

January 2, 2022

# The Epiphany of the Lord



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.*

*- Matthew 2:10-11a*



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## 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

## TO FELLOW DISCIPLES OF OUR LORD JESUS: FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:



Part of our problem, in reading these Sacred Scriptures so long after the actual events, is that we bring into the text all that we have added due to suggestions and images that we heard and seen. Some questions: Who were the Magi? How many were there? Where did they come from? When did they see the star and get organized? How far did they travel? When did they arrive? Where did they meet Jesus and Mary and Joseph? What was all this with Herod? Why did they disobey him? I thought I would just wet your scriptural whistle with a few comments, but only about a couple of these questions.

### WHO WERE THE MAGI?

Over the years, they have become "KINGS." There is no evidence of this. Magi describes a category of scholars who engaged in dream interpretation, astrology and predictions of the future. Common opinion is that they came from Persia. We have no idea when they saw the star and what kind of star it was, when they got organized, how long the journey took or where they met Jesus and Mary and Joseph. The scriptural text mentions they came to a "house." Was the house in Bethlehem or Nazareth? Interesting speculation at best. How many were there? Everyone says "three." Why? Because they presented three gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. But there could have been more, of course. Legends recorded by an eighth-century saint and first English historian, Bede the Venerable, named the three, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. Artists, especially after the discovery of the New World, have often made the Magi into a multiracial trio with black, red and yellow faces. Thinking it over, we would be inclined to imagine more than three because a caravan for just three would not be likely. And they could represent more cultures and races than just three.

### SOME DEEPER MEANINGS AND CHALLENGES

1. The Magi were definitely not Jews but gentiles. This would mean that Jesus, as the Messiah, would be coming for ALL people. The star, always symbolizing "light" would indicate a new and fresh and open way of thinking. Since the Word of God always seeks to challenge us, could this not ask us if we are open to people of all races, religions, ethnic groups? What do we really think about the

immigrants, refugees, the poor? What do we think they deserve from us?

2. Herod was the ruling civil authority, a villainous political power. And yet these Magi disobeyed him. They exercised a true form of civil disobedience. They risked their lives for this. Subsequently Joseph and Mary had to take Jesus and flee to Egypt so that Herod would not kill Him. They too became refugees themselves. Do we ever think we have to choose civil disobedience? What about the injustices in our society and in our laws? Do we ever challenge ourselves to consider if have to follow an unjust law or the true laws of God? Where would this lead us? Maybe this will open up some new doors as we, too, follow this "light of Christ."

New Year's Blessings and Shalom,

Joe Aufdermauer, Seton Parish Priest  
262-782-6760



*"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation.  
Old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come."  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

God of Eternal Presence  
You have brought me into a new year  
full of endless possibilities.  
Be with me as I try to walk in Your love  
and Your light.

Whether in cheer or trial,  
Help me to focus on possibility and not problem.  
Open my eyes to potential and not limitations.  
Give me the courage to speak Your joy and reflect  
Your peace in all that I say and do.  
May I surrender completely to  
Your most Holy will in my life.  
I ask this all through the power of the Holy Spirit and  
through Your Son, Christ Jesus. Amen

*Susan Switalski, Pastoral Minister*



# January Adult Enrichment

Dr. Dan Scholz  
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## Exploring Luke's Gospel!

Join us!

January 9, at 9:30 a.m.

Seton Hall (Downstairs)

Or

January 10, at 6:30 p.m.

In our Sanctuary

Did you know that there is a three year cycle for our Sunday Readings? Each year focuses on a different Gospel!

YEAR C of our Catholic Liturgical Calendar focuses on the Gospel of Luke.

Come to find out who Luke was, the main message of his Gospel, and what it means for us today!

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of a loved one?  
You are welcome to attend  
"Companions on the Journey"  
grief support group.

