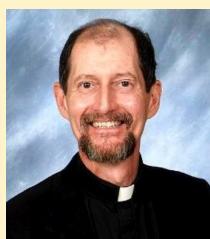




"EMPOWERED BY WORD AND SACRAMENT,...LET US SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST"



Rev. Douglas J. Mayer

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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



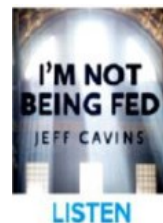
Catholic teachers and authors.

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



READ

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS Pancake Breakfast

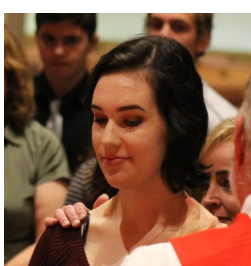
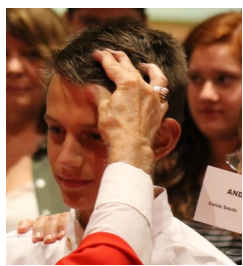


Mouths to Feed For this years Ministry Fair the Stewardship Commission asked St Elizabeth K of C Council 7273 to host a Pancake Breakfast during the parish annual Parish Ministry Fair.

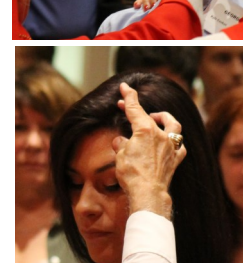
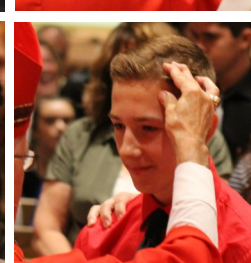
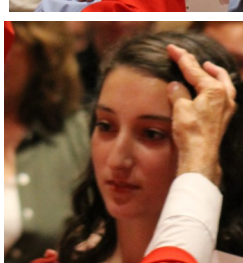
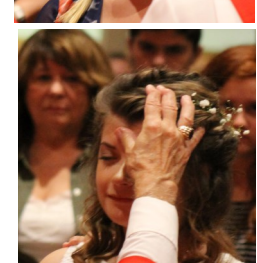
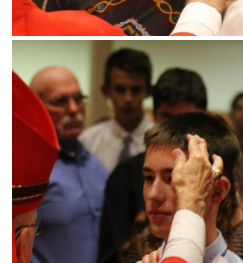
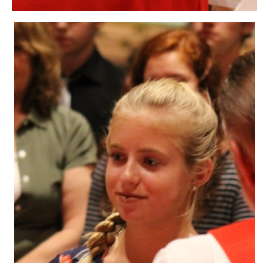
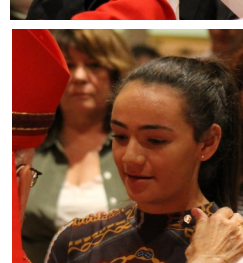
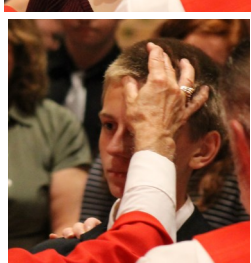
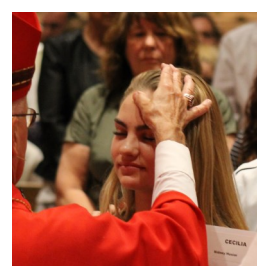


Knights of Columbus meet every month. If you would like to take part and become a Knight, please call Bruce Beck at 219-988-7107.

CONFIRMATION OCTOBER 11, 2017

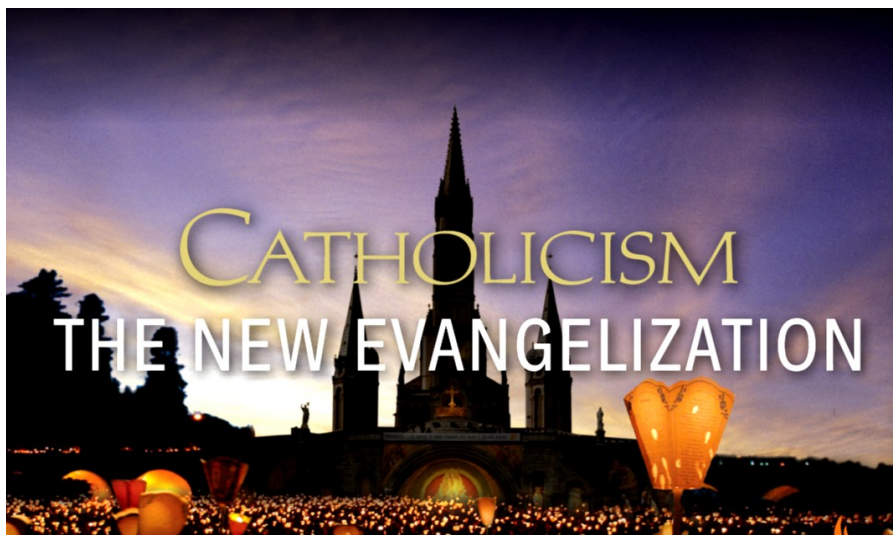


Lilianne Anaya, Elizabeth Bravo, Kyle Casbon, Gianna Diaz, Kolton Hall, Kody Horan, Sidney Husiar, Nate Krause, Ryan Pierce, Morgan Putz, Alesis Smith, Caleb Smith, Lily Taylor, Isabella Weiss, Jovianna Weiss, members of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish were confirmed by Emertius Bishop Dale Melczek, Emeritus Bishop of Gary. Anquique 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”



DATES, TIMES & LOCATION

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

CONTACT

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Carol Holmes: 219 464 1624

Kim Eaton: 219 510 3743

Or email to:

comeandsee@seseton.com

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.



