Dear Brothers & Sister,

In November our parish purchased a parish wide membership for each of us to use from Formed, at formed.org. This is an amazing Catholic site that has so many educational and inspirational resources to help us grow in our faith.

If you have a computer in your home and you have internet access, simply use an internet browser like Google Chrome and go to formed.org. and enter our Parish Access Code: QH8MQK and you will have access to everything Formed has to offer.

Our Advent Scripture series started on November 28th. It was from Formed. It is not too early to think about joining us for the upcoming Lenten sessions which we will begin offering on February 13th at 9am and 7pm.

Even when your schedule is too full to attend one of the Formed events hosted at church, you will still be able to gather with your family and or friends at home and watch or listen to one of the many adult and youth friendly bible studies such as Lectio.

One of the features that I really appreciate is that many of the bible studies come with a downloadable study guide and even a leader guide. Combined with the study guides are the video presentation by some wonderful Catholic teachers and authors.

As you explore formed.org you will find resources for every generation. There are films for adults, families and children. We will have our second Movie Night on January 13th with a presentation on our Haiti trip. See page five for details.

There are speakers who discuss hot spiritual topics that can help you discuss important issues with your children and even your spouse.

Do you like eBooks or traveling and listening to audio talks? If you do, you are really in luck. There are over 100 eBooks that you can download to your favorite electronic device. Once you download the eBooks that are available from Formed at “formed.org, they are yours. They do not expire. I love that because there are many things I want to read but I have little time to read. If you’re like me, I’m in the car all the time. Now we have a source to easily download good spiritual material to feed our spirit.

In the days to come our parish will begin hosting many offerings from Formed. We will be inviting you to join us for parish bible studies, group discussion on hot topics, more movie nights and book studies. Let us know if there is a series or film you would like us to consider hosting in the parish as a first offering.

Blessing, Fr Doug
Knights of Columbus meet every month. If you would like to take part and become a Knight, please call Bruce Beck at 219-988-7107.

CONFIRMATION OCTOBER 11, 2017

Liliananne Anaya, Elizabeth Bravo, Kyle Casbon, Gianna Diaz, Kolton Hall, Kody Horan, Sidney Husiar, Nate Krause, Ryan Pierce, Morgan Putz, Alesis Smith, Caleb Smith, Lily Taylor, Isabella Weiss, Jovianna Weiss, members of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish were confirmed by Emeritus Bishop Dale Melczek, Emeritus Bishop of Gary. Anqulique Irizany-Grabelle from Holy Spirit was also Confirmed that night.

Bishop Donald Hying had planned to celebrant Confirmation with our candidates but took ill and was not able to be with us this year.
“Come and See”

This series, created by Bishop Robert Barron, explores our faith in Jesus Christ as we live out our faith in the community of the Catholic Church. The series focus is on the cultural obstacles (we) the church faces today. Come and explore these topics and more through our time together. We encourage you and anyone you know who loves the Lord to join us.

St. Elizabeth Seton Hall
7:00—8:30pm
Dates:
Feb 15 & Feb 22
Mar 1 & Mar 8
Mar 15 & Mar 22

COST / REGISTRATION
$15.00
REGISTER BY JANUARY 24, 2018

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Dear Parishioner:

I am pleased to be able to invite you to reserve Sunday afternoon, February 4th through Wednesday night, February 7th for our week of renewal here at our Parish. The theme for the mission is: “Our Call to Holiness”. Our Sunday session begins at 2pm.

We are fortunate to have Bill Wegner from Good News International, who will be conducting the mission for us. Bill is a Catholic Lay Evangelist. He comes to us with a reputation for being a dynamic, humorous and engaging speaker, whose sessions are both challenging and inspiring. He travels internationally as well as across the United States to proclaim the Good News.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for each of us to be lead into a deeper renewal of our faith and into a fuller transformation of our spiritual life. Everyone will leave the mission with a more profound and very personal relationship with the Lord.

The mission is for everyone, young or old, single or married, regardless of your vocation or state in life. Please take this opportunity to invite someone to attend with you — a friend, relative, and/or neighbor — Catholic or not. The evening sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at St Elizabeth Seton will begin promptly at 7PM. All morning sessions, Monday through Wednesday, will begin after the 8:00AM Mass.

This is a grand opportunity to personally experience a very dynamic and inspirational lay preacher. Please come and join us for an event that you will not soon forget, if ever. It might even change your life.

Sincerely,
Pastor

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Elizabeth Seton Prison Ministry held their annual Raffle and Bake Sale. There were ten baskets on which to place ones’ “bets”.

Many wonderful home baked goods were prepared and sold to parishioners. Fr. Doug purchased a carmel apple pie donated by Sandy Regan. They say it was so good that he ate the whole thing by himself.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q: What is CRHP?
A: Christ Renews His Parish is a formal process for enriching the spiritual lives of Catholics.

Q: How much will it cost?
A: The weekend is paid for by those who have completed the CRHP weekend before you. If you are able you can make a donation to help those that follow you.

Q: I'm not comfortable in large groups. Will I have to talk about my life to strangers?
A: You will hear personal witnesses from the CRHP brothers giving the weekend. You will only be asked to introduce yourself and participate in group prayers and discussions.

We invite you to attend our Tuesday 9am or 7pm session in the parish hall. Our first Lenten Bible Study would begin on February 13th.

