



# ST. ELIZABETH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 29, 2020  
FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

**Sunday Masses**

**Weekday Masses**

**Limited Public Masses; see inside or  
our website for more information**

### **New Parishioners, Welcome!**

Please contact Heather Solis at  
hsolis@stekc.org to join the parish.  
*You must be a registered parishioner for  
sacramental preparation.*

### **Sacraments**

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:00pm – 4:00pm or  
by appointment with Fr. Greg

#### **Preparation for Infant Baptism**

Please contact Deacon Mike McLean at  
mmclean@stekc.org to make  
arrangements.

#### **Marriage**

Registered parishioners who wish to be  
married need to contact Deacon Mike  
McLean nine to twelve months prior to  
the anticipated wedding date.

### **Our Mission Statement**

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church is a vibrant,  
Christ-centered community whose primary  
purpose is to celebrate the sacred liturgy  
and the Sacraments. Empowered by the  
Sacraments, we are called to personal  
holiness, to spread the word of God, and  
to actions of generosity and compassion  
toward all of God's people.

*First Sunday of Advent/  
Follow the Star Home for Christmas*



Artist: Mira

## 1st Sunday of Advent

As we begin our Advent journey in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth and in anticipation of his coming again in glory, we are reminded of our need to be vigilant and prepared. This short season of Advent can be a mini-retreat for us who find ourselves living in a world that is often counterproductive to developing mature, focused, and meaningful relationships with God. Being a Christian and standing firm in our faith requires a strength that can only come from prayer. These four short preparatory weeks can help us look back to what God has done in history, to what God continues to do in our lives today, and to what God promises for the future. May we use this Advent time wisely, calling us to greater holiness. It's the grace of Advent to help us become watchful and attentive.

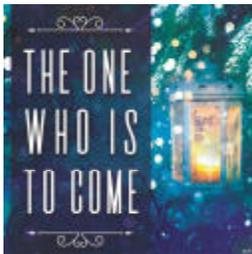
## Follow the Star Home for Christmas

No matter where we are, we can all worship together as one family of faith this Christmas.

For those who will be celebrating at home, we will be livestreaming the 3:00pm Vigil Mass on December 24th and providing a specially curated **Christmas Eve Star Collection** to enhance your at-home experience. For those who will be celebrating in-person, masks and social distancing protocols will be followed at all Masses, as directed by Bishop Johnston. Mass times are 3pm, 5pm, and 7pm on December 24th, and 10am on December 25th.

**Please register for either your Christmas Eve Star Collection (enhanced livestream option) or preferred Mass time (in-person option).** Registration for either option is required and will begin on Sunday, November 29th at Noon at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org) or by calling 816-523-2405. We have 100 seats per Mass\* and 220 Christmas Eve Star Collections available, so please sign up early.

\* Subject to change based on updates to diocesan or civic guidelines.



## Pray for our Military

***We remember in our prayers the loved ones of our parish family who serve in the military:***

**Major James Harris**, son-in-law of John and Kieran Cullinan; **John Kelly**, son of Joe Kelly; **Luis Moen**, son of Gary and Bridget Moen; **Pvt. Michael Muraski**, nephew of Phillip Muraski; **Ross Ryan Nigro**, grandson of Gloria Nigro; **Jeremy Rice**, son of Mike and Catherine Rice

*Please notify the parish office when a loved one is serving in and returning home from the military.*

## School Corner

### Faith as Our Armor

I feel encouraged and inspired after listening to Fr. Greg's recent school Mass homily. In it, he calls us all to go and make disciples by being more like Jesus. How powerful it is to know that we can have such an impact on others. This reminds me of the scripture in Ephesians where St. Paul calls us to put on the armor of God. Our faith, our armor, gives us steadiness in the midst of an uncertain world. Steadiness that comes from faith, alone. That by acting out of faith, generosity, joyfulness, and mercy, we will make disciples. Let us pray for a renewed mind and heart that points towards Jesus, our ultimate hope, and in turn leads our students and children to the Lord.

Sarah Kindscher  
School Counselor

## Dollars and Sense

*In an effort to increase awareness and understanding of our parish's finances, each week in this column we will provide updates and information regarding a variety of topics:*

Since March our school's administrators, teachers, and this community have worked tirelessly to open our school in-person. It hasn't been easy or without challenges, but together everyone's commitment has made this vision a reality. To keep everyone in school learning as much as possible we had to make the difficult decision to suspend several income-generating programs like before/aftercare and the Camp Shamrock summer program. While necessary from a health perspective this has meant a reduction in the school's ability to generate its own income. As this parish's largest ministry now more than ever it is going to take all of our support through our tithing to ensure the financial stability of our school now and in the months to come.

## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

**Raul Acevedo**, elder and community leader in the Romero Community of El Salvador; **Annette Ahnemann**, sister of George Koppe; **Jim Buckley**; **Olivia Cameron**, granddaughter of Ed & Mary Webb & great-granddaughter of Tom & Joanne Laughlin; **Mark Craig**; **Mike Faeth**; **Cathy Fox**; **Leo Guzman**; **Doug Henry**; **Angela & John Hirte**; **Jan Irick**; **Tina Jinkins**; **Sandy Kauffman**, mother of Matt Kauffman; **Lucy Koch**, daughter of Kevin & Beth Koch and granddaughter of Michael & Hanna Cusick; **Lucy Luce**, mother of Kelly Logan; **Joseph Ludwikoski**, son of PJ and Mary Ludwikoski; **Louis Mandl**, stepfather of Nancy Miller; **Marsha Mangold**; **Kathleen Matthews**; **Pearl Mayanja**, daughter of Judith Mayanja; **John Miller**, father of Victoria Blume; **Michaela Neal**; **Butch & Donna Newell**; **Rosie Ragsdale**, daughter of Kelsey & Michael Ragsdale; **Tahlia Riley**; **Don Rizzo**, father of Anna Valdivia; **Ron Rode**, father of Kay Kremer; **Mary Jayneen Ross**, sister of Jim VanDyke; **Bernie Rupp**, brother of Mary McNamara; **Gary Schell**, inlaw of Jerry & Christine Hurlbert; **Chris Storm**; **Heather Volker**, sister-in-law of Staci Courter; **Marie Wood**, sister-in-law of Peggy VanDyke; **Beverly Yancey**, sister of Janet Garnett

*Please notify the parish office when a friend or loved one is in need of prayers, Eucharistic Minister, or is in the hospital.*

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

I recently caught myself muttering, "I didn't sign on for this," on a very busy day. I was muttering that because most of what the staff and I were trying to sort through were logistical challenges that are just part of parish and school life these days. I was annoyed that, after so much theological training and pastoral formation, many of my days are consumed with issues and decisions that seem far outside the realms of spirituality. Some days it's just easy to feel sorry for ourselves, especially when we feel out of control or out of our depth.

Fortunately I heard myself muttering and reined it in. And as I listened to the echo of my words, I laughed. "No, you didn't sign on for this. You signed on for much more." That's life for all of us. We think we know what we're getting into, but if we're lucky, we don't have a clue. We get into the reality of our lives and realize that we need much more help than we can ever summon on our own. And on those days, if we're paying attention to the message of our faith, we look beyond ourselves, up to the heavens or out past the horizon, and wait for help.

I love Advent. I love it because it carries a mystical spirit and calls us beyond the seen, the heard, and the known to the great miracle and mystery beyond us. But I realize this year that I often walk into Advent with the wrong spirit. I want it to be peaceful and inspiring, I want it to feel good and be comfortable. But this year I realize that Advent is actually a wake-up call, a jolt out of the feel-good, comfortable world we fashion for ourselves, that Advent sets the stage for God's invasion of our safe, peaceful little worlds. Advent is a pull into that mysterious life beyond us, larger than us, deeper than us. It's probably not supposed to be comfortable. If we're making room for God, it's probably going to leave us unsettled and disoriented. John the Baptist sure doesn't want us to feel satisfied with life as it is. And Joseph and Mary have their lives and plans turned upside down by the Word Made Flesh.

The world is profoundly unsettled right now. Probably very few of us feel much peace or sense of control in our lives. Maybe we're readier for Advent than we've ever been.

Peace,  
Fr. Greg

## Stewardship

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

~International Catholic Stewardship Council

### Stewardship Shout-Outs:

- To all who continue to serve others in our community during our current health crisis.

## Building Our Legacy



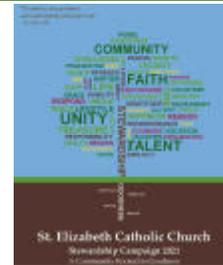
**Pledged: \$5.68 Million**  
**Total Collected: \$4,910,980**

Over the next several weeks we will be sharing answers to some of the most frequently asked questions we've been asked about the new building.

