



Living Our  
**FAITH** Building Our  
**FUTURE**

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Plano, TX

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Dear Parish family and friends,

Throughout history God has given His people vision and support to move forward. We continue with the help of God to make a positive impact on the world around us.

Our new campaign *Living our Faith, Building Our Future* is a door of opportunity to make our vision real. The goal of this campaign is to heighten the use of our parish facilities and create a beautiful church for the worship of God in the direct center of our local community.

Please take time to study this brochure. As you reflect and study, pray:

**“Lord, what do you want me to do, to accomplish Your will, for my parish family, community and the Church of Dallas.”**

This campaign will be of real spiritual value to you, your family and our community. Your participation in the future work of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish begins a new opportunity for us all.

May this brochure assist you to reflect on what we can do as a community. Prayerfully may we begin this journey of discovery. We have an exciting opportunity to make our vision real by doing something beautiful for God.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Bruce Bradley, Pastor



# CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

## Happy & Pat Baumann

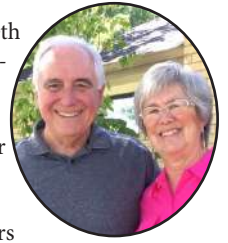
Happy and Pat have been members of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) faith community for 40 years. They have been involved in various ministries such as Adult Scripture Study, RCIA sponsors, Eucharistic Ministers, Renew 2000, Lector Ministry, Gala Committee and Friends of the Bereaved. SEAS has been their faith home in which their children grew up, were confirmed and were married. "We want to leave a legacy for them and the people who will come after us. God has been the Way, the Truth and the Light for our lives." They want to leave a visible sign of gratitude for the blessings they have received as members of this community. This new church will be a sign of our trust in a loving God. "He is alive at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano, Texas!"



## Joe & Carletta Eifler

Joe and Carletta have been members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish since 1979. They have been married for 51 years and have been blessed with three children and ten grandchildren.

Joe and Carletta have been Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for over 30 years. Both have been members of Seton's Stewardship Committee, EM Leadership Team, Religious Education teachers and past Chairs of the Seton Gala. Additionally, Carletta is a member of the Friends of the Bereaved Ministry while Joe assists at Funerals, Lectors and is a member of the Men's Club and The Knights of Columbus. Both Joe and Carletta are involved in the "Living Our Faith - Building Our Future" Capital Campaign because they "see a need for the future of our parish." "Seton is now located in the center of Plano and on one of the city's busiest streets. It offers our community the opportunity to be a stronger Catholic presence in the area, a welcoming environment to all and inspirational place to worship."



## Lisa & Dave Kiley

Lisa and Dave have been parishioners at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton since 1991. They have three daughters and six grandchildren. Lisa and Dave were married in the Church and their children received most of their sacraments there. "The parish has provided our family with so many blessings. It has brought us closer to God and we are serving on the Capital Campaign to ensure it continues to do this for others in the future." During their time at Seton, they have been involved in the Faith Formation, Eucharistic, and Hospital ministries. Dave and Lisa are volunteers at City House and the Samaritan Inn.



## Dan & Kathy Manack

Dan and Kathy have been parishioners at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton for thirty two years. They have been married for thirty seven years and have three children and four grandchildren. They are active in several church ministries and feel so blessed to be part of the Seton faith community. Their involvement in the capital campaign is driven by their desire to create a beautiful place of worship and an inspirational setting to come together as a faith community. This is their first church build and believe this as a calling to do their part in building God's house for current and future generations at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.



## David & Kathy McCabe

Kathy & David McCabe have been members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish since 1986 and have been married for 37 years. Both grew up in the North Dallas/Richardson area and met at Texas A&M University. They have four sons and they have 2 1/2 grandchildren. At various times one or both of them have been active in the Engaged Sponsor Couple program, the parish Finance Council, Boy Scout Troop 259, and ACTS. Kathy and David are excited to see the parish move ahead with construction of a new sanctuary and are pleased to help in the Capital Campaign effort to fund it.



## Terri & Ronald McCoy

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has been our home for over 26 years. "Home is where the heart is" which is why we put our hearts into several SEAS ministries including Friends of the Bereaved, Usher, Lector, Marriage Preparation, SEAS Gala and now the Building Capital Campaign. Our involvement in the SEAS Capital Campaign is fueled by the vision to build a legacy for future generations. If everyone does a little, we will achieve our ultimate goal supported by strong leadership, ambition, and contribution of time, talent and treasure. Jesus said, "You are Peter and upon this Rock, I will build my Church." We consider this a spiritual challenge and our responsibility for being Christ's instruments to expand the Church for future generations. That is why our ultimate goal is to build one united Catholic church that serves our own SEAS family and God's much larger community.



