

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph



*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
(Lk 2:40)*



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December 27, 2020

VISION

To be a growing community that inspires all to follow Jesus with a spirit of inclusion, compassion and service

MISSION

We encourage all to deepen their relationship with Jesus through scripture, prayer, stewardship and ministry to others

Welcome to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



On behalf of myself and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton staff, I would like to welcome you and wish you all a blessed Christmas season.

We are so grateful that you have chosen to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior with us. We wish you and your family the warmth and love that Christ brought to the

world this night so long ago.

Blessings and Shalom,

Father Doe



This year, our Christmas Season, along with many other aspects of our lives, will look a little different. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's message is one of hope. Because, even after the pandemic is over, many of life's challenges and

struggles will remain. But know full well, pandemic or not, Jesus has come into this world this Christmas. Christ has been born, and walks among us through the love he shows us and through the love we give one another,

Where do you find hope? How do you share it?
Merry Christmas!

May you share and receive the hope
that is found in Christ Jesus!

Susan Switalski, Pastoral Minister



**We wait for
the blessed
hope of the
glorious
appearing of
our great God
and Savior,
Jesus Christ.**

- Titus 2:13 -



12 Days of Christmas (HOPE!)... 12 things that might bring YOU hope! (Plus one bonus!)

The 12 days of Christmas begin December 25 and end on January 6 – The Feast of the Epiphany. Instead of partridges in pear trees, French hens, swans, and turtle doves, how about focusing on 12 days of hope? You didn't want those extra feathers in your house anyway, did you?

WHAT BRINGS YOU HOPE?

1. The dawning of a new day
2. Nature and gardening (plant a seed and watch it grow)
3. The pursuit of passionate purpose, as well as its achievement, that provides a sense of meaning and reward
4. Joyful and playful sounds and sights of children and people of all ages
5. Experiencing the best the world has to offer: music, art, beauty, dancing, singing, learning, creativity, innovation, and knowledge
6. Choice, freedom, and free-will (I have the ability to change the situation.)
7. History (I have done it before, so I know I can do it again.)
8. Connections with proper, positive people, a higher power, and the web of life
9. Regeneration in all forms as stimulated by breathing, sleep, meditation, prayer, spirit, impermanence, and quiet
10. Witnessing or experiencing acts of love, goodness, and kindness
11. Sense of competence. Positive feedback on an idea.
12. Sense of progress toward a goal.

(Of course there is a bonus "Hope" given to you! It is Christmas after all!) God is with us. "Jesus loves YOU; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen, and free you." ~Pope Francis, on the Kerygma of the Catholic Church 2013. Inevitably, life has its ups and downs. Hope carries us through. The most successful and happy people know where to find hope. What brings you hope? Know and nurture it.

~Susan Switalski, Pastoral Minister

Hope in Scripture!...

AND GOD SHALL
wipe away
ALL TEARS
FROM THEIR EYES;
and there shall be
NO MORE DEATH,
NEITHER SORROW,
NOR CRYING,
NEITHER SHALL THERE BE
ANY MORE PAIN.
FOR THE FOREVER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY.
Revelation 21:4

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL
YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE
AS YOU TRUST IN HIM.

ROMANS 15:13



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

7:30 AM Rosary
8:00 AM †Virginia Grimm
†Greg Goh (Family)

Thursday, December 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope

7:30 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Living and deceased members of
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Living and deceased members of
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Saturday, January 2 Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM †Tony Goh (Margie Bauer)
†Susan Friedrich
(Paul & Cathy Riedl)

Sunday, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM †Teresa Ann Moore (Family)
†Mary Jane Grzesk
(Nieces & Nephews)
10:45 AM †Jerry Daniels (Nancy Daniels)
†Patricia Baudhuin
(Birkholtz & Marzolf Families)



Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020.

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
[7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt
2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/
Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn
1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Where Does Our Seton Staff Find Hope?



Father Joe Aufdermauer, Parish Pastor

My faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior gives me HOPE. As I face the trials, temptations and tribulations of life, I think back, and realize that our Lord Jesus has gotten me through all of these in the past, so why wouldn't He continue to help me in the present and in all future twists and turns? It hasn't always been the way I would have wanted it but things did turn out okay. I HOPE that that gives everyone HOPE!