Wednesday, January 12, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.  
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choice of a beverage and a mask. **RSVP for  
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This is an opportunity for you to share your story of  
grief (sharing is optional) in a safe and supportive  
environment. We offer comfort, friendship, and many  
resources (books, pamphlets, etc.)

Since Seton collaborates with Holy Apostles Parish,  
you can attend their evening session as an  
alternative: **Monday, January 10, 6:30 PM - 8:30  
PM, Holy Apostles Welcome Center.**

#### Feast day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton- January 4

Did you know our parish patron saint's feast  
day always falls on January 4 during the  
Christmas Season? What better way to  
celebrate her feast day than to find out more  
about who she was. Check out the following  
videos on her life here: <https://youtu.be/bPfelwZgGE8>  
<https://youtu.be/Zs1wMZ9AR64>.



Prayer for the intercession of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Lord God,

You blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton with gifts of grace, as a  
wife and mother, educator and foundress, so that she  
might spend her life in service to your people. Through  
her example and prayers, may we learn to express our  
love for you in love for one another. We ask this through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for us!*



#### December BAKE SALE ~ THANK YOU!

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making our third Bake Sale of  
the season a HUGE success ~  
the highest amount we have  
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Trip!!! Again, thank you for  
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Peace,

*Mickey Holtz, Director of Youth Ministry*

## BUILDING BLOCKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Christmas Is a Season ~ Not Simply One Day!

Take a peek at the [mystelizabeth.com/prayer](http://mystelizabeth.com/prayer)  
website to pray with resources offered to you for the  
Season of Christmas! In the Catholic Faith, we  
celebrate Christmas through January 9, which is the  
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We have some  
new prayers and meditations just for this incredibly  
sacred time of year. Enjoy!



The Seton Bereavement Ministry is an active body  
of parishioners dedicated to assisting those  
experiencing the loss of loved ones. We encourage  
you to consider becoming a member of this ministry  
as we FOLLOW JESUS and SERVE OTHERS.

#### WHAT WE DO

- assist the funeral home personnel with the set-  
up of the church and gathering area for the  
funeral Mass
- tend to the needs of family members
- perform miscellaneous tasks to assist the pastor  
and music director

#### WHAT WE DON'T DO

- cook or clean
- expect you to assist at every funeral, only as  
your schedule allows

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# Prayer & Worship



## Sunday's Reading

### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)



## Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

**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

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, January 3

### Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM †Dobias, Nehrling Family (Fred & Mary Nehrling)  
†Father Melvin Macoskie

### Thursday, January 6

### St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:30 AM Rosary

8:00 AM †Roman & Elsie Jelen (Frank & Nancy Jelen)  
†Elizabeth Nagy (Junell Kendziorski)

### Saturday, January 8

4:00 PM Reconciliation

5:00 PM †Jerry Stenke (Barb Stenke)  
†Elaine Jacobson (Dave & Debbie Pscheid)

### Sunday, January 9

### Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM †Mary Flaherty (Rosemary & William Pekrul)  
†Rick Freiberg (Roger & Jean Pyzyk)

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

### Special Blessing for 2021 Baptism Babies

## EPIPHANY



## Parish Directory

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](http://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

### Our Staff

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### Sunday, January 2

Counting Team #4

No Christian Formation

12:00 PM Alaska Mission Trip Meeting (Seton Hall)

### Monday, January 3

**Office Closed**

### Tuesday, January 4

**Office Closed**

7:00 PM AA Meeting (Sippel Hall)

### Wednesday, January 5

6:30 PM Migrant Ministry Meeting (Seton Hall)

### Thursday, January 5

6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Seton Hall)

### Sunday, January 9

Counting Team #5

9:30 AM- 10:30 AM Christian Formation K4-10 (Entire Complex)

9:30 AM Adult Enrichment Speaker Dan Scholz (Seton Hall)

10:45 AM Special Blessings for 2021 Baptism Babies & Reception to follow Mass

5:00 PM Confirmation (Entire Complex)



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