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## Grand Knight's Column

Dear Brother Knights,

Council activities for February are as follow:

We will be asking for volunteers to help serve the Seder meal in March. Six to ten volunteers will be needed.

We will have our pizza dinner awards presentation for those who participated in the free throw and knowledge contests on a date to be determined.

We will have our clergy appreciation dinner and announcement of Knight of the year and Family of the year in June.

Please let me know of any potential new members so we may set an exemplification date.

Thanks to everyone who assists in the many projects our council completes during the year. It takes many members to manage and complete the work at hand.

## Knight's Calendar

February

- 5 Officer Meeting 6:30
- 12 KC Membership Meeting 7; Ladies Aux. 7
- 17 4th Degree Meeting; Social 6; Dinner 7; Altona in New Holstein
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 19 3rd Thursday Burger Night 5-7

March (tentative)

- 6 Officer Meeting 6:30
- 12 Family Rosary 6:15; KC Membership Meeting 7; Ladies Aux. 7
- 13 Seton Fish Fry
- 18 4th Degree Meeting; Social 6; Dinner 7; KC Center
- 19 3rd Thursday Burger Night 5-7
- 29 Seder Meal at St. Peter Claver

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting.

Yours In Christ,  
Grand Knight Alvin Ice

### 2026 Council 722 Free Throw Championship Results

| District<br>qualifiers |                             | Sunday,<br>January 25th |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9                      | Elijah Burch (CCA)          |                         |
| 10                     | Joseph Spaeth<br>(CCA)      |                         |
| 11                     | Ethan Bietila<br>(CCA)      |                         |
| 12                     | Will Dexter (CCA)           |                         |
| 13                     | Garrett Urbina<br>(CCA)     |                         |
| 14                     | Jonathan Lancour<br>(Seton) |                         |
|                        |                             |                         |
|                        | <b>First</b>                | <b>First (tie)</b>      |
| 9                      | Aubrey Thill (CCA)          |                         |
| 10                     | Ava Yurk (CCA)              | Anayah Schuh<br>(Seton) |
| 11                     | Lydia Schuh<br>(Seton)      |                         |
| 12                     | Emma Depies<br>(CCA)        |                         |
| 13                     | Hadley Helminiak<br>(CCA)   |                         |
| 14                     | Natalie Pence<br>(CCA)      |                         |

### Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for February

Vatican City, 1 February 2026 (VIS) – The Holy Father's prayer intention for February – For children with incurable diseases, “Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.”

## Chaplain's Column

Brother Knights and Families,

The month of February is perhaps best known for the holy day of Ss. Cyril & Methodius and secular holiday of Valentine's Day competing for attention on the 14th, or for President's day. Let's remember Catholic Education. We can be rightfully proud that we offer to society at large some of the greatest young adults, shaped by moral values and the finest of education but also comprehensive understanding of the Catholic Faith. Everyday our children are "marinated" in a Catholic culture that openly confesses belief in Jesus and ponders the scriptures, church history and the lives of the saints from dawn to dusk. At any time, a child may gaze upon a cross prominently displayed in a classroom and ponder "what wondrous love is this?" Weekly, they can participate fully in the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of all we are and hope to be. Seasonal reconciliation services are also afforded.

A great thanks goes out to the Knights of Columbus, who have set Catholic Education as a huge priority. For the longest time, we have supported those advancing upon their journey of religious faith through our scholarship program. In the recent past, these were offered to a select few on a one-time basis. But, in recent years we have seen fit to change and expand the program to include children of any member over the long haul. It has been our hope that there could also be a win-win situation, with a parent or guardian becoming an active member also within the Knight's organization.

Have a Blessed Month,  
Fr. Dick

## Fourth Degree News

Brothers in Christ,

This month of February is a good month when one considers that your faithful navigator, your past faithful navigator, Valentine's Day, and Ash Wednesday are all this month. I just thought I would throw that out there in case someone was wondering, but no kidding aside if you see Larry, wish him a happy birthday on Saturday the 7th.

Valentine's Day of course is the 14th. Do not forget your significant other with a token of your love. Of course, we all might have to dig a little deeper in our pocketbooks but isn't our better half always worth the cost and effort.

Ash Wednesday is the 18th of the month and is the start of our Lenten season. Because of Ash Wednesday being our normal assembly meeting night, we will meet on Tuesday the 17th (Fat Tuesday) and we will be meeting in New Holstein at Altona Supper Club. This gives our brothers from Kiel and New Holstein a chance to travel less. Chicken & Tips, shrimp, etc. for our menu. Hope to see you all there.