**Q:** What is going to happen with the brand new evergreen trees on Main St. that have died already?

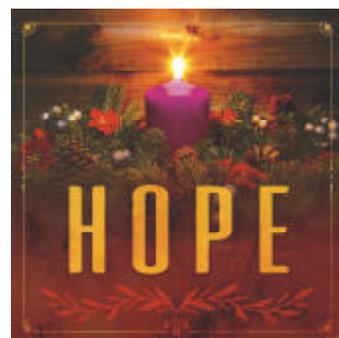
**A:** These trees, like most of the work done, are under warranty and will be replaced at no additional cost to the parish.

## Stewardship Campaign



**Goal: \$1,830,000**  
**Pledged: \$667,045**

If you have not yet returned your Stewardship pledge for 2021 please do so ASAP. As of our bulletin deadline, only 36% of our goal has been pledged. These annual pledges give each of us an opportunity to consider our blessings, all that God has bestowed on us, and to return a portion in His honor. We are all asked to share 5% with our parish, 1% with the diocese, and 4% with other charities and ministries of our choosing.



## Parish News & Notes

### Public Mass Information

We resumed the public celebration of Mass with necessary restrictions (<https://kcsjatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/liturgical-guidelines/>).

Here are some important things to note:

- As instructed by the diocese, the faithful are obliged to wear a mask the entire time you are inside the church. **Masks will be required for EVERYONE entering the building.**
- All four Diocesan bishops in Missouri have dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. **This applies to EVERYONE.**
- Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church, in accordance with diocesan, national, state, and local health directives.** All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church.
- Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass.**
- We will continue to livestream Mass for as long as needed so that those not attending in person may maintain a spiritual connection with St. Elizabeth.**
- For everyone's health and safety, resumption of public Mass must be slow, deliberate, and limited.
- We continue to limit the number of people who may attend weekend Mass to practice social distancing. **Pre-registration and check-in is required.**
- We are celebrating 7am Daily Mass on Tuesday and Friday mornings. All Masses are held in the church and **you do not need to register to attend. Masks are required the entire time you are inside the church.**
- Our Livestream Mass will now always be at 4:30pm on Saturday.** All livestreamed and recorded Masses are accessible through our YouTube channel at [https://bit.ly/STChurch\\_School](https://bit.ly/STChurch_School)

Mass procedures and guidelines, including mask usage and communion distribution, plus registration links can be found on our website at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org).

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing patience, grace and flexibility as we continue to adapt and adjust to the fluid nature of gathering for Mass in the midst of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Fr. Greg and the staff are working hard to keep this experience healthy and holy for all who choose to attend.

## Parish News & Notes cont.

### Social Services Notes

Thank you for your continued support of our St. Elizabeth Food Pantry!

**Current food pantry needs are:** *no immediate needs*

### St. Elizabeth Christmas Stars

Please consider participating in the Christmas Star Program by signing up to purchase a gift or make a monetary donation online at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org), look for the Christmas Star Link!



We are asking that all donations be made by **Monday, Dec. 7** so gift cards and turkeys can be purchased and gifts organized before family pick-ups start on December 14. If you make a monetary donation, funds used for Gift Cards will be purchased through the Scrip Program whenever possible.

Gift drop-off locations and times:

- Drop off at Church before all Masses (collection tables will be marked)
- Drop off at the PMC Mon – Fri from 9:00am – 4:00pm (collection bin outside door will be marked)
- Contact Lisa Anielak at [lanielak@yahoo.com](mailto:lanielak@yahoo.com) to arrange a pick up from your home.

\*\*\*Please include the gift information (Family #/Age/Gender) and/or your name. Labels will be available at drop off locations.\*\*\*

Your donations help to make the Christmas season joyful for many of our neighbors.

### El Salvador Corner

"Thank you for doing this for the Salvadoran people. For every kid you and St. Elizabeth supports, you are helping a family, a community and why not, a whole country. This program means a lot to me because I was part of it and I hope it continues growing and changing many Salvadoran lives."

~Miriam, St. Elizabeth's first scholarship student to graduate from college



### Annual Scholarship Appeal \$20,000 match!

In 2020, STE sponsored 114 students (62 Catholic grade school, 31 high school and 21 university). With your help, we hope to fund even more scholarships in 2021. To help meet this goal, an anonymous group of donors will be matching all donations up to \$20,000!! For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org). Because the Salvadoran school year begins in February, your year-end gift to the STE El Salvador Scholarship Fund will immediately impact the lives of these children and their families. There is no gift that is inconsequential; every gift is meaningful!

