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Founded 1909

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8 AM - 4 PM

Closed: Noon-1PM

Religious Education Office Hours

Sunday: 8 AM - noon 815-965-3448

Schedule of Masses and Devotions

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 9 AM First Friday of the Month: Noon Rosary: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer after Weekday Mass St. Anthony Devotion:

Tuesday after Mass

Holy Day Masses

7 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM

Confessions

Daily after the 9 AM Mass

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4 PM

Baptisms

2nd and 4th Sundays: after the 10:30 AM Mass Register at the parish office

Baptism Class

1st Sunday of the month: 9:30 AM Register at the parish office

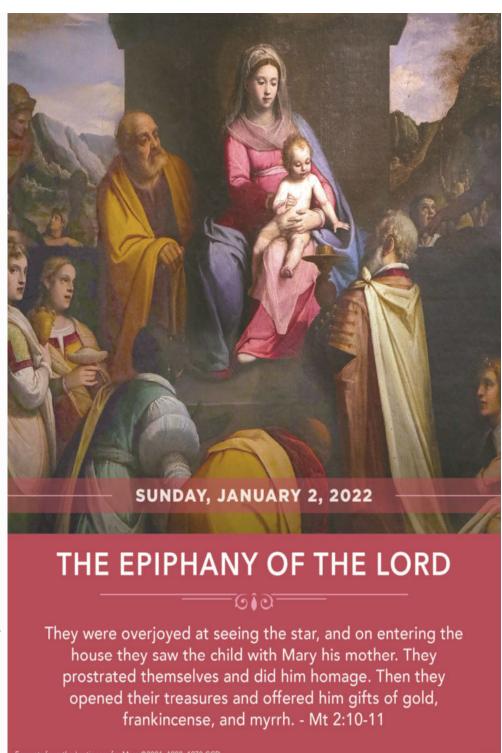
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Reserve your date at the parish office at least six months before your

proposed marriage.

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Mission Statement

Reborn in Christ, our mission is to worship God in truth and in love, as we discern and fulfill God's will in the work of evangelization by welcoming, sharing our faith, and compassionate outreach.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Our Presider's Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

the people of St. Anthony Parish Noon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 - VIGIL

4:30 PM The Addotta & Kuczynski families by family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM + Audrey Messina by John & Miechelle Terranova

10:30 AM + Philip Graceffa by Jim Graceffa

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 - HOLY NAME OF JESUS

9:00 AM +Grace Ciaramitaro

by Valeri DeCastris & David Beccue

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 - SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

9:00 AM +John Owens by Bernice Brown

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 - SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

9:00 AM +Angelo & +Karen Pegoraro by Florence Pegoraro

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 - SAINT ANDRE BESETTE

9:00 AM +Mary Sarro by Connie St. Angel & family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 - SAINT RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

Noon + Josephine Scibona by Connie St. Angel & family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 - VIGIL

4:30 PM +Michael Rondone, +Mary Ann Rondone

by family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM The people of St. Anthony of Padua Church

Deceased friars, relatives & benefactors of

St. Bonaventure Province

10:30 AM + Dan Ferri by Stacica Nazzarini

Conventual Franciscan Friars

Rev. James Ciaramitaro, OFM Conv., Pastor Bro James Dufresne, OFM Conv.

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Weekend of Sunday December 19, 2021

Weekly amount to meet bu	ıdget	\$6,058.00
Children's offerings (0)		0.00

Amount collected in church & through the mail \$3.963.05 Electronic transfers (36) \$1,077.00

> Total: \$5,040.05

Under Goal ② (\$1,017.95)

The Diocesan Stewardship 2021 Appeal

Stewardship Goal (amount required to pay Diocese)

\$36.877.00

payments still needed (\$1,054.32)

Second Collection



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

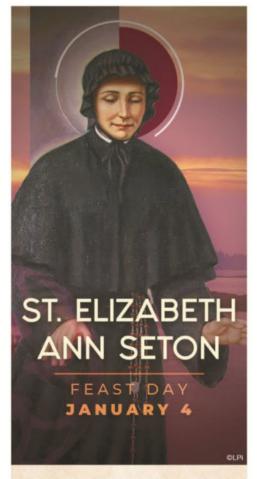
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

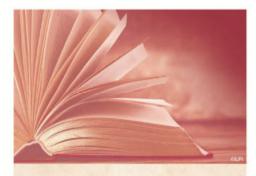


SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

(Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)



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)



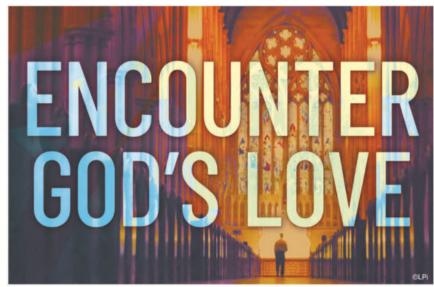
GOSPEL

"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)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

SEASONS OF HOPE

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Please come to this Christ-centered series where we seek to find hope in the midst of sorrow. Anyone in the Greater Rockford Area who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest. Please join us. St. Bridget Church

Next Meeting: Monday, January 3

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Hospitality Room of Church

Our sessions will involve meditation on Sacred Scripture, grounded in our Catholic faith, and no-pressure group discussion. Bring your Bible. For more information or to let us know that you would like to attend, please contact Kay Ethington 815-621-7117 or email k.ethington14@gmail.com

Future meeting dates: January 17, 2022



We will pray for you and your loved ones! Send your prayer requests (first names only) to:

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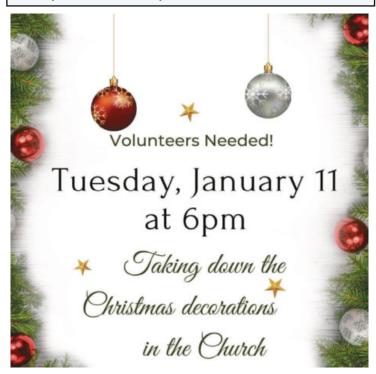
Join our prayer chain! Email gcvisel@gmail.com
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A Reminder



Please remember that the present state mandate and our diocesan directives requires all of us to wear a mask when we are in church for Mass. Please wear a mask from the moment you enter into church and please leave it on as you receive Holy Communion.





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