## Carolyn & Don Simoneaux

Carolyn and Don have been parishioners at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton since they moved to Plano in 1985. They have three children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They are retired and enjoy doing volunteer work, mostly in the parish. Carolyn is Art & Environment ministry leader, and Don is Lector ministry leader. They serve as communion ministers at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass and have been involved in many other ministries and activities at the parish and in the diocese. They joyfully give of their time, talent and treasure to support the faith community and are thankful to be able to help in building the future of the parish.



# ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON VISION

**Mission** – Our mission as a parish family is to continue building God’s Kingdom in the Plano area. We have been since 1976 proclaiming the Gospel, worshipping and sharing the Sacraments, and serving the needs of our community. The celebration of the Eucharist binds us together and strengthens us as followers of Christ.

**Challenge** – We have been using our present church since November of 1981. Our parish has grown to more than 5,000 families and our buildings serve 4,000–5,000 people each week. With eight weekend services, eleven daily Masses, funerals and weddings, we have thousands of people using our church – EACH WEEK!

Many needs and desires were expressed during our feasibility focus groups conducted in early 2019, including

- A new and inspirational church to celebrate Mass, weddings and funerals
- A welcoming presence to the main street that is clearly identifiable as a Catholic church
- A larger gathering space (Narthex) for fellowship before and after liturgies
- More ministry space for clergy and liturgical ministers
- New pews, and more space between them
- More space for the musicians and organ
- Adequate areas for devotional art and personal prayer

**Solution** - We expanded the campus significantly when we dedicated our beautiful Faith Formation Center in 2006. The pastor at that time, Fr. Henry Petter, promised that we would build a complementary church of equal dignity and beauty. The time has come for us to consider deeply the challenge to fulfill the promise made in 2006.

The building of a new church, with a sacred feel and modern updates, will complement our Faith Formation Center and bring our total complex to a proper balance, both in use and appearance. A new and more beautiful church will be an inspirational place in which to celebrate the Mass and the other liturgical events in our lives, such as weddings and funerals.

Our new church could face the main thoroughfare and distinctly welcome the surrounding community to enter. It would stand at the geographical center of Plano, and its appearance would inspire people to charity and prayer. A solidly built new church, with noble materials and appearance, would express our commitment to our Faith, our God, and would be a beautiful gift for our children and future generations.

**Financial Projection** – At this time, the projected cost is **\$16,500,000**. This cost includes construction of a new church, removal of the existing church to replace and realign parking, and creation of a unified connection to the remaining building and gardens. This is a cost estimate as of January 2019 and is subject to change. Diocesan financial policy requires that we collect 50% of the construction cost (not pledges) before beginning construction. Planning for the new building will occur as funds are raised.

**Future Action** - The dream of our new church may seem too big for us as individuals, but together we can accomplish great things with God’s help. May we move forward boldly.



# DATES TO WATCH FOR!

## September 14th and 15th

Information Weekend – KICK OFF!

Introduction of Case

Information Packets Available after all Masses

## September 21st and 22nd

Information Weekend

Video and Elaboration of Case

Information Packets Available after all Masses

## Week of September 23rd - 26th

Fellowship, Refreshments & Conversation Gatherings

Invitations will be mailed to all families, Please RSVP

## Weekend of September 28th and 29th

Inspiration Weekend

Called to a Season of Prayer and Seeking

## Weekend of October 6th and 7th

Inspiration Weekend

Being Grateful

## Weekend of October 13th and 14th

Inspiration Weekend

Giving Back to God

## Weekends of October 20th and 21st

Inspiration Weekend

Giving Back to God with Sacrifice

## Weekends of October 27th,

## November and December

Commitment Weekends

Announcements and Commitment Cards

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## PRAYER FOR BUILDING A NEW CHURCH

Eternal Father, we place our needs before you.

We are thankful for all you have given us.

As we begin this journey to build a new sanctuary,  
give us wisdom and strength.

May the Holy Spirit guide us to achieve our goals, and fulfill our needs.

May we accept challenges with confidence,  
knowing that you will help us in our work.

In our worship may we hear the Word of God with faith.

May we celebrate the Sacraments with hope.

May we serve one another with love.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

*Amen*

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Protector of the Universal Church, and patron of workers and families, pray for us.

St. Francis of Assisi, Called to rebuild the Church, pray for us.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.