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

Bill Wegner will be joining us to preach our Parish Mission. Bill has traveled all over the world offering engaging and inspirational missions. After a successful business career, Bill felt called to “give it all up” and live on faith preaching God’s word in the Church. Bill comes from a unique perspective and truly understands the struggles of attempting to live a Christian life in a secular world. You will not be disappointed in his real-life stories, wonderful sense of humor and compelling message.

MEN'S OVERNIGHT INVITATIONAL

Christ Renews His Parish

The Lord invites you:



"Come to the Feast"

January 27 & 28, 2018

For additional information on the Weekend, or to find out how to register, please contact our Invitation Coordinators:

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OR

Chuck Conlon

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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 witness from the CRHP brothers giving the weekend. You will only be asked to introduce yourself and participate in group prayers and discussions.

PRISON MINISTRY

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.



At Holy Spirit

February 16th: 4:30-7pm

At St Helen

March 2nd: 4:30 -7pm

At St. Seton

March 16th: 4:30 -7pm



LENT THROUGH EASTER BIBLE STUDY



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.

This year for our Lenten and Easter Bible Study we invite you to join us for Opening the Word. This bible study is a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Using our parishes Formed membership, this series features a variety of experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Jules Miles, Dr. Scott, Annie Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, and Dr. Ben Akers, the fifty-two videos are designed to facilitate thought and discussion for personal faith formation or in the context of a group meeting. Personal Prayer Journals and a group Leader's Guides are also available to make the most of these Sunday Readings .

LENT/EASTER

Feb. 14th	Ash Wednesday Mass	8:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Feb. 16th	Stations of the Cross	7:00 PM
Feb. 17th	Reconciliation	3:30 PM–4:30 PM
Feb. 23rd	Stations of the Cross	NOON
Feb. 24th	Reconciliation	3:30 PM–4:30 PM
March 2nd	Eucharistic Adoration & Stations of the Cross	8:30 AM–NOON
March 3rd	Reconciliation	3:30 PM–4:30 PM
March 9th	Stations of the Cross	7 PM
March 10th	Reconciliation	3:30 PM–4:30 PM
March 16th	Stations of the Cross	NOON
March 16th	COMMUNAL Penance: St. Mary, Kouts	7:00 PM
March 17th	Holy First Reconciliation	10:00 AM
March 17th	Reconciliation	3:30 PM–4:30 PM
March 19th	COMMUNAL Penance: St. Patrick	7:00 PM
March 20th	COMMUNAL Penance: St. Paul	7:00 PM
March 21th	COMMUNAL Penance: St. Seton	7:00 PM
March 22th	COMMUNAL Penance: Holy Spirit	7:00 PM
March 23rd	COMMUNAL Penance: Nativity	7:00 PM

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Starting 3:00pm on March 23th
Ending 3:00pm on March 24th

March 24th Last Scheduled Reconciliation at
St Seton 3:30 PM–4:30 PM



*Confessions after March 24th
by appointment at our parish.

March 24th	Vigil Palm Saturday	5:00 PM
March 25th	Palm Sunday	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
March 26th	COMMUNAL Penance: St. Helen	7:00 PM



March 28th	Seton Seder Supper	7:00 PM
March 29th	Holy Thursday Lord's Supper	7:00 PM
March 30th	Good Friday Lord's Passion	2:00 PM
March 30th	Living Stations Youth Group	7:00 PM
March 31th	Blessing of Easter Baskets	1:00 PM
March 31st	Easter Vigil of the Lord	7:00 PM
April 1st	Easter Sunday Morning Masses:	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It contains scenes of death and destruction from the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti.

We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Run Time: 1 hr. 13 mins.



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'.

SETON YOUTH GROUP



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. Angelique, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Fr. Romuald Pierre.

ST ELIZABETH SETON MINISTRY FAIR



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.



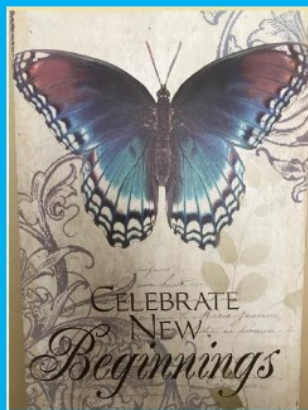
Jeri Maxwell invited fellow parishioners to help prepare meals for the men's homeless shelter. Beth Casbon welcomed parishioners and explained our parish St. Vincent De Paul ministry.

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 out reach 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.



WOMEN'S OVERNIGHT INVITATIONAL

*2018 Christ Renews
His Parish
Women's Retreat*



SAVE THE DATE!

January 20th to
21st, 2018

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Start time is 8:00am,
Saturday, overnight to late
afternoon on Sunday*

- ♦ *Accommodations and meals will be provided by the church*
- ♦ *There is no cost to the participants.*

*For more information,
questions or concerns,
please contact our
Invitation Coordinators:*

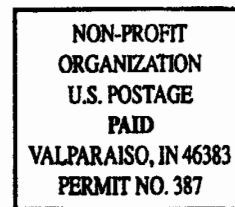
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Masses: Tuesday-Friday 8 am

Saturday, 5 pm

Sunday, 7:30 am, 9 am & 11 am

Pastor: Rev. Douglas J. Mayer



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 7pm 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 seseaton.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