

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

# Stewardship News

## Mission Coming Soon! How is Jesus Calling You?

Coming up in February: an exciting **Parish Mission** with Deacon Tom Gornick of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.

Deacon Gornick will speak at all Masses the weekend of February 7-8. You will have an opportunity to attend his mission talks both after the 9:00 weekday Mass (with coffee and donuts!) and in the evenings at 7:00 on February 9-11.

Deacon Tom is a well-known speaker at conferences across the U.S. His mission will focus on vocation, how we hear the voice of Jesus in our lives and how we live out what we hear.

This mission should prepare us for another opportunity this spring. **The Called and Gifted Workshop**, a gifts discernment program, will be presented in our parish

Friday evening, May 1 and Saturday, May 2. This program is presented by the Catherine of Sienna Institute, a Dominican program based in Colorado.

Besides our **Parish Mission** (Febr. 8-10) and the **Called and Gifted Workshop** (May 1-2), our parish hosts a **SALT** group (Scripture and Leadership Training) which will be delving into the writings of Saint Paul, in this, the year of Paul. Meeting for nine weeks beginning Sunday Jan. 18 (and skipping Super Bowl Sunday), 2:45 – 5:15 p.m., this program is coordinated through the archdiocese and Seattle University. **CSSI**, also a Scripture study course, meets regularly at the church.

Speaking of Seattle University, author and S.U. theologian **Jesuit Father Paul**

**Janowiak** will present a free lecture at Holy Spirit Center Febr. 2, 7:00 p.m. entitled “The Eucharist in Word and Deed: Holy Presence in Real Communion.” Father Janowiak is a lively and informative speaker. Also, at Alaska Pacific University Jan.23-25, **Dr. Florence Gillman** of the University of San Diego speaks on Saint Paul. Lecture begins at 7:30 Friday night. For a schedule call 564-8274.

So many opportunities to learn!

*Learning is like rowing upstream:  
Not to advance is to drop back.  
Chinese proverb*

*Mary Cartwright reports “The Listening Post” ministry of presence in downtown Anchorage is up and running and busy. Want to be involved? Call Mary at 345-6832.*

## Many Hands Made Christmas Beautiful

It’s impossible to list all the folks who made Christmas special this year at Saint Elizabeth’s, but we’ll start with the Arts and Environment and their helpers who decorated both the Miki Center and the Church with their usual finesse during Advent and Christmas. The

choirs and cantors, led by **Kathy Harte, Katy Kerris, Stacia Gillam, Bart Roberts,** and **Jim Petrash** were fantastic. **Ava Goodman** and **Cathy Mackey** continue to lead the Altar Guild in their commitment to keeping our vestments and linens pristine. Thanks to all the

Extraordinary Ministers, lectors, hospitality ministers, altar servers and sacristans who volunteered extra time. Thanks of course to **Father Tom, Father Jaime** and **Deacon Ken**. We had standing room only crowds at both 5:30 Masses—we pray that our parish’s dedication may inspire our visitors to return.

**Do you feel called to ministry?** Seattle University is planning to offer another Master’s degree in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) in Anchorage beginning this spring. The first cohort will complete their degree in late 2009. Instructors, many of them noted authors, offer weekend and summer classes. Parishioners Mary Cartwright, Bonnie Bezousek, Susan Jayich, Mary Gore and Effie Caldarola are all completing this program. For info on joining the next group, contact Sister Jo Gaugier at 297-7741.

### Check these out in this issue:

- *APU Lectures on Paul, Jan.23-25*
- *Community Sunday Feb. 1*
- *Father Paul Janowiak lecture Feb. 2*
- *Parish Mission Feb. 9-11*
- *St. Francis of Assisi Awards Banquet Feb.12*



## Local Charities Thankful for Parish's Help

The generosity of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners has been acknowledged by several charities who have benefited. To see the "thank you" notes, check the Stewardship bulletin board in the front entryway.

At Thanksgiving, we collected a couple of pick-up loads of food for **McAuley Manor** and **Charlie Elder House**. These two facilities, run by Catholic Social Services, provide a home-like environment for teens without a place to call home.

"Thank you for the food. We got food that normally we can't always get!" read a note from one grateful teen. "Thank you for the food! And thank you for thinking of us!" read another. "Thank you for making my Christmas great," said Bryan.

**Bean's Café** thanks our youth group for their help, as well as for money sent

through our One Percent for Charity and Young Parishioners' Collection.

Saint Elizabeth's contributes to many of the agencies of **Catholic Social Services**, and executive director Susan Bomalaski is always quick with a gracious thank you.

"The support from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton to CSS means so much — thank you for all you do," said Bomalaski. In November, the Young Parishioners Collection netted \$485.13 for Clare House. Clare House last year provided 510 women and children with shelter and food, and over the course of last year CSS, which is the charitable arm of our local Catholic Church, helped 16,771 clients.

Each month, our parish donates one percent of our Sunday collection to a charity, usually a local, Catholic charity. From the one-

percent, we also assist **Holy Rosary Parish** in Dillingham with \$100 per month for fuel and airplane assistance. Their pastor, Father Scott Garrett, flies his own plane to missions far and wide in the Bristol Bay area.

Beside monetary contributions, many members of our parish volunteer in agencies all over town, including St. Francis House, Providence Hospital, Covenant Hours and many others.



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## St. Francis of Assisi Awards Banquet

This year's St. Francis of Assisi Awards will be held Thursday evening, February 12. These awards honor the best of the best in our active archdiocese in categories for laypersons, clergy and religious, and youth.

Remember, last year our youth WON! The parish group who traveled to New Orleans to help in the aftermath of Katrina's destruction won in the Youth Category. We were very proud of them and happy that they came back with a desire to continue to serve Christ by

servicing others.

St. Francis of Assisi has a famous quote: "Preach the Gospel always—if necessary use words!" Our youth demonstrated that the best way to evangelize lies in how we witness with our lives.

The banquet is always a lot of fun. For ticket information, call 297-7718.

Thanks to:

**Mary Rosenfield** who arranged for the RAIS speakers at Mass and Thursday night Faith Formation. An eye-opener.

**The Stewardship and Welcoming Committees** who hosted our First Welcoming Reception on Dec. 14.



*Stewardship Tidbit: On the first day of our "melt-down," January 14, Director of Maintenance Dave Reaume put down 550 pounds of ice melt!*

## Oh, Baby! Have we Got Blankets for You!



Hats off to the parish **Sewing Group**. If you happened to be around the church a week or so ago, you would have seen ladies with piles

of cute material measuring, cutting and sewing ONE HUNDRED baby blankets for the Faith Formation's next Community Day project. These cuddly blankets will be used to wrap donations which the parish is providing for several agencies that work with pregnant moms. Diapers, outfits, all kinds of baby goodies will be wrapped by our Community Sunday volunteers on Febr. 1.

If you would like to donate to this effort, bring new baby gear to the "Bundles of

Joy" box available in the church foyer. **Needed are baby socks, onesies, wipes, bottles, rattles, outfits, newborn diapers, bibs!**

What a great way to celebrate life and make some new mom very happy! Thanks to our Sewing Group for their big part in this effort.

Donate something to Bundles of Joy. It will bring joy to you, too!