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Changes are on the way!



WHAT:

The new *Roman Missal, Third Edition*.

WHEN:

November 27, 2011 – the first Sunday of Advent.

WHERE:

English-speaking parishes in the United States.

So what's happening? The *Roman Missal* (the book the priest uses for everything but the Scripture readings and the homily) is being updated. Is the Mass itself changing? No. The main thing we will notice is how some of the words we say have changed. For example, currently when Father says:

The Lord be with you.

We respond with:

And also with you.

The new response will be:

And with your spirit.

Doesn't seem too difficult, does it? And perhaps, in that light, you're thinking:

WHY?

Well, for some very good reasons. This is a great quote from the *Our Sunday Visitor* website:

"The Mass, for as poetic as it can sound, is no Gershwin tune. The words it contains aren't there for their rhyming potential. They're there because they mean something, because they say something true and important about God, the world and the human condition... the words of the Mass matter. They matter a great deal."

These changes seek to return our English responses closer to the original Latin ones. In Latin, the response is "*et cum spiritu tuo*." Now I don't know Latin, but "*and with your spirit*" certainly looks like it would be a more logical translation of that phrase. There may be some changes to the music as well.

Pope Benedict XVI and John Paul II before him have expressed desires for the Church to restore the reverence for the Mass, and these changes are planned "to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives."

Yes, we all will have some learning to do, and we may stumble along at first. But what an awesome opportunity we have to renew our faith by not being able to just "go through the motions." We will have to *think* about what we are saying. Sounds like an excellent way to start off a new church year. And a deeper faith is a priceless Christmas gift!

More specific information will be given to the parish this fall as the implementation date nears.



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

If you're interested in learning more on your own, these websites may be helpful:

www.romanmissalchanges.com

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/romanmissal/>

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/romanmissal/index.html>

Gospel Road

By Maddie Acklin

This July I participated in the Gospel Road trip for the first time in my life. I completed my freshman year at Pickerington North, and while last year I enjoyed my whitewater rafting trip to the New River Gorge, this year I decided to give of my time to help those less fortunate than me.

I was a little nervous and uneasy after arriving at Bishop Watterson -- which we called headquarters for the hundreds of high school students who came to work that week. Unlike the whitewater trip, I was going by myself on this trip. The first day, we helped feed the homeless. To be honest, I was very scared at first seeing the number of homeless lining up to accept their meals. One man looked sick and dirty, and I remember from my scripture class this past year: "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." After serving the homeless, I felt happy and glad that these people were able to have a good meal to eat. It made me think how truly blessed I am to have my parents and a sister who love me. I said a prayer that night for the men and women we helped that day, asking God to watch over them and protect them.

The next day we assisted a daycare program where children of any age would come while their parents were busy or at work. This was a fun time for all of us to just talk and laugh and run around with the little kids while we painted and helped beautify the gym I remember while other people from other groups were painting the gym, my friend Greg, who I had met from camp, and I went on a walk with two little boys. One was 12, and the other one was 10. We walked for about an hour, and they told us a lot about themselves, and how their mom had left their dad one day and just never came back. It made me think of how blessed Greg and I were to have parents that were still together and happy. I remember feeling proud of the work that we all did at the end of the day and imagined little kids getting to run around the freshly painted gym, skipping rope or playing hoops.

I think the best thing about the work camp -- in my opinion -- was that we had daily Mass. My family and I attend Mass weekly, but having a service each day we were at the camp really helped me focus my thoughts on how I can make a difference in someone else's life. Anyone who had my Dad and Mr. Kronk's SPY class this year knows what RAK stands for -- Random Act of Kindness. A smile and a "can I help you" attitude goes a long way to someone who is suffering. It made me realize Jesus' true message he wished to tell all of us: love thy neighbor as thyself. I feel like my faith has been strengthened from this project. I went into the trip not knowing what to expect, but after doing it, I was so glad I did. I touched another person's life those days and didn't ask for anything in return. Maybe that is a sign I am learning how to become a better Catholic and closer to Christ.

I hope and wish anyone who happens to read this thinks about attending the work camp next year. I will certainly be returning to help and assist those in need again.

September 9-11

Seton Festival

September 12

Religious Education Classes Begin

September 18

Catechetical Sunday

October 8

PGC in Herrmann Hall

October 22-23

SPY Halloween Lock-In

October 23

New Member Welcome Reception

November 1

All Saints Day

November 19

National Catholic Youth Conference,
Indianapolis

Upcoming Events...

RCIA – A Process

By Tina Bowie

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the normal process through which adults become full, active and participating members of the Catholic Church.

It is not only about conversion to the Catholic faith, but about conversion to CHRIST and to living a life that is full of LOVE, PEACE, & HOPE, because Jesus is the center of that life. It is a process of conversion to CHRIST through the Catholic Church.