**Art Supplies needed for Romero Community Art Therapy Program:** Please see the parish website for a link to the El Salvador Wish List on Amazon.

## Parish News & Notes cont.

### Black Catholic History Month The First Black Christian

Our Black Catholic brothers and sisters can trace their history back even before Christianity was introduced to people of Northern Europe.



Black Catholic History began in the 1st Century as told in the Acts of the Apostles (8: 26 – 40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. Being called "Ethiopian" probably was a reference to his black skin color rather than being from Ethiopia. His service to the "Candace" indicated he lived in southern Egypt or northern Sudan. In any case he was very dark skinned.

Christian Africa was indeed a leading light in the early spread of Christianity. Black Catholics point to three popes who were born in Africa: Saints Victor I (late 2nd Century), Melchades (early 4th Century), and Gelasius I (late 5th Century). All three shepherded the early church through tough and tumultuous times in history. Black Catholics also claim many Black saints: Cyprian, Zeno, Anthony of Egypt, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pisentius, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas, and Thecla. Some of these mystics, monastics, and martyrs literally made the church what it is today for all of us.

More information can be found on our website under our EmbRace Justice ministry at [www.stekc.org](http://www.stekc.org).

### Interested in the Catholic Church? Join Us!

We continue our classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Our next class meets this **Tuesday, December 1, from 7:00 - 8:30pm** via Zoom. The class will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming and Entrance into the Order of Catechumens at the 4:30 Mass on Dec. 5.

For more information, email Deacon Mike at [mmclean@stekc.org](mailto:mmclean@stekc.org). All are welcome!

### Life Corner Presented by The Respect Life Ministry (RLM) of St. Elizabeth

Each year, more than 135,000 children are adopted in America. As we complete our observance of National Adoption Month and begin Advent, let us remember that Jesus's adoptive father, Joseph, opened his home and heart to a baby, God's greatest gift to the world.



### Mothers of Young Children Ministry

Are you a mother with kids under 5? If so, we would LOVE you to meet you! We meet every 2 weeks, and our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 2 at 7pm**. This ministry will help connect moms of the parish who are in a similar life stage of raising young children, through shared friendship and faith. Meetings are held either virtually or outside (socially-distanced with masks.)

For more information, please contact Monica Lagos ([mismert@gmail.com](mailto:mismert@gmail.com) 816-510-3280) or Ashley Heyburn ([ashleyheyburn@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyheyburn@gmail.com) 917-723-0098).

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal



**St. Elizabeth Goal: \$86,000**  
**Pledged: \$42,492**

Through your support of the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), you have helped the entire Catholic Church of Northwest Missouri and the people of our region. By providing education, help for the poor and adult faith formation, we enrich our community in ways unknown.

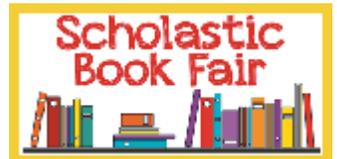
Thank you for your generosity.



## School & CPTA News

### Scholastic Book Fair

St. Elizabeth School is working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school library with our Scholastic Online Book Fair, happening now through Dec 6!



The Fair will connect kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. You'll love the new option to experience the magic of the shopping experience through a Virtual Book Fair!

Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
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- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stekcschool>

Thank you for continuing to support our school.

**December 5/6**

**Lectors**

4:30pm Jane Brummel  
 7:30am Doug Kinney  
 10:00am Volunteer Needed

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

4:30pm Sonya Salazar  
 7:30am Stacia Troshynski- Brown  
 10:00am Nancy Miller

**Check-In Table**

4:30pm Mary Cary  
 7:30am Ryan Brennan  
 10:00am Kathy Symmonds

**Sacristan**

7:30am John & Kathy O'Toole

**Schedule of Events**

**November 30 – December 6  
 All Events Suspended**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 1</b>
7:00am	Mass
7:00pm	RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 2</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
7:00am	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
3:00pm	Confessions
4:30pm	In-person Mass—signup required
4:30pm	Livestream Mass on YouTube
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 6/2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
7:30am	In-person Mass—signup required
10:00am	In-person Mass—signup required

**Mass Observations November 30 – December 6**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Andrew, Apostle</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b>
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>

*“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”*

— MK 13:35-36

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #200, 1998, 1970 CCD

**The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:**

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report *suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**Readings for the Week of November 30, 2020**  
**M:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22  
**Tu:** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
**W:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
**Th:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**F:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
**Sa:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



# Church/School Directory

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