

December 26, 2021

Christmas

A Savior
has been born for you who is
Christ the Lord



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
FOLLOW JESUS | SERVE OTHERS

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

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Exploring Seton: A Look Ahead

January

Sunday, January 9 (10:45 AM Mass)

Blessing for 2021 Baptism Babies

Sunday, January 9 (9:30-10:30 AM)

Adult Enrichment: Deepening a Relationship with Jesus in Scripture

Sunday, January 16 (after Masses)

Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship

Sunday, January 22 (6-8:30 PM)

Trivia Night & Kids Night Out

Wednesday, January 25 (4:30-7 PM)

Spaghetti Dinner

February

Sunday, February 13 (9:30-10:30 AM)

Adult Enrichment: Deepening our Relationship with Jesus through Prayer

Sunday, February 20 (after Masses)

Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship

Saturday, February 26 (10 AM-12 PM)

Sacrament of Confirmation

March

Wed., March 2 (8 AM & 6:30 PM)

Ash Wednesday Mass

Sunday, March 20 (after Masses)

Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship

Saturday, March 26 (6 - 12:00 PM)

Seton Auction and Gala

April

Sun., April 10 (8:30 AM & 10:45 AM)

Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord

Holy Thursday, April 14 (7 PM)

Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 15 (1:30 PM)

Celebration of Passion & Death of Jesus

Holy Saturday, April 16 (8 PM)

Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17 (8:30 AM, 10:45 AM)

Easter Sunday

Welcome!

Welcome to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton! Whether you're joining us in person or online, know how glad we are that you're here and what a joy it is to open our hearts with you and honor Christ Jesus, our Savior – TOGETHER!

We pray that you feel the presence of Christ throughout this Christmas Season, and beyond. May you look carefully at the world around you to seek what and who give you Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Beauty is worth noticing. The very presence of Jesus is perpetually born again in our world when we serve, love, and give to each other.

Whether you're joining us in joy or in grief, peace-filled or pain-filled, whether your faith is wavering or steady, we don't think it's a coincidence that you've joined us today and we are so glad that you did. Jesus comes to meet us wherever we are— and he loves us no matter how we feel.

May you place your burdens in the manger of Christ Jesus and allow him to transform you into an everlasting light of God's abundant love. Thank you for being part of our faith community! No matter where you are on your journey, you're welcome here.



Merry Christmas

On my behalf and that of our entire dedicated Seton parish staff, I want to welcome you and thank you for considering worshipping with us. We are all so very grateful for your presence here. Our prayer is that you and your family and all your loved ones would know and experience God's presence and share that as a present for others.



Christmas Blessings and Deep Shalom,

Father Joe

Father Joe Aufdermauer

Seton Parish Priest, 262-782-6760



Join our Community of Faith

If you are interested in joining our faith community or would like to stay connected through weekly emails, call our parish office at 262-782-6760 or go to mystelizabeth.com/contact and send us a message. We look forward to connecting with you!

Join us

Online or In Person!

Weekend Services at Seton

Sat. 5:00 PM | Sun. 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

Weekday Service

Mon. & Thurs. 8:00 AM

Weekend Livestream

Sun. 8:30 AM

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Weekday Service

Mon. & Thurs. 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Baptism

We walk together with families as they raise their children to know Jesus. Contact us if you or someone you know would like to welcome their child into the Church,

First Eucharist

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Our Sacramental Preparation program for First Eucharist is designed as a faith journey for kids and their parents to take together.

Confirmation

Christians receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit and deepening of baptismal graces needed to grow as mature disciples of Christ. Confirmation is a chance to say YES to God, YES to faith, and YES to the church. Confirmation Preparation at Seton helps high school students build relationships that help them know if they are ready and want to take this step.

Exploring the Catholic Faith

Life, Spirituality, and the Catholic Faith! How do they go together? Small group sessions are being offered to those who would like to explore the possibility of becoming initiated (Baptism, Communion, or Confirmation) into the Catholic Church.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the Parish Office at 262-782-6760.

We Pray Together

Serve at Seton

Each weekend people just like you give their time to serve. We call them disciples. Join us as our disciples welcome guests, hand out worship aids, work behind the scenes with technology, pour coffee, and help kids learn about Jesus on their level. It takes many hands to bring the Spirit of Seton to those who gather with us. If Christ is calling you to take another step on your journey, contact the parish office to get started: 262-782-6760.

Share Your Gift of Music!

Have you been thinking about joining one of our choirs? NOW is the time! We are blessed to have a motivated, fun, and prayerful music ministry. There is something for *everyone* to give our Lord praise through song in worship.

How Can We Pray for You?

Share a prayer request at mystelizabeth.com/prayer

We Build Community

Christ built his church by forming relationships with people, and we are called to do the same. In fact, God designed us to do life together. Here at Seton, we help to build and strengthen our sense of community through experiences like our summer Funfest, the Seton Auction, monthly Coffee & Donuts, and New Member Welcoming! These ministries bring us together and grow our parish community.

