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# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND GROWTH



Dear Parishioners,

During the upcoming weeks we will participate in an ambitious study to decide if we should undertake a capital campaign for the parishes of the Moline area and Seton School. We have many needs. The Sacred Heart church building needs major maintenance projects including making the church building more accessible for those who are physically challenged. We would also like to provide other amenities that would enhance our worship space. As we approach the 100th anniversary of our church building we are reminded that we have been given this beautiful structure by our forbearers and it is up to us to make it even better.

The Seton grade school building which was built in the 1950's needs major renovation and updating. These improvements will help us to grow and prosper. We have a wonderful staff and student body but we must make sure that they have the updated space they need for a wonderful learning experience. The pastors of St. Mary, Sacred Heart, Christ the King and St. Maria Goretti have pledged support to this endeavor.

The feasibility study that we are undertaking with the Steier Group will involve personal interviews, surveys and informational meetings. All of this will be very



## SACRED HEART CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Of all seven sacraments, the Holy Eucharist, or Holy Communion, is the most central and important to Catholicism. Holy Communion is offered at every Mass, and in fact, the ritual of the Mass is largely taken up with preparing the hosts (wafers made of wheat and water, or gluten-free) and wine to become the body and blood of Christ and the congregation to receive the body of Christ. Transubstantiation is the act of changing the substances of bread and wine into the substances of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Holy Eucharist refers to Christ's body and blood present in the consecrated host on the altar, and Catholics believe that the consecrated bread and wine are actually the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ. For Catholics, the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist isn't just symbolic, it's real.

For the first time on **Sunday, May 6 and Sunday May 13 at our 11:00am Masses** our second-grade students will experience their First Holy Communion. What a joy for them to come to the table of Our Lord and share in the Eucharist with their family, friends and parish community. Let us keep these young ones in our prayers as they receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

important as we decide on whether to move forward or not. I encourage everyone to learn about our vision and to participate in the study as you are able.

The informational meetings will be held, April 10th and 11th in Culemans Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Please pray for the success of this great work.

Happy Easter,

Fr. Mark



# CONFIRMATION: APRIL 15

We continue our Easter celebrations during the month of April with the Sacrament of Confirmation for our eighth-grade students. This year we will have 53 students receiving the Confirmation which will be held on Sunday, April 15, at 2PM. Our students are very excited. They have been choosing their sponsors, Saint names and learning all about their faith. We are happy to have Msgr. Dale L. Wellman return to Sacred Heart to administer this Sacrament.

Following Mass, a small reception in Culemans Fellowship Hall will take place for our confirmands. This will be an opportunity to come and visit with our students and to congratulate them. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they receive the Holy Spirit.

## COFFEE CAFÉ

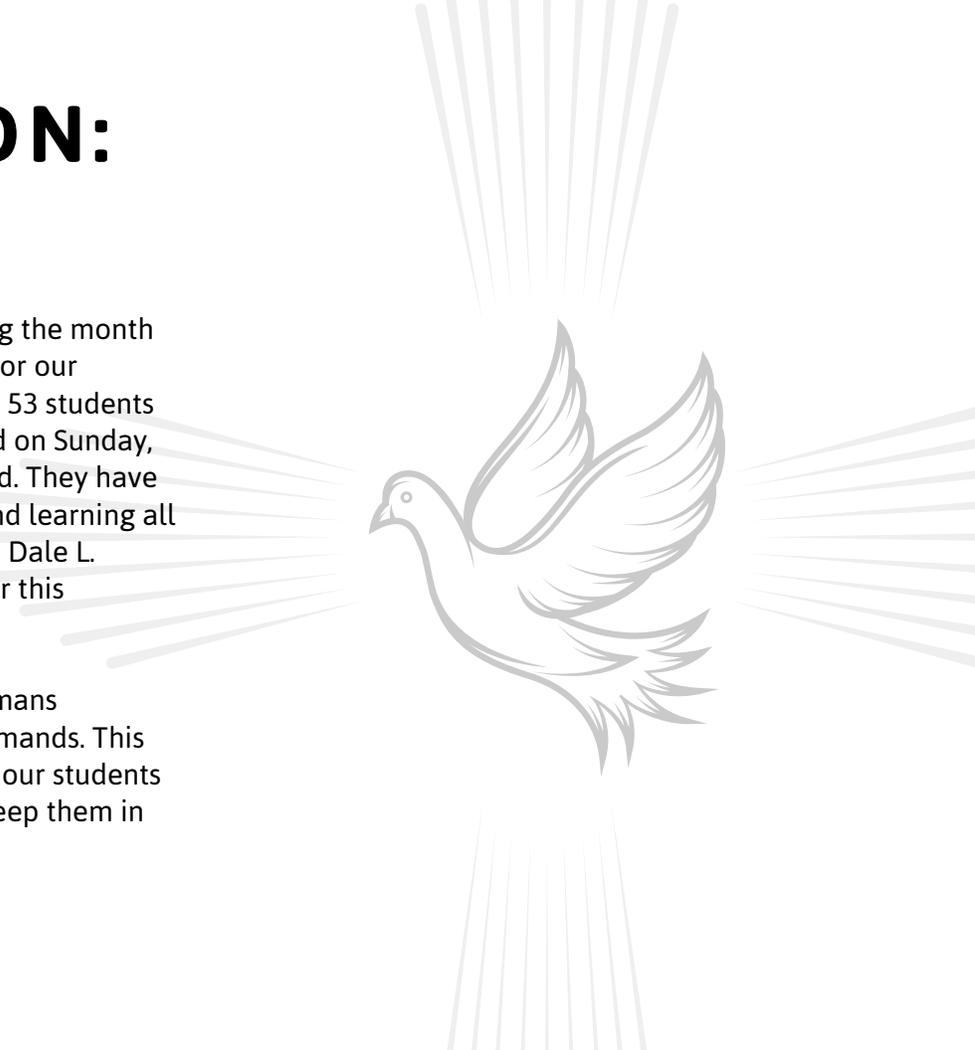
Coffee Café is a fun way to share fellowship with other parishioners after Mass, on the second Sunday of most months. We do take July – September off (our summer). We invite parishioners to join us any time after 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 am on those mornings. Although traditionally we invite people to share breakfast and fellowship after the 7:00 am and 9:00 am Masses, we welcome parishioners to come back if they participated in the 4:00 pm Mass the day before. And if you want to stop in before the 11:00 am Mass and share in a bite to eat, just come early enough to fast before partaking in the Holy Eucharist. When Religious Education is in session, Coffee Café is in the cafeteria and when there is no Religious Education, we have it in Fellowship Hall.

