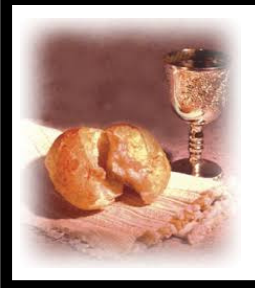


# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2015



## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - St. Henry Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, August 17,	6:30 AM:	B.J. Schmale LIV by Ken and Joyce Friedrich
Tuesday, August 18,	6:30 AM:	Serena Porter LIV by Ken and Joyce Friedrich
Wednesday, August 19,	6:30 AM:	
Thursday, August 20,	6:30 AM:	
Friday, August 21,	6:30 AM:	
Saturday, August 22,	5:00 PM:	In honor of Lawrence Johnson's birthday by Paulette Johnson
St. Henry Sunday, August 23,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, August 23,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

### Altar Flowers

In thanksgiving for their many blessings  
by Ron and Ann Wright.

### Farewell Reception for our Summer Seminarian Brad Jantz

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 16 following 11am Mass** and plan to join us as we say thank you for your service and best wishes to Brad.

### Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA) RCIA BEGINS! Tuesday evening September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall!

Come renew your faith and invite family and friends to come with you so they can hear for themselves the teachings and truths of the Catholic Church.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### Parish School of Religion (PSR) BEGINS!

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL PSR

Grades 1-8 every **Sunday** at 9:30am

**Classes begin September 13**

#### HIGH SCHOOL PSR

Grades 9-12 every **Wednesday** at 6pm

**Classes begin September 16**

Dear Parish Family,  
We would like to thank Father Deering, the SEAS Outreach Ministry and our Parish Family for the love shown to us during a recent time of illness through cards, food, calls and prayers. May God bless all of you for your kindness.  
Raymond and Martha Vaughan

Dear Parish Family,  
On behalf of myself and my sons, Parker and Jami, I would like to say thank you for the many kind words, thoughts and prayers given for the recent passing of my husband, Tommy. The Parish Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where we held the beautiful visitation was perfect, and we are deeply grateful for Father allowing it's use.  
Thank you,  
Donnie Cantrell and family

### “From the Pastor’s Desk”

Jesus made the following statement in John's Gospel ...  
“Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you!”

Was He speaking literally or figuratively?

We Catholics take His words literally ... while our Protestant brothers and sisters take His words figuratively. Who's right?

That's the question that Presbyterian Pastor, **Marcus Grodi**, avoided for a long time and then wrestled with for many years.

Like many others, Marcus thought it really didn't matter what denomination you were in as long as you had Jesus.

He thought the Lord's Supper was special as a memorial of what Christ had done on the Cross, but he didn't believe the bread and wine were His true body and blood. Marcus admits:

“I never once preached on (the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John) because I wasn't sure whether Jesus meant it symbolically or literally.”

Well, with the grace of God, Marcus came to see that Jesus said what He meant and meant what he said in declaring:

“Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you!”

Wanting to have life in Christ now and in eternity, Marcus and his wife were received into the Catholic Church in 1992!

Now they could eat the Flesh and drink the Blood of Jesus!

The very next year, Marcus launched the Coming Home Network which provided financial and emotional assistance to other Protestant Ministers seeking to come home to Rome.. Since then 1,300 ministers have come into the Catholic Church!

So what do you think? Is the Eucharist that you receive in Holy Communion really the Flesh and Blood of Jesus ... or is it just a symbol of our bond with the Lord?

Believing as he does now, Marcus finds it sobering to see so many Catholics receive the Eucharist flippantly without any awareness that they're doing something very serious ... they're having this most holy and intimate union with God ... who is both Gift and Giver!

Please take some steps to renew your awareness of the Miracle that takes place at every Mass ... and of the Mystery that we are privileged to participate in in Holy Communion. Pick up a copy of “**The Lamb's Supper**” by Scott Hahn or another book or CD in our Gift Shop and reacquaint yourself with ... the truth of the **True Presence of Jesus** in the Eucharist.

Take to heart the conditional word “*unless*” that Jesus uses in John 6. In doing so, Jesus makes feeding on Him a necessity for Eternal Life! Tell all your family and friends about this; encourage them to do whatever is necessary to come to the Table of the Lord in the Catholic Church.

