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JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday 7:00am
Wednesdays 8:30am Livestream ONLY
(September – May)

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

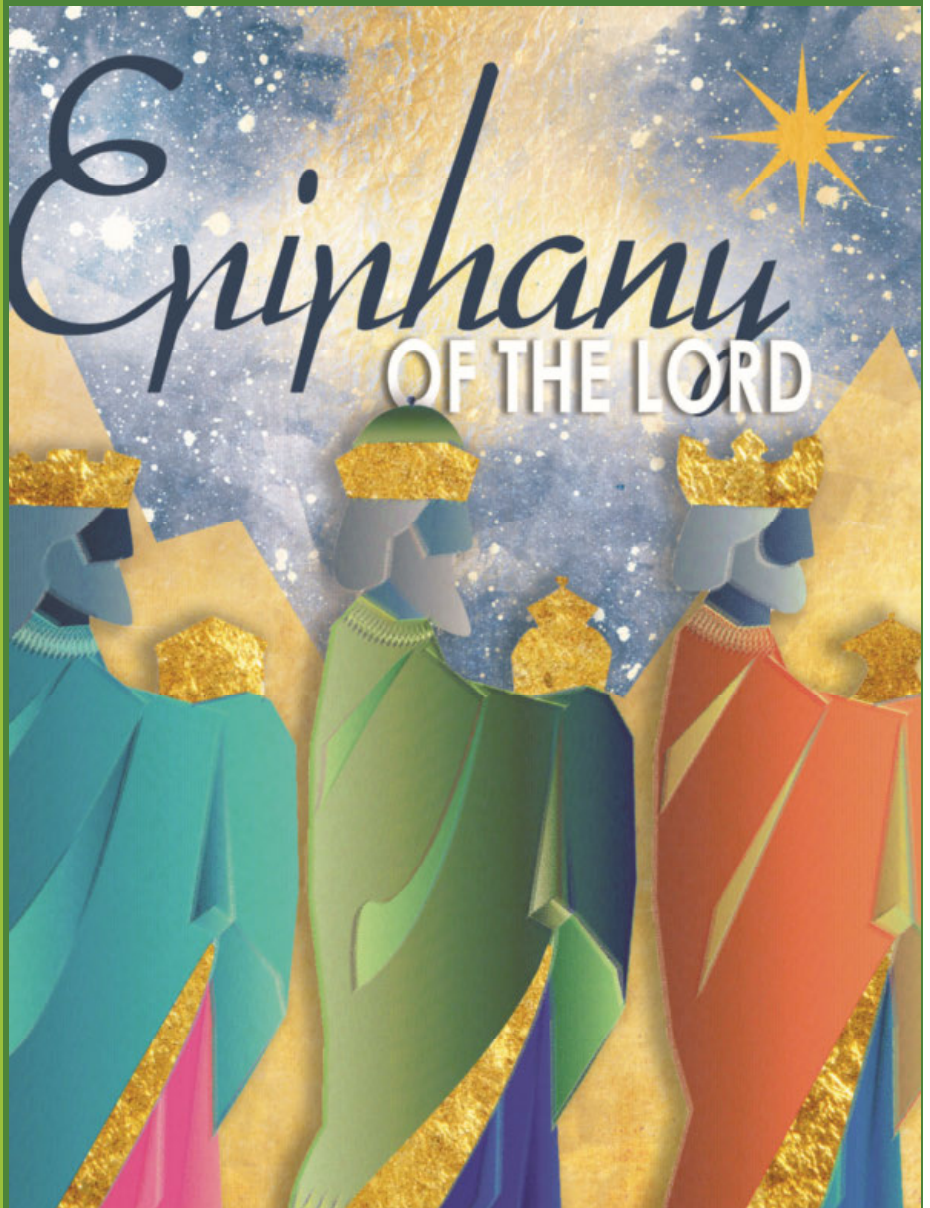
Please contact Deacon Mike McLean at
mmclean@stekc.org to make
arrangements.

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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

-LPI



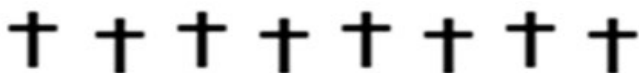
Stewardship

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul teach the community at Ephesus that God's revelation had come, not just to their community, but to others as well; that a broader community of believers was being allowed to exercise stewardship over the Good News. Good stewards recognize that it is in our life together as a Eucharistic community that we find ever new vistas and insights into God's vast universe of love and mercy. If we take time to listen to one another, we discover stories of faith beyond our own. Pause this week to converse with others, listen to their prayers, and observe acts of kindness and generosity. See if you can gain an understanding of God and the world that you have not experienced or known before.

~International Catholic Stewardship Council

Stewardship Shout-Outs:

- To all who continue to serve others in our community during the pandemic



School Corner

January Christskills

Cooperation



Initiative



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Raul Acevedo, elder and community leader in the Romero Community of El Salvador; **Mary Ann Brown**, mother of Kevin Crawford; **Jim Buckley**; **Terry "Red" Carter**, father of Patrick Carter; **Mark Craig**; **Anita Donaldson**; **Larry Foster**, father of Kathleen Giwa; **Cathy Fox**; **Chuck Gosselin**; **Leo Guzman**; **Sterling Haning**, stepfather of Jennie Curry; **Angela & John Hirte**; **Jan Irick**; **Wanda Kaffenberger**; **Sandy Kauffman**, mother of Matt Kauffman; **Lucy Koch**, daughter of Kevin & Beth Koch and granddaughter of Michael & Hanna Cusick; **Helen Livingston**; **Joseph Ludwikoski**, son of PJ and Mary Ludwikoski; **Carol Lynn**; **Marsha Mangold**; **Pearl Mayanja**, daughter of Judith Mayanja; **Michaela Neal**; **Sandy Nickel**; **Dan Owens**, nephew of Jerry Hurlbert; **Rosie Ragsdale**, daughter of Kelsey & Michael Ragsdale; **Ron Rode**, father of Kay Kremer; **Mary Jayneen Ross**, sister of Jim VanDyke; **Marilyn Stowers**, sister-in-law of Shirley McCarty; **Michael Vinlove**; **Heather Volker**, sister-in-law of Staci Courter; **Toni Walters**; **Felix Witkowicz**, father of Sandra Nussbeck; **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,
As the first American-born canonized saint, St. Elizabeth Seton has particular importance to us as a parish that enjoys her patronage. We celebrate her feast day this Tuesday!

Elizabeth Seton was a wife and mother. She shared the vocation to which many of us have been called, to be married and to be a parent. In living as a wife and mother, Elizabeth Seton brought her faith to bear on her daily life. There were everyday joys and struggles that many of us share with her, and in these everyday realities, we share a call to be holy.

Elizabeth Seton was also a widow. She suffered the pain of losing her spouse, and knew the same grief and loss that many of us bear today. After her husband's death, she had to find her way forward, relying on God's grace and her own God-given talents. This is a journey that many of us walk here at St. Elizabeth, to bury a spouse, to give thanks for them, to grieve and to keep walking the journey before us.

As a convert to Catholicism, Elizabeth Seton's own journey of faith mirrors that of many in our community. Raised as a dedicated Episcopalian, she heard a call to move toward the Catholic faith after the death of her husband. Inspired by the example of Catholic friends, she made the decision to become Catholic, accepting the challenge and opportunity to develop new relationships in a new community of faith. In our parish, so many excellent examples of this same journey abound. So many who have embraced the Catholic faith at St. Elizabeth serve as the best examples of it, cherishing it and living it with joy and vigor.

St. Elizabeth Seton founded the first Catholic school in the United States, a ministry to which our parish is strongly and uniquely devoted. Recognizing the need for children, especially poor and immigrant children, to have a strong and solid education, she made tremendous sacrifices to open and operate this school. It is a ministry to which she was strongly devoted, as are we.

St. Elizabeth Seton reminds us that we are all called to – and capable of – holiness. Through prayer, discernment and action, she allowed the Gospel to come to life in unique and exciting ways. We give thanks for her patronage and claim again our call to imitate her as a faithful follower of Jesus.

Peace,
Fr. Greg

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; **SPC Riley Head**, nephew of Sarah Darmitzel; **John Kelly**, son of Joe Kelly; **Captain Michael Medina**, son of Frank and Teresa Medina; **Luis Moen**, son of Gary and Bridget Moen; **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.

Building Our Legacy



Pledged: \$5.68 Million
Total Collected: \$5,479,371

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Feasibility Study and Survey and took the time to share their input about a possible campaign to establish a new/renovated PMC and a rectory. Your input will help inform our decision-making and the future direction of the parish.

We look forward to sharing the results with you at a Parish Town Hall on **Sunday, February 27, 2022**, following the 10am Mass.

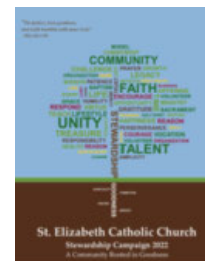
Dollars and Sense

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.

Thank you to everyone who made a year-end gift in support of our parish and ministries. Your gift is greatly appreciated and helps to ensure that St. Elizabeth will remain a strong and vibrant parish home today and in the future.

If you are still interested in making a gift, please contact Vicky Kinney or Heather Solis in the parish office.

2022 Stewardship Campaign



Goal: \$1,830,000
Pledged: \$1,682,075

With your help, we can close the remaining gap of \$147,925 between our 2022 goal and current pledges. If you have not yet submitted your 2022 pledge please do so today. Your commitment to St. Elizabeth is critical as we plan for the coming year and beyond. Pledge forms can be found in church next to the bulletins or you can make your pledge online at www.stekc.org.

Thank you to 396 families who have already made their 2022 pledge. Your faithful stewardship makes the mission and ministry of St. Elizabeth possible. If your pledge included a change to your ACH auto-withdrawal please remember those changes begin on 1/1/22.

Parish News & Notes

Masks Are Required Inside all Buildings on St. Elizabeth Campus

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



We continue our regular weekend and weekday Mass schedule. All are invited to attend.



- Those with serious health concerns, pre-existing conditions, or who are caregivers to the vulnerable, etc., continue to have the grant of a particular dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. For more information on the particular dispensation, please visit: <https://kcsjatholic.org/comehome/>
- 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. All livestreamed and recorded Masses are accessible through our YouTube channel at https://bit.ly/STChurch_School

Thanks to all who have helped with this process during the pandemic.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA class resumes this **Tuesday, Jan. 4, 7:00 – 8:30pm in Seton Hall.**



The topic this week is **Living in Christ: Be-Attitudes**. All parishioners are welcome to join us and support our Catechumens and Candidates seeking a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith.

We Have Moved!

We have officially moved our Parish Ministry Center (the parish offices) to our new space! Please note our new mailing address at the corner of 75th & Walnut:

**4 E. 75th St
Kansas City, MO 64114**

Thank you to everyone who has helped us!

Parish News & Notes cont.

Social Services Notes

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry and our Social Services program, especially during the holidays.

Current food pantry needs are: *no immediate needs*

2022 Free Throw Contest

Sunday, January 30

1:00pm

STE School Gym

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be Sunday, January 30 at 1:00pm in the school gym for boys and girls ages 9 – 14 (as of January 1.)



Winners will move on to the district contest (vs Visitation and St. Peter's) with the opportunity to go to regional and state competitions. Grandsons, granddaughters, nieces, and nephews from outside the parish are welcome as well.

Please contact Jim Berry (jberrym@gmail.com or 816-210-0993) if you have any questions.



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

At its most basic level, the pro-life message is this: An unborn child is a human person whose life has value and deserves to be protected by our society. Carrying this message throughout our parish and beyond is the mission of the Respect Life Ministry at St. Elizabeth. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the parish office.



This year the RLM will continue to fulfill its mission to pray, educate, and act. We invite the parish to join us quarterly for a rosary for life, continue to chronicle life in the womb with a monthly Life Corner entry detailing a baby's development, and perform service projects for local mother's homes. Watch the bulletin and your email for ways to get involved.

Parish News & Notes cont.

Christmas Stars 2021

Thank you once again to all the generous contributions made by so many St. Elizabeth Families. Your gifts of money, gift items, and time allowed 50 families to have a more merry and less stressful Christmas Holiday.