Tentative dates for the following weeks of our Lenten / Easter bible series would meet on subsequent Tuesdays:
February: 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20 & 27th.
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SETON YOUTH GROUP

Movie Night at Seton Hall January 13th

Unbreakable: A Story of Hope and Healing in Haiti is ultimately a powerful reminder of the triumph of the human spirit, and of how the bonds of hope are oftentimes born out of the shackles of despair.

Unbreakable: A Story of Hope and Healing in Haiti

Our presentation will begin at 6:30PM, film to follow.

P.S. I like to bring my comfy lawn chair for the movie.

Before the movie, Fr. Doug, Angelique Trevino and Robert Hynes will share their experiences of being in Haiti with Bishop Hying during their trip to explore how our parish will become a “Sister Parish” to St. Rock (St. Roch) in the Diocese of Forte Liberte’. 

Thanks to the generosity of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioner’s, our Seton Youth were able to collect over $1,700 and donated the funds to Men’s New Creation. This money will aid local homeless men in the Valparaiso area. Thank you so much for your generous support.
MEMORIAL MASS 2017

On the Feast of All Souls the Church remembers all of our loved ones who have gone to sleep in Christ in the hope of the resurrection.

Here at St Seton we gathered for the evening Mass of All Souls to remember and pray for our loved ones that God took to himself this past year since we last celebrated All Souls Day.

As in past years, we began this special Mass by recalling each person by name, followed by the ringing of a bell to toll their passing from this world to the next.

Then a candle is lit by a family member from our Easter Candle to remind us “Christ is our Light. Our loved ones are now living in the light and glory of our Risen Lord.

We began the Mass as the light for our loved one glowed warmly before the altar of our Lord.

HAITI MISSION
ST. SETON & ST. ROCK

In our Fall Newsletter, we told you that our Pastoral Council accepted Bishop Hying’s invitation that our parish enter into a relationship with a parish in the Diocese of Forte Liberte in Haiti. From those interested parishioners Paul Thomas, Angelique Trevino and I agreed to travel to Haiti—paying our own way on behalf of our parish. Due to emergency surgery, Paul was unable to go. Robert Hynes who had earlier expressed interest traveling with us, was able to rearrange his schedule and join the trip.

The goal of our mission is to enter into a deep and life affirming relationship, a true and mutual partnership with a local parish community in Haiti. This type of ministry is most commonly known as “parish twinning” or it is referred to as entering into a “sister parish” relationship.

We went to Haiti so we could begin the process of developing a relationship with a parish and a community. Bishop Quesnell Apphonse and Bishop Donald Hying have invited St. Elizabeth Seton to build such a relationship with the rural parish of St. Rock in Grosse Roche, Haiti.

A true sister partnership implies the building and nurturing of a relationship over a period of time that transcends one act of working together (such as a project), or of sending a series of checks. The parishioners of St. Rock and the community of Grosse Roche have needs that they hope we can help them with. However, our first promise has been that we will pray for each other asking our Lord to guide us into a partnership based in a spirit of mutuality and equality. We will build on this first visit.

Fr Romuald Pierre is the pastor of St. Rock (St. Roch) in the village of Grosse Roche. Angélique, Bob and I invite you to join us on Saturday, January 13th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. We look forward to telling you about our trip as we introduce you to our brothers and sisters from our “sister parish” of St. Rock.
Parishioners enjoyed pancakes and sausage prepared by our Knights of Columbus Council. Along with the food and fellowship, parishioners were able to meet representatives of our parish ministries at our annual Parish Ministry Fair. Thus giving parishioners an opportunity to explore new ways of sharing their gifts of time and talent within the parish and community.

Jeri Maxwell invited fellow parishioners to help prepare meals for the men’s homeless shelter. Beth Casbon welcomed parishioners and explained our parish St. Vincent De Paul ministry.

Ivan Pierce and his son Ryan, hosted the booth for the ministry our parish has called Catholics Returning Home. This year they came with a high tech computer to introduce a new program of outreach for our “Come and See” ministry. The series open to parishioners and the community begins February 15th and is called: Catholicism, the New Evangelization. You can read more about it in this newsletter.
Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

- **Eucharistic Adoration:** January 5, February 2 and March 2, 8:30am to Noon
- **Scripture Study:** Tuesday mornings at 9 am and 7 pm see newsletter
- **Parish Mission:** Sunday through Wed : February 4th to 7th; see newsletter
- **Tired of using or forgetting your envelopes?** Manage your donation online with WeShare. It’s simple to use and you will never have to worry about forgetting your envelope. Go to seseton.com and click on the button (WeShare/Online Giving). If you need help, please call the office 464-1624.

Save the Date

- **CRHP Retreat:** January 20th-21st-Women’s & January 27th-28th-Men’s
- **Ash Wednesday:** February 14th—8 am & 7 pm Masses.
- **Fish Fry:** March 16th, 4:30 pm—7 pm
- **St. Elizabeth Seton Communal Penance:** Wednesday, March 21st, 7 pm
- **24 hour of Prayer Eucharistic:** March 23rd & 24th
- **Seder Meal:** Wednesday, March 28th, 7 pm
- **Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord’s Supper:** March 29th, 7 pm
- **Good Friday-The Lord’s Supper:** March 30th, 2 pm
- **Living Stations of the Cross:** March 30th, 7 pm
- **Easter Vigil Mass:** March 31st, 7 pm
- **Easter Sunday Masses:** April 1st, 7:30, 9 & 11 am