I recently finished a novena to St Peregrine, patron saint of cancer patients, praying for three friends suffering from different cancers. Today I talked to an old friend on her birthday who revealed she just found out her ovarian cancer has returned. She was deeply touched that I remembered her on her birthday, and I believe, appreciated that I took time to listen to her story. Do you know someone who might be needing an ear to listen or a shoulder to lean on? Reach out and spend some time with someone in need this Lenten season.

May God Bless all of you this Lenten Season.  
Vivat Jesus!  
Tim Woodworth, Faithful Navigator

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**Please pray for our fellow Brothers or members of their families who have taken ill or are in distress in some way.**

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**If you know of a Brother Knight or his family member who needs our prayers or a visit, contact our Grand Knight Alvin Ice so he can inform the members of our Council. Contact: 405-696-6916 or [webmastersheboygankofc.com](http://webmastersheboygankofc.com)**

**January  
Knight of the Month**

**Dennis Van Hoof**

**January  
Family of the Month**

**Tom and Ann Jetzer**

**In Memoriam**

## Years of Service

|                   |    |                    |    |
|-------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Donald M Pitzen   | 55 | Timothy J Thompson | 17 |
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## Happy Birthday!

Wishing you a day that is as special in every way as you are!

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Jeffrey T Freye     | 02-01-1954 |
| Bruce R Henry       | 02-01-1954 |
| Alvin L Ice         | 02-01-1955 |
| Mark S Donlon       | 02-02-1956 |
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| James Bahar         | 02-14-1964 |
| Francis D Goettl    | 02-17-1936 |
| Francis G Scherer   | 02-18-1930 |
| Jason P Schroeder   | 02-18-1981 |
| Robert E Jeske      | 02-19-1952 |
| James H Prigge      | 02-19-1933 |
| Thomas J Engman     | 02-21-1954 |
| James L Schnell     | 02-22-1937 |
| Gary L. Tauferner   | 02-22-1956 |
| Jed P Hoffman       | 02-23-1968 |
| Brett R Goebel      | 02-25-1961 |

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**Saint Michael the Archangel,**  
defend us in battle. Be our  
protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the  
devil; May God rebuke him, we  
humbly pray; And do thou, O  
Prince of the Heavenly Host, by  
the power of God, thrust into hell  
Satan and all evil spirits who  
wander through the world for the  
ruin of souls. Amen

## Campus Corner - CCA

Greetings from Christ Child Academy and Happy 2026. We are back to school after a nice, long Christmas Break, and everyone is raring to go!

Our students in grades 1-4 were excited to once again participate in the KC poster contest this year. "The True Meaning of Christmas" got many of our students in the spirit for Christmas and afforded them the opportunity to express their faith and creativity. Congratulations to the following CCA students: Emmett Melin (gr. 1), Annie Shircel (gr. 3), and Stella Hemans (gr. 4), who all earned 1st place for their grade level in the local contest! Their posters will now compete at the district level. The 2nd place recipients from CCA for their grade level were Alessandra Eaton (gr. 1), Isaiah Murray (gr. 2), and Ingrid Ver Gowe (gr. 3). The 3rd place recipients for their grade level were Kamyra Schoerner (gr. 1), Nora Miota (gr. 2), Hunter Raleigh (gr.3), and Quinn Grote (gr. 4). These students look forward to receiving an invitation to the Youth Activities Awards Social in April. Great job to all those who participated in the poster contest.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction State Report Card, Christ Child Academy significantly exceeds expectations and is the highest-rated public or private school in Sheboygan.

Please join us for our Open House on Wednesday, January 28th, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, or schedule a personal visit by calling 920-459-2660 or visiting our website.

Christ Child Academy recently held the 2026 School Level Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Natalie Pence, an 8th grader, who is the school champion and will be competing at the Regional Level Spelling Bee held at Acuity on Thursday, January 29th.

We are excited to be celebrating National Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of what makes education at Christ Child Academy outstanding. We kicked off the festivities with Mass on Saturday, January 25th. We have a whole week of activities planned to recognize our students' accomplishments and to celebrate our faith community. The week's theme, "United in Faith and Community," encompasses the core values of Catholic education. Christ Child will host St. John the Baptist, Seton, and Holyland Catholic for the all-school mass (at 9:30, Wednesday, January 28) at Immaculate Conception Parish this year. We are conducting a Penny War with proceeds to benefit Project Angel Hugs, as well as creating a craft project for the children Project Angel Hugs serves. Dress up days are a staple, and include Hat and Gum Day, PJ Day, Twin Day, Favorite Athlete Day, and Beach Day with a pizza lunch on Friday. Each day we are also praying a decade of the rosary together. Please continue to pray for our mission. Your support is greatly appreciated!