We Serve Others

Are you seeking joy? Experts agree that joy enters our lives when we help others. When we turn our faith into action outside of these walls, we become the hands and feet of Jesus. Currently, 21 ministries recognize and serve the charitable and social justice needs of our neighbors and the world around us.

These ministries are as diverse as the people that serve on them and those that they serve. Ministries range from bringing Eucharist to the homebound to walking in solidarity with parishioners in El Salvador. Our parish provides outreach grants while educating ourselves on Social Justice issues and supporting the migrant community in our area. This holiday season, we provided 500 Thanksgiving dinners and over 300 Christmas gifts for those who would have gone without. When we serve others, **we** are transformed.



We are Formed as Disciples of Jesus

Christian Formation is about fostering our relationship with Jesus and one another. We are a community who is called to be formed in Christ - at all ages! Check out a few ways we pray together, grow as disciples, and serve others here at Seton.

Family Faith Formation gathers generations of families to share a meal and explore faith together. Parents gain tools to practice faith at home and K4-8th graders enjoy experiences tailored to their age group, including a special program for 3 and under.

Christian Formation for Kids (K4-6th Grade) blends music, hands-on activities, technology, small group discussion, and prayer to encourage authentic discipleship growth. Join us on Sundays, September through April from 9:30-10:30 AM.

Liturgy of the Word for Children brings special Gospel messages to our youngest disciples during the 10:45 AM Mass. Through music, video, stories, and games, children learn how God's Word guides us and that God loves us.

Christian Formation for Teens (7th-10th Grade) combines large group setting and small group faith sharing to learn about and live our Catholic faith through a variety of experiences. Join us Sunday mornings from September through April from 9:30-10:30AM.

Summer Mission Trips and Service Weeks are available for Grades 9-12 to serve those in need while deepening their relationships with God and others. Please keep the group serving in Alaska this summer in your prayers.

Adult Formation

Join us as we grow in Christ together through: bible studies, speakers, presentations, faith groups, service projects and more! No matter where you are on the journey, you are welcome here.



Prayer & Worship



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)

Second Reading

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 1-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, December 26

Counting Team #3

Monday, December 27

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

Office Closed

7:00 PM

AA Meeting (Sippel Hall)

Thursday, December 30

5:30 – 8:30 PM

Labyrinth (Sippel Hall)

Sunday, January 2

12:00 PM

Counting Team #4

No Christian Formation

Alaska Mission Trip Mtg (Seton H)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM †Donald J. Chrzan (Dolores Chrzan)

†Mary Flaherty (Judith Meier)

10:45 AM For all the living and deceased members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Monday, December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM †Greg Goh (Family)

†Cleone Goelz (Louise Cwiklinski)

Thursday, December 30

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM †Jeanne "Inez" Johnson (Pam Cassels)

†Elizabeth Nagy (Bev McCarthy)

Saturday, January 1

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM Reconciliation

5:00 PM †Florian Jozefacki (Imy Schley)

†Roger Madore (Friends)

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM †Florian Jozefacki (Caroline Cobb)

†Cleone Goelz (Mae Newsom)

10:45 AM For all the living and deceased members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



T'was Three Months 'Fore the Auction

T'was three months 'fore the Auction and all through the church, the committee was stirring, preparing an evening of mirth.

The requests were sent out, soliciting service and goods; please sponsor our game board if you think that you could.

On your calendar, mark the date: **Saturday, March 26, 2022**
We will eat, drink, and be merry, while bidding on an item or two.

Setonopoly is the theme for the 23rd Annual Auction, and missing this fun-filled event is not even an option.

At Sonesta Milwaukee West is the place where we'll gather. Plan to come with old friends, or meet new if you'd rather.

If you're feeling the spirit, and you'd like to help in some way, please contact the Co-Chair . . . Do it now, don't delay!

Nancy Gulotta – nancygulotta28@gmail.com / (262) 853-8464

Come and Pray with us Soon!

Know that you are always welcome here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We hope that when you pray with us you might feel the same "Spirit of Seton" so many others have felt. Here's what our online community is saying:

"This Mass at your church makes me so happy and peaceful." - Mary O.

"Absolutely amazing how many people watch this together!" - Linda M.

"Finding St. Elizabeth Ann Seton online over 15 months ago has been such a blessing to me during the pandemic. Although we have never met, I feel connected to this parish" - Mary E.

"Just listen to the sermon, WOW! I'm going to follow the Seton Community, especially during Lent. It all sounds so positive." - Judy K.

"That is wonderful! So many from all over the world joining our parish family." - Nicole Q.

"Thank you for your reply and your promise of prayers for my healing. What a delightful surprise. I didn't expect to hear from anyone. I can tell you that the Sunday liturgies are such a tremendous blessing for me. Know that I am very, very grateful your staff and Father make it possible to pray with you every Sunday." - Patricia G.



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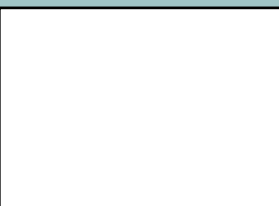
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