Perhaps you know someone who is searching and longing for a relationship with Christ. It might be your spouse, or another relative, or a friend. It might be a co-worker, or neighbor, or it might be YOU. Or, maybe you know someone who already leads a Christian life, but they are searching for a Church to call home. Maybe they are looking for a vibrant, active, faith-filled community, like Seton, to live out their faith.

We are the Body of Christ! And, it is through each one of us that God calls people to Himself. It is up to US to let God work through us and to reach out to those who are searching. Invite them to come and see who we are and what we are about! It is not just the RCIA team, but the whole community, the Body of Christ, that is called to invite and initiate new members.

Whether you know someone to reach out to or not, there is something that we all must do – PRAY! Pray for those that are searching. Pray that God will put someone in their life to show them the way to HIM - the way to a life of HOPE, and LOVE, and PEACE that we can only find through Christ.

Our RCIA process is now beginning. To register, or for more information, please contact me, Tina Bowie at 833-0482 x227, or tbowie@setonparish.com

Building Schools

By Mason Cherry

July 5 through July 13, I went to the Dominican Republic, on a mission trip with the Fairview United Methodist church, including my Aunt Kelly and several other people from the Amanda area. We worked with the Village Mountain Mission in a village called Luperon. Our job was to turn a home into a school. I wanted to go on this mission trip because I wanted to help people, give the kids a school to go to, and put smiles on their faces! The building used to be a house, but then we turned it into a school. We hammered out the two old wood gables and put up new sturdy wood gables. Then we painted the gables, doors and windows bright blue, red and yellow. We also built and put in a sand box next to the school and filled it with sand. The kids gathered old tires, and we put them in the ground for them to play on. The kids helped carry buckets of sand, paint the windows and carry wood.

On the last day we had a carnival for the kids. They played games like Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Egg Walk, Ring Toss, Limbo; and they made cross necklaces and bracelets.

At the end, they all got to choose two prizes (kazoos, snaps, bouncy balls, stickers) from a bowl. We took a group photo with all of the kids before we left.

We stayed in an open shelter and slept in hammocks. There were lots of creatures that came out at night - tarantulas, centipedes, fire ants and blue crabs!

The people of the Dominican were very nice and thankful for the work we did. They liked to help, too. I learned that it's important to do God's work - even if it means doing something you've never done before - like going out of the country and building with tools you have never used. I had an amazing

experience on this trip, and I'm really going to miss all of the kids down there. Thank you for all of your prayers and support! I can't wait to do it again!



“Taking it Easy” in Thailand

By Ashley Logsdon

Sawadee ka! Greetings from Thailand! My name is Ashley Logsdon, and I am a senior at the University of Notre Dame studying Biology and Theology. I am in Thailand for 8 weeks, volunteering at the Thai Elephant Home (TEH). Here I assist with the TEH reforestation project and teaching English.

The TEH is an ecotourism initiative founded to support the community and the environment. The TEH rescues elephants from unjust working conditions, assists local students, and actively replants forests. I work mainly on the TEH reforestation project, planting trees and developing a monitoring strategy for reforested areas. Working in Thailand is both challenging and rewarding, and I am honored to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

My trip has been a whirlwind of experiences ranging from scorpions to elephants, from mountainous wilderness to the streets of Chiang Mai. There is much to love about Thailand – I am especially fond of mountains, smoothies, geckos, and sticky rice – but also many less appealing aspects. Still, every moment is a treasure. Thailand has taught me to appreciate time differently: a favorite saying here is *sabai sabai*, or “take it easy.”

Another important lesson is *family*, for Thai hospitality is tremendous.

One of my greatest challenges has been the sense of isolation from the Catholic Church. Thailand is an overwhelmingly Buddhist country, and Catholics are few and far between. I don’t think I ever *really* appreciated the gift of the Mass before I attended one entirely in Thai! While it is lonely to be unable to fully participate, the experience of the Mass in Thailand is absolutely beautiful. Though the Church is not so physically present here as at home, I realized that I can bring the Church with me wherever I go and remain connected to my Catholic family through prayer. Thailand has been a great opportunity for growth, for here I have been challenged to live as a Catholic when doing so is not made easy by my surroundings.

At the time of writing, I have only one week left in Thailand. I am proud of the work I have done at the TEH, sad to leave my Thai family, glad to be coming home, and grateful for this magnificent opportunity. It has truly been a blessing, and I pray that this trip will continue to bear fruit in my life. I look forward to seeing you all at Mass (in English!) next Sunday!