On Monday of Catholic Schools Week, our guest speaker was Adam Widder, a Christ Child Academy alumnus and current seminarian for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He spoke to our students and staff during the Monday Morning Prayer Service and also visited classrooms throughout the school day. It was wonderful to have a former student inspiring and strengthening our students in their faith.

In Christ,

Melissa Raff

Math/Science, Christ Child Academy

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL NEWS

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## HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

**Welcoming families into  
joyful service**

The 2025-2026 school year has been a great year thus far for Home and School. We have a great group of faithful (pun intended) Home and School attendees.

In December, we thoughtfully prepared a Christmas basket for each staff member. Each item was so full of love and a genuine gift of the family that donated to it. Together, these items were a true blessing.

We are looking forward to launching a chocolate bar sale with World's Finest Chocolate. This business has a rich history in fundraising for Catholic schools and organizations. We can't wait!

We also look forward to providing another meal for teachers during their conferences on February 19. Later in the semester we will celebrate them during Teacher Appreciation Week.

This year has been a year to restructure and reignite the collaboration of parents supporting the school. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community at Seton. God is Good!

Academic Spotlight

## Meet Mr. Nick Wilson: Middle school math and phy. ed.

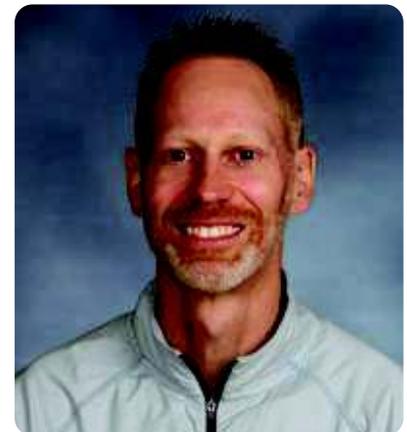
**Bringing new energy and a faith-filled presence  
to Math, Health and P.E.**

Mr. Wilson is the new teacher on staff at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. He is already bringing great energy to both our classrooms and our gym.

For many years he worked in retail before feeling called to earn his teaching license. He began as a substitute teacher as a building sub where every day he had a new class and new subject. But once he was done with his coursework, he hoped to find a school where he could build relationships with students and teach in a faith-filled environment. That desire led him to call St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. After speaking with Rhonda Anderson, he realized Seton was the place he had been looking for where he could share his faith while teaching and connecting with students.

In the classroom, he especially enjoys teaching math because it is concrete and has clear right and wrong answers. He connects the Catholic faith to math by reminding students to persevere, work together, and keep trying, even when a problem feels challenging.

Nick's love of sports, especially baseball and softball, adds to the



energy he brings to Physical Education. Outside of school, he plays in a softball league in the summer. At Seton, he hopes to introduce students to a newer sport this year: speedball, as well as, working with Mr. Halverson in setting up a Winter Sport Club.

What has impressed him most about Seton so far is the people. He has been struck by how dedicated the staff is, not only to helping students learn, but also to supporting families and living out the school's Catholic mission each day. Please give a warm welcome to Mr. Wilson!



**Our Mission Statement:** Using Jesus as our guide, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School provides a community where students, staff, and family live our faith and share knowledge to further spiritual and academic growth.

## Featured Alumni: A Six-Generation legacy at Seton.

In 1852, a two-room school opened on the very land where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School now stands. It started out as a small school for local children. Over time, the school has grown and changed over the years. Its story has continued since then and has carried on - not only in this place, but also in the families who are part of its history.

One of those families is the Kullman family, with six generations connected to this Catholic school community. The legacy begins with Fredericka Steffen, who attended what was then St. Mary Magdalene School in the 1850s. She later enrolled her son, Alfred. After him came his daughter, Catherine (Steffen) Maersch, and her husband, Fred Maersch. Their daughter, Mary (Maersch) Kullman, attended Holy Family School and is a current member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Mary and her daughter, Kristin Kullman (Holy Family School, Class of 1987), recently shared their family's story with our school community. Today, Kristin's son,



Asher, the sixth generation in this notable family, is a student at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

Mary and Kristin spoke fondly of their Catholic school days. Mary recalled that when she was a student, nearly all of the teachers were nuns.