Sue Switalski, Pastoral Minister

Hope can be found in faith. For me, faith is knowing what is and hope is knowing what can be. I have absolute faith that God's love exists in the world despite the images and stories that dominate our culture. I feel hopeful through the incredible selfless giving spirit that I am witness to here at Seton. Kindness, patience, and charity are abundant and through the sharing of those forms of love, my hope grows in others and then, cultivates and confirms my faith.



Jeff Copson, Deacon

I see hope in the eyes of children. In Chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel, we hear that unless you accept the Kingdom of God like a child, you will not enter it. That is why I look to the unconditional love of children, their zest for life, their exuberance to look for the good in all they do! This gives me hope and reminds me that the Kingdom of God is here with us right now, if we just take the time to seek it, see things as children see them and give thanks for it. The eyes of our children give life and hope to us all!



Dave Fennelly, Director of Administrative Services

If it were not for the challenges in life, we would take life for granted. While I don't welcome the difficult times, I am grateful that they remind me that I always have a partner in Jesus for both the good and the bad.



Mickey Holtz, Director of Youth Ministry

At this special season of Christmas, scripture gifts all of us with the following prayer: *"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:13)

With this in mind, I realize that I am blessed to try to live my life as an optimistic, hopeful, positive person. The glass is usually more than half full for me, even in sad, discouraging, or challenging times. And why is this optimism here? Because we are given a spiritual source, a firm foundation in life: Jesus the Christ and a relationship with Him. Hope is Light. Jesus is our Hope and our Light. Hope is being able to see that there is Light despite all the darkness that sometimes fills the world. May the Hope given to all of us be a source of strength during the coming year! Come let us adore Him!



Ann Ryan,
Director of Child Ministry

*"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for."
(Jeremiah 29:11)*

As this challenging year draws to a close, these words of Scripture provide great hope for me. They are a reminder that God does not bring disaster upon us, but that he walks *with us* through our trials. We can get so lost in the mess of our lives that we forget that God desires only good for us--and that his plans are only for our good, as well. With my future in God's hands, how can I not be hopeful?

On Christmas, we celebrate Emmanuel--God with us. I pray that all of us remember this Miracle, and experience it in a deeper way this Christmas season and beyond, so that our hope might bubble over as we approach a new year. Let's be bearers of hope to others this coming year, rooted in God's loving providence for our lives. Whatever future you are hoping for, I pray that you remember that God is with you as you journey to it.



Barb Lee,
Coordinator of Child Ministry

When I was young, my mother would remind me to keep my eye on the prize, as that will give me strength to endure whatever I am going through. Her wise advice was derived from *Philippians 3:14*, *"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* To say we have been pressing on these past several months is an understatement. Yet looking for God in our midst, I see his Holy Spirit at work, even through COVID. I see families slowing down and spending time together, friends reaching out to each other in new and creative ways, healthcare professionals reaching a higher level of heroism than professional athletes, individuals becoming more considerate and compassionate of others, neighbors looking out for one another, and the list goes on... I realize that it is in these valleys of difficulty that I am being refined and I am able to discern what truly is important in order to achieve the prize on which I keep my eyes.



Mary Bostwick
Administrative Assistant/Finance

I find hope by praying and believing in Jesus. He is the only one who can give you true hope. He never lets you down when you surrender your heart to Him. *Romans 5:5 "And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."*



Johanna Lee
Coordinator of Child Ministry

When I feel like I've lost hope, I say a little prayer for God to show me the little blessings I have. He shows me what I should be thankful for, and that brings me hope that not everything is going wrong. It reminds me that God has provided, and will provide all I need.



Kathy Stawicki
Director of Communications

"A thrill of HOPE, the weary world rejoices"

Those song lyrics from "O Holy Night" are certainly fitting this year. The pandemic has tested our ability to remain hopeful. For me, I think of hope as a state of mind based on optimism and positivity. I find hope in my faith that Christ Jesus is with me every day giving me strength and courage to always look for that optimism. When I look for and recognize all the positive things that have happened during the pandemic, I am optimistic for a future that is not just a return to "normal," but a future that is brighter than before. That thrill of hope makes me rejoice! *"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15:13*

Practicing Hope: Responding in times of Crisis

What to do when you or someone you know is struggling to find hope? Where is hope when all seems hopeless? Check out the website:
https://www.hoffmaninstitute.org/practice_hope/.

