Albitz	Matt Grooms	Norm Payne
Donna Blink	Bill Gudim	Maxine Teplinski
Judy Bockenbauer	Mrs. Hedican	Aiden Pierce
William Bottger	Don Krajewski	Rita Rochester
Poochendu Chakarai	Carolie Kuehn	Tom Ryan
Sarah Ann Churchill	Terry LaFleur	Connie Sande
Jane Clark	Sharon Larsen	Celia Scholze
Ruth Clarkin	Dominic Lenz (military)	Ralph Steele
Nate and Barbara Collins	David McCarthy	Vicky Stevenson
Matthew Dickinson (military)	Elizabeth Melde	Phyllis Trussoni
Fr. Tom Donaldson	Agnes Mikesh	Gerald & Phyllis Walcker
Wayne and Marci Faber	Russ & Ann Miler Family	Algie Wolters Family
Thomasine and Jim	Amelia Moberg	Marcus Zeller (military)
Freyermuth	Annette Modjeski	Andrew Ziegler
Roberta Frick	Joe Nagel	
Henry Frodl	Roberta Nelson	

Please remember, the sick, hospitalized, military members, homebound and anyone needing of our prayers.  
 May they experience the healing power of God.

WHEN REQUESTING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST, YOU MUST HAVE THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR THEIR FAMILY FOR THEIR NAME TO BE PUBLICIZED.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM US WHEN SOMEONE SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF THE LIST

## STEWARDSHIP

### Your Gift of Treasure

Week Ending: 1-8-2012

Adult.....	\$5,760.00
Youth .....	\$5.00
Plate.....	\$432.83
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$40.00
Marriage Prep.....	\$300.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$225.00
Religious Education .....	\$100.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,862.83</b>

## KC'S NIGHT AT THE ICE



### "KNIGHTS" NITE AT THE ICE

Family Night at the Omni Center  
 Friday, January 27, 2012 at 7:00 pm  
 Tickets: \$6.00 per person

Contact Joe LaMere at 526-2467 or jklamere@charter.net

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## KC'S SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST

### HOLMEN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9385

### 2012 SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 5, 2012  
 7 am until 12 Noon

Menu: ham and eggs, potatoes, toast and beverages

11 yrs and older	\$6
6 to 10 yrs	\$3
5 yrs and younger	Free

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