What is Coffee Café? If you haven't stopped by before, be sure to give us a try. Yes, we have coffee and donuts. But we are so much more than that. We have a selection of fresh fruit, cereal, yogurt, Danish, breads and usually something warm to round out the meal. It could be biscuits and gravy, egg casserole or maybe scrambled eggs. Most months Marcia Starr will also have what has become her famous cherry coffee cake. Get there early before Don Lewis has all the corners gone. Yes, those are his favorite!

Coffee Café pairs up with the Welcome Committee three times a year to help welcome the new parishioners, and give them a chance to meet some of the 'older' parishioners so we can be sure to give them an extra 'shout out' when we see them around the parish or even in the community in general. Watch the bulletin for those announcements and try to stop by and say hello. We also support the Religious Education community as they head from Mass to classes. Many of the parents will stick around and visit while their children are in classes. If you look hard enough you will find a basket accepting freewill donations that will help offset the cost of the breakfast. These are always welcome, but not a requirement.

You may even see the Boy Scouts there as they share their flavored coffees with us. If you like any of their coffees, you can purchase your own bag of flavored coffee.

Would you like to help serve at one of these breakfasts? Maybe just once a year? Contact Mike and Marcia Starr at [starr2801@gmail.com](mailto:starr2801@gmail.com) or 309-236-8083.



# SETON WALK-A-THON: MAY 11

Seton families will receive their 2018 Walk-A-Thon pledge packets following the kick-off assembly on Friday, April 13. For the assembly, each Seton student will receive a free Walk-A-Thon t-shirt courtesy of our VERY generous sponsors Source One Graphics, Southeast National Bank, McLaughlin Body, ORA Orthopedics, and Gett Industries.

The YOUNGEST in each family will receive a walker packet to bring home on that day. All pledge money is due by Friday, May 4th at 3:15 p.m. to be eligible for prize consideration. Once again, we are thrilled to have terrific prize packages for the top fundraising families! And the overall school incentive will be so much fun that no student will want to miss it!

Additional donation receipts and pledge sheets are available on the school's website [www.setonschool.com](http://www.setonschool.com) under the "Development" tab. The Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for Friday, May 11. The countdown has begun! So get up and get ready to have fun and raise much-needed funds to update our technology program i.e. classroom Smartboards and computers. Remember, we are COUNTING on every student to help make this year's Walk-A-Thon the best ever.

## NEW PLAYGROUND AT SETON

Thanks to the generosity of our Seton families and supporters, we were able to purchase new playground equipment. We need a small group of volunteers to take the lead and organize the installation process. This would include 3-5 skilled laborers that will coordinate with our playground vendor and playground build supervisor provided by Park and Play. They will also make sure the appropriate equipment and supplies are on hand the day of the build. We will need an additional 25-30 volunteers on the actual build day which is scheduled for April 28. Please contact our Business manager, Karla Larsen by email at [klarsen@setonschool.com](mailto:klarsen@setonschool.com) or 764-5418 by phone to take part in our groundbreaking event!

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: THE BACK 9

This month we spoke with the Back 9 about their ministry providing social gatherings outside Mass for parishioners.