New Words: A Deeper Meaning - but the Same Mass

**“A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS,”
TO BE OFFERED AT SETON PARISH
ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 5:00 P.M.**

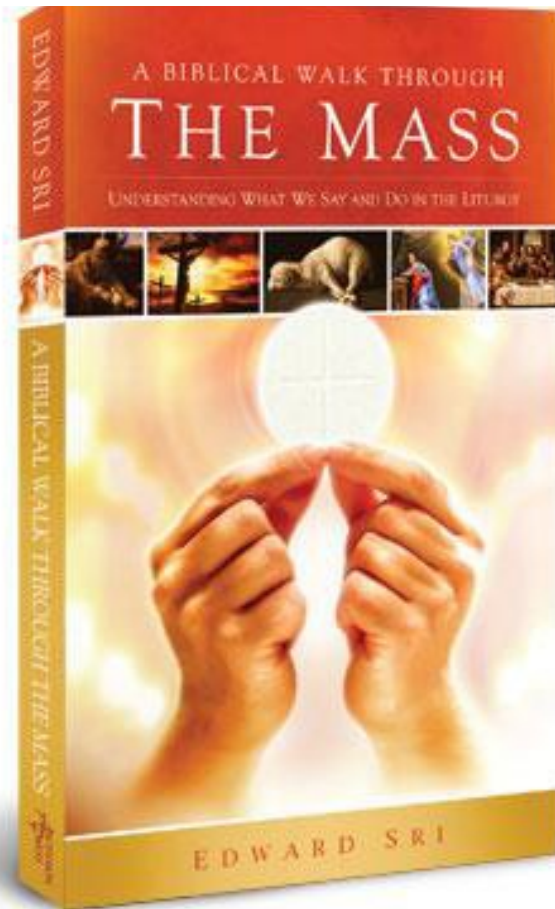
Do you ever wish you could “get more” out of Mass? *A Biblical Walk through the Mass* is a six-part study that provides a unique tour of the timeless liturgy. Based on the revised translation of the Mass that goes into effect on the First Sunday of Advent, this study explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance. As you explore the biblical roots of the Catholic Liturgy, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will see, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Seton Parish’s Adult Faith Formation ministry is pleased to run a fascinating 6-part series on the Mass, entitled, *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*. In this study, we will walk through the main parts of the Mass – from the opening Sign of the Cross to the concluding “Thanks be to God” –and consider them in light of their Scriptural background. Along the way we will discover many beautiful spiritual treasures. Most of all, this walk through the Mass will help us encounter Our Lord more deeply in the liturgy itself. By understanding the meaning of what we say and do in the Mass, we will be better prepared to give ourselves to Jesus in every prayer and gesture in the liturgy. Please join us as we unlock the mystery of the Mass this fall with DVD instruction by Dr. Edward Sri and small group discussions.

Pope John Paul II issued a revised version of the *Missale Romanum* during the Jubilee Year 2000. The English translation of the revised Roman Missal had been completed, and the Bishops of the United States approved the final sections of the text in November 2009. Among other things, the revised edition of the *Missale Romanum* contains prayer for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharist Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the *Roman Missal* will also include updated translation of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.

This is an important opportunity for everyone within our area to renew their understanding of the celebration of the Mass and how it forms our faith and our lives.

Cost of the study is \$20, cash or check payable to Seton. This cost will cover the cost of the book and student guide. Please pick up a registration form in the office or on a table in the gathering space. Please call Deacon Hector or email him at hraymond@setonparish.com for more information.



Sunday night sessions beginning at 5 p.m. are as follows:

October 9	Week 1: Introduction
October 16	Week 2: Introductory Rites
October 30	Week 3: The Liturgy of the Word
November 6	Week 4: The Liturgy of the Eucharist (Part 1)
November 13	Week 5: The Liturgy of the Eucharist (Part 2)
November 20	Week 6: Concluding Session

Sessions will last approximately 1 hour 45 minutes

Additional sessions at alternate times may be added as needed or requested.



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Dear Parishioners,

As we turn the page to September, we bid farewell to summer, and autumn creeps a little closer. Whether or not you have children in school, our schedules seem to change, and we are all ready for a little more routine in our lives. Here at the parish, not only do our religious education classes start up this month, but our ever-popular Parish Festival will be held in a few days as well. The summer has gone by quickly as our staff has been preparing for all that will be happening in the busy fall months.

One addition to the parish fall schedule is the rich array of offerings in Adult Faith Formation. There is a strong emphasis on Scripture. We will be offering once again the ever-popular introduction to Scripture known as the "Quick Journey" for those who are beginning their study of Scripture. We also will be offering the "Long Journey" as well and offering a course on the "Gospel of Matthew." And since there will be a whole new translation of the Mass coming on the 1st Sunday of Advent, we will be offering a six-week course on "The Mass" beginning in October.

One of the most important ways to keep our faith alive is to continually enrich it, and allowing the Word of God to come to life is one of the key components to having a rich spiritual life. That is why we have focused so strongly recently here on Scripture. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and to sign up for these courses. The more people partake, the more we will offer -- and the richer in Christ's life our parish community will become.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim Klima