Connect To Your Spiritual Self

“Don’t just *do* something, **STAND THERE!**” Try to first *get still*. From that place of stillness, check in with your spirit. Remind yourself that you are more than this finite moment in time, more than this body living on earth.

Practice Self-Compassion

Try to move into the practice of self-compassion.

Make A Gesture Of Kindness

Once you feel yourself to be in a more calmer place, you can then ask yourself, “*What gesture of kindness can I do now, for the world?*” “*For those in need?*” See what comes to you. Then try to act on it. The simple act of bringing ourselves into a state of loving kindness has ripple effects on our world that we may never see. What does that smile do for a stranger’s day? What might the subtle, positive shift in that person’s mood do for the next person he or she encounters? Make choices from hope, not fear.



Hope in Help: NAMI CRISIS HOTLINE

The National Alliance on Mental Illness offers anyone help at any time. The NAMI Help Line is here for you. Help Line volunteers are working to answer questions, offer support and provide practical next steps.

The NAMI Help Line can be reached Monday through Friday, 10 am–6 pm, ET. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or info@nami.org. Because we’re in this together, you are not alone.

We hope you can join us for Mass throughout the Christmas Season.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 26, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27, 8:30 a.m./10:45 a.m.

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day, January 1, 9:00 a.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 3, 8:30 a.m./10:45 a.m.

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 8:30 a.m./10:45 a.m.



SAVE THE DATE SETON 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 8:30 AM



January 4 is the feast day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. On this day in 1981, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee established a brand new parish in the city of New Berlin with the namesake of America’s first-born saint and patroness of the Catholic School System. The Spirit of Seton was born that day, and 40 years later, it thrives in a faith-filled parish that is vibrant, charitable and engaging. 2021 will be a full year of celebrating this occasion and it will begin with a very special 40th Anniversary Celebration Mass. Please join us (in person or virtually) as we kick off a year of events recalling our past, giving thanks for our present, and anticipating our future. Stay tuned for more updates!



Cookies Needed for St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program Wednesday, December 30th

St. Vincent de Paul is currently providing carryout meals for their guests. Our parish will be providing dinner on Wednesday, December 30. Please consider baking a batch of Cowboy Cookies for dessert. There is no need to sign up. The recipe is available on the Seton website. Using the *Getting Involved* tab, click on *Human Concerns*, then *St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program* and scroll down to the *Cowboy Cookie Recipe*. Cookies should be packed in sturdy containers that will not be returned. Please bring them to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s lower kitchen by 2:00 pm on Wednesday, December 30. Volunteers will be departing earlier than usual. Questions can be directed to Cindy Schaus at rschaus@mac.com or 414-405-4086.



Last Sunday, on December 20, our faith community welcomed **Reagan Suzanne Diem** into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism! We are incredibly grateful for Reagan Suzanne as she is welcomed into the Catholic Church. May this be the beginning of a life of ever-growing discipleship lived in the love and joy of our Christ, Jesus.

AA Meeting

Tuesday, December 29, at 7:00 pm, in Sippel Hall. Social distancing is practiced.

How Can We Serve You?

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Parish Office: 262-782-6760

Christian Formation Office: 262-782-8982

Parish Website: mystelizabeth.com

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass:..... 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

Daily Mass:..... 8:00 AM Mon. & Thurs.

Rosary: 7:30 AM Mon. & Thurs.

Individual Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday 4:00 PM-4:30 PM

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Grieving during the 2020 Holidays



The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton community is sorry for the loss of your loved ones and wish we could take away your pain. Sometimes realizing that everyone grieves differently and understanding the grieving process helps. Check out the Church and Chapel website, www.churchandchapel.com Grief Support menu that includes Grief Words by Dr. Alan Wolfelt and Journey of Grief videos with Doug Manning. What can you do this season?

- Tell the stories of your loved one and encourage others to do the same.
 - Give yourself permission to observe the season in new ways or not at all.
 - Light a candle or have a special decoration in honor of your loved one.
 - Above all, listen to your own needs – call a friend, laugh, take a walk, eat, sleep, cry
- Know that the parish community continues to pray for you and feel free to call if we can help.

The faith community and staff of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton extend our deepest sympathy, prayers, and support on the loss of:



Lorraine A. Gillman
Died on November 25, 2020
Buried on December 14, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her.



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