**How does your ministry help the parish?** It provides a venue for people to meet and get to know the faces they see in church, in a social setting.

**How long has your ministry been a part of the parish?** The group has existed for 36 years, starting in 1982.

**When, where, and how often are your meetings?** Meetings are held the second Thursday from September through December, and February through May, in Culemans Hall. Our next meeting will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on April 12 in Culemans Hall. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. There will be music and wine, and new members are more than welcome to attend!

**What is the most rewarding part of your ministry?** Seeing people enjoy a meal together, greeting each other and socializing with old friends and meeting new ones. It is always rewarding to have "first time" attendees.

**What part of your ministry do you look forward to the most?** People coming forward with offers to host or support new activities. When the work is shared, there is little stress for any one person and when a variety of activities occurs, new faces tend to join!

**Who should join your ministry? How would you convince them?** Anyone, married or single, layperson or religious, from Sacred Heart or area parishes are welcome. All are invited to bring new ideas for activities that can add a bit of variety to our lives and parish!



## JESUS RISKS HIMSELF IN SERVICE

Pope Francis, speaking during his homily during the Mass of the Lord's Supper at Regina Coeli prison, contextualized the Gospel passage from John in which Jesus washes his disciples' feet.

He explains that this was a task done by slaves. After having dirtied their feet on the dusty roads, people would return home. As soon as they entered their house, a slave would provide the "service" of washing their feet. "Jesus wants to do this service to give us an example of how we must serve one another," Pope Francis says.

The Pope then brought up the passage where two disciples "who wanted to climb the corporate ladder" asked Jesus to give them the most important places. After looking at them with love like he always did, Jesus told them they didn't know what they were asking. He described what those in positions of power do: "command and make others serve them." In thinking of times past, Pope Francis says that there have been many kings and cruel people who have made slaves of other people. But Jesus says it must not be this way with us. "The one who commands must serve," the Pope reminds us. "Jesus overturns the historical cultural habits of that time, but also of our own day." If only the kings and emperors of the past had understood Jesus' teaching and had served instead of commanding and killing, "so many wars would never have happened," Pope Francis observes.



## MAY CROWNING - MAY 13

It may be one of your first “Catholic” memories: May Crowning. The songs are still—and always—in our heads.

*Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, oh Maria.*

*Hail, mother of mercy and of love, oh Maria.*

*Triumph all ye cherubim, Sing with us ye seraphim.*

*Heaven and earth resound the hymn.*

*Salve, Salve, Salve Regina.*

We pray that all children are welcomed into the fold of Catholic faith with the innocence and tenderness of singing seraphim, with a mother of mercy and love. One of the defining aspects of being Catholic is devotion to Mary. For years, Sacred Heart Parish has been celebrating this feast that recognizes Mary as queen of heaven and earth. To a person of any age, this is a mighty big title, but to a child of five or six or seven, it expands to enchanting, magical proportions. How many queens does one get a chance to meet in a lifetime, much less crown?

**We invite all the children of the parish to take part in our May Crowning Celebration at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day.** Let's hope our flowers are in bloom so we can pick them from our gardens and bring them to Mass to present them to our Blessed Mother.

Devotion to Mary is in the heart of a Catholic. We do not worship Mary, but we hold her in highest regard for her willingness to embrace God's plan for our salvation. She gave her unconditional “Yes” to be the mother of Jesus, thus, her title, Theotokos, which means “God bearer” in Greek. Mary is considered the perfect follower of Jesus, sometimes referred to as the first disciple, always devoted to her son, following him all his life, even to the foot of the cross. She fosters our prayer life, always leading us to Christ. In prayer, we ask for her intercession to her son on our behalf. For these, and so many reasons, the Church, through the centuries, holds a special devotion to Mary.

Turning to those present, Pope Francis told them that Jesus tells those discarded by society that they are important. “Jesus serves us today, here in Regina Coeli.” Jesus risks himself for each person. Jesus does not know how to wash his hands of people. He knows how to risk for his name is Jesus, not Pontius Pilate. In going after the lost sheep, Jesus risks being wounded, Pope Francis asserts.

“I am a sinner like you. But I represent Jesus today,” Pope Francis confessed. He then invited the prisoners to think of the fact, as their feet were being washed by him, that “Jesus took a risk with this man, a sinner, to come to me to tell me that he loves me. This is service. This is Jesus. Before giving us himself in his body and blood, Jesus risked himself for each one of us—risked himself in service—because he loves us so much.”

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## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

### Mass Times

- Sundays: 7, 9, 11 a.m.
- Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
- Daily Masses (M-F): 6:30, 8:30 a.m.
- Our Friday Mass, when school students are present is at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted in the parish bulletin
- Saturday Morning: 8:30 a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment, call 762-2362.

### Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (St. Francis Chapel)

- Wednesdays: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