At that time, the school went through ninth grade and had about 600 students, with classrooms that sometimes held as many as 48 children. She remembers students being well behaved, and the nuns as kind and excellent teachers.

Students walked to and from school each day and were even allowed to go home for lunch. Daily Mass was optional, but many students attended

regularly. Mary also remembers walking to Grant School twice a week, where the girls took home economics and the boys took manual arts.

Much had changed between the time Mary attended the school and the years her daughter, Kristin, was enrolled, but both remember the warmth of the school community.

Kristin shared memories of the large carnivals held for students and families, and she even remembers a bowling alley, along with a miniature bowling alley in the school basement. Those happy memories helped convince Kristin that Holy Family was the right place for her son. Today, Asher is a sixth grader at Seton School.

We hope and pray that this family's legacy continues for many generations to come. We are blessed by the beautiful mix of students whose families have been part of Seton for years, and those who are just beginning a new story that, God willing, will grow into traditions for generations.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LEADING LEADING WITH FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

Meet Uziel! Uziel Negrete is currently in eighth grade at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and looks forward to graduating in June. He has attended Seton since the first grade and has many fun memories of his classmates and teachers throughout the years.. One of his favorite things about Seton is that it is a Catholic school where everyone treats one another like family. He believes the teachers truly care about their students and want them to succeed.

Uziel's favorite class as an eighth

grader is Religion, taught by Mr. Hiles, because it teaches him how to live his life. He loves engaging in his faith through school activities and attending Mass along with other special faith formation activities like rosary, adoration, and confession. Uziel says Seton helps him stay true to who he is.

Outside of class, Uziel enjoys playing basketball and is also interested in fashion design. He uses an app to design hoodies and other athleisure clothing. He hopes

to become an entrepreneur someday.

If there's one thing Uziel wants to be known for, it's staying positive and being a good friend.

His advice for younger students is simple: "Be yourself." He feels St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School is a place where students can do just that!

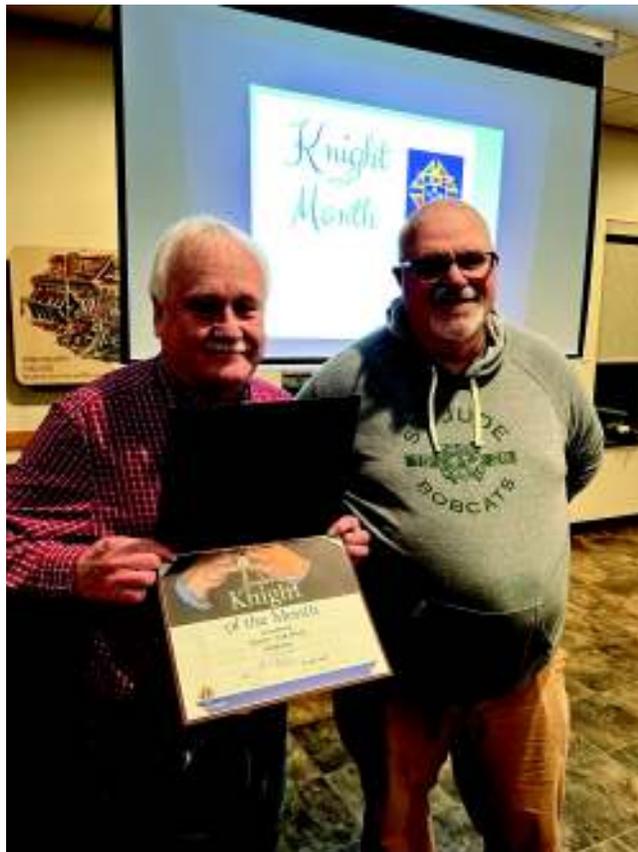


## Knights In Action January



### **Family of the Month**

Left: Deputy Grand Knight Jamie Berlin presents the January Family of the Month Award to Tom and Ann Jetzer.



### **Knight of the Month**

Left: Deputy Grand Knight Jamie Berlin presents the Knight of the Month award to Dennis Van Hoof.

# Knights In Action January

## Free Throw Championship at CCA

Left: Brother Knights stand in support of the CCA Free Throw competitors.



## CCA Winners

Left: The top students who move on to the District competition earn basketballs provided by KC Council 722.



# Knights In Action January



## Free Throw Championship at Seton

Left: Brother Knights score keeping at the Free Throw event.



## Seton Winners

Left: The students who moved on to the District Championship.

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