For whoever eats this Bread will live forever!  
Love, Father Deering

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### Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Mary Bauer Dwayne Leslie Rose Parks Walter Shapielak  
Dennis Brooks Hazel Melendez Donald Sanders Raymond Vaughan  
Frances Horton Martha Vaughan

YOU MAY ADD TO OUR LONG TERM CAREBOOK located on the table at the side entry-way of the Church.

### PARISH MEETINGS

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** To be announced  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** To be announced

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

General Council: Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6:30pm

**LADIES SODALITY: Wednesday, September 9, 6pm**

The Ladies Altar Sodality of St. Henry Parish

would like to invite the members of

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Ladies Sodality

to be their guests for **Dinner and an Evening of Fun**

on **Wednesday night, August 26 at 6:30 at St. Henry Parish**

Hall. Please **RSVP** to **Carla Doss** if you can attend.



### Right to Life

Every single person is sacred to God whether they are an embryo, fetus, infant, toddler, teen, adult or senior citizen. Abortion is a mortal sin because it kills a human person.

**Diocese Confraternity of Christian Mothers To Host Catholic Speaker, TV and Radio Host Gary Zimak on Aug. 19 Topic—Marian Consecration**  
On August 19, at Our Lady of Sorrows, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host Gary Zimak to speak after the 6 PM Hour of Adoration and 7 PM Mass. All are welcome and there is no charge. For more information contact Janice Nelson @ 999-1141



### Pass It Forward!

Over 60 children, grades 1st - 8th, will sign up this fall to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a Catechist for Faith Formation.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Classes take place on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30am. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, “I learn so much from the children!” We provide you with training, materials, and support. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts of time, treasure, and talent in guiding and instructing our children, who are the future of our Church. **Classes begin September 13.** If interested or for more information, contact the Parish Office at 631-9398.

**Birmingham Catechist Conference**  
Attention PSR Teachers: Mark your calendars and plan to attend on **August 29, 9am —2:30pm** at the **Cathedral of St. Paul.**



**Bring your CANS to SEAS!**  
We recycle for Catholic Education!!  
**NO FOOD CANS**

**GET YOUR CANS TO CHURCH!**  
Bring empty aluminum drink cans to area behind Parish Hall, between storage sheds.

### YOUTH HAPPENINGS



#### SAVE THE DATE!

Come serve as an "Angel in the Outfield" at **Gardendale's Miracle League Thursday September 10!**

Meet at church to ride the vans at 5:20pm or meet at the field at 5:40pm. If you ride the vans, you must have a travel form completed. For more information, contact Andy and Laura Hollis at 205-482-7414 or [aurahollisot@gmail.com](mailto:aurahollisot@gmail.com).

All Catholic homeschoolers from the Diocese of Birmingham are invited to a **Beginning of the Year Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham**, to be celebrated on **Wednesday, August 26 at 10am.**

Come join other Catholic homeschoolers to begin the school year in prayer and fellowship! The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and opportunities for homeschooling families to connect with others having similar interests.

### FATHER DEERING'S SUNDAY HOMILIES

are now available on our website:

[www.seasgardendale.org](http://www.seasgardendale.org)

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS C: Captain ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. August 22 5 pm	Shawn Holly	Brad Jantz Shawn Holly David Slovensky Lilo Belton	Larry Grimmett C Jimmy Slovensky Donald Hand One additional needed <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sam Pritchard
Sun. August 23 11 am	Jim Jernigan	Brad Jantz Dan L. Gardner Melissa Cameron Donna Mealer Jeanne Busby	Michael Wallace C Joel Busby Allen Belrose Anthony Bishop <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Tyler Putnam Ben Hand Duncan Hodges
Sat. August 29 5 pm	Laura Hollis	Laura Hollis Andy Hollis Barbara McCray One additional needed	Skip Hall C Tom Townes Two additional needed <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sam Pritchard
Sun. August 30 11 am	Ree Latham	Vicky Gill Kelly Doss Allen Belrose Dan S. Gardner Paulette Gardner	Ken Friedrich C Mike Brasher Jaimie Hand John Rogers <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Kevin Hand Ezra Bishop