

WEEKLY BULLETIN

January 4, 2012

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Elizabeth Ann Seton is popularly considered a patron saint of Catholic schools. Dedicated to following the will of God, she had a deep devotion to the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture and the Virgin Mary. The 23rd Psalm was her favorite prayer throughout her life. She was a woman of prayer and service who embraced the apostolic spirituality of Louise de Marillac and Vincent de Paul.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton...Pray for Us

Dear Northwoods Parents and Students,

Happy New Year! I pray that you all had a merry and blessed Christmas Holiday and were able to spend time with your loved ones. It was truly a pleasure to welcome everyone back at morning carpool, and I have enjoyed talking with students today about their holiday travels and gatherings.

At this time, I would like to inform you about a change in our faculty. Our admissions director, Melissa Leake, has decided to retire. While we are so sad to see her go, we know that she will enjoy spending more time with her family. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Lori Kananen as our new Admissions Director. We have already experienced a very smooth transition.

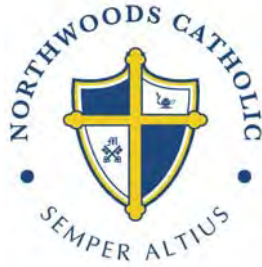
Some reminders about upcoming events at NCS include:

- Coffee and Conversation scheduled for 1/5 has been cancelled
- Adoration this Friday, 1/6
- Volunteers needed to help take down Christmas tree on Monday, 1/9, after drop-off
- NCS Spelling Bee on Thursday, 1/12
- Apologetics on Thursday, 1/12
- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night on Thursday, 1/12
- Remember to bring in your Box Tops – over the last six months, we made \$620 – yeah!
- Remember to leave any prayer requests at the front desk – the teacher's prayer group meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

*Don't forget to check the NCS website for this and past weeks Bulletins. This week please note detailed information on the following:

- Virtus/Volunteer update
- Presentation by Dr. Sri
- Accelerated Reader
- PE Request
- Lunch update

Yours in Christ,
Kristen Thome
Principal



VOLUNTEER / VIRTUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Keeping the Promise Alive (KPA) is a mandatory refresher course that goes into effect in 2012. Volunteers that have taken “VIRTUS: Protecting God’s Children” program **between the years 2003 through 2005 are required to attend**. KPA is designed to identify and reinforce the lessons of the original “Protecting God’s Children” program by clarifying some of the more challenging aspects of the sessions and strengthening the participants’ ability to recognize risky adults in their environments and take action to intervene in potentially threatening situations. You **MUST** present your recertification to Northwoods by **DECEMBER 2012** to maintain your volunteer status.

KPA sessions are already available throughout the diocese. Please check the **VIRTUS.org** site for dates and times.

Please use the following steps below to complete your Background Check, Volunteer Code of Conduct, and pre-register for “Keeping the Promise Alive” Refresher training:

1. Go to www.virtus.org and enter your User ID and Password.
2. First you will click on your Toolbox tab and complete the Code of Conduct by selecting, “Yes, I understand”. Once you are complete, the page will show the date you agreed to your Code of Conduct.
3. Next, you will click on your Toolbox tab and complete the Background Check by selecting, “Yes, I agree” and providing your correct date of birth. Once you have completed both please select submit.
4. We would like for you to review your account information to make sure your address is correct. Please select “Update my account” in the Toolbox tab. After you make changes then select Save.
5. Next, you will click on Instructor-led Training to pre-register for the “Keeping the Promise Alive” workshop. You will select “If you would like to register for additional upcoming training sessions click here” and choose the session you want to attend.
6. You have now finished the pre-registration process. Click the word Logout, located in the upper right-hand corner of the screen, to close your account screen.

Volunteers Needed!



Build a Lifelong Love of Reading in Every Student!

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. I am very excited to announce that we are just about ready to start the Accelerated Reader program at Northwoods. Giving kids access to good books isn't enough. We want to help motivate them to read more, too. Of course, like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Accelerated Reader (AR) is the most popular and successful reading product of all time. AR's advanced technology helps to:

- Make essential reading practice more effective for every student.
- Personalize reading practice to each student's current level.
- Manage all reading activities including *read to*, *read with*, and *read independently*.
- Assess students' reading with four types of quizzes: Reading Practice, Vocabulary Practice, Literacy Skills, and Textbook Quizzes.
- Build a lifelong love of reading and learning.

There will be a parent volunteer meeting on Thursday, January 12th at 9:00 A.M. in the library for all persons wanting to volunteer to help us get this program off the ground. We need people to come in and help label the books. If you are willing to help and cannot make the meeting, please contact me at vireland@northwoodscatholic.org and let me know when you can come in and volunteer.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives*. Please make plans to volunteer and help us label our books for the Accelerated Reader program. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Vicky Ireland
Librarian

MARY: FROM NAZARETH TO THE CROSS

& A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

presented by

DR. EDWARD SRI



Madonna e Bambino · Maestro della Madonna di Perugia

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 · 7:00-9:00PM
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA · THE WOODLANDS, TX

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? THE CHURCH HAS ANSWERS!

- Why does the Church honor Mary?
- What was Mary's role in the Wedding Feast of Cana?
- When did Jesus ask Mary to be our Mother?
- Why do Catholics make the Sign of the Cross?
- What is the meaning of the Prayers & Rituals of the Mass?



DR. EDWARD SRI
As seen on EWTN

Discover how the prayers and rituals in the liturgy can come alive for us today once we understand their Biblical roots! From the Sign of the Cross to the final "Thanks Be to God," join us for a Scriptural tour of the Mass.

Gain new and deeper insights into Our Blessed Mother's role in God's loving plan of salvation for man. Find out how Mary is the "woman" promised in Genesis, received at the Immaculate Conception, given to us at the cross, and revealed in glory in Revelation.

Dr. Sri is a professor of Theology and Scripture at the Augustine Institute. As the author of a number of bestselling Catholic books, Dr. Sri regularly writes and speaks on Scripture, apologetics and the Catholic faith.

REGISTER NOW!

Only \$15 prior to January 9 or \$20 on/after January 9, 2012

Registration form available online at www.staoptw.org

QUESTIONS? Contact Colleen Stokes (cstokes003@comcast.net)

NEEDED: 4 PING-PONG TABLES!



Coach Soliz is planning a Ping-Pong Table tournament and needs to borrow 4 tables.

If you have a table we could borrow for a few weeks please contact Coach Soliz at vsoliz@northwoodscatholic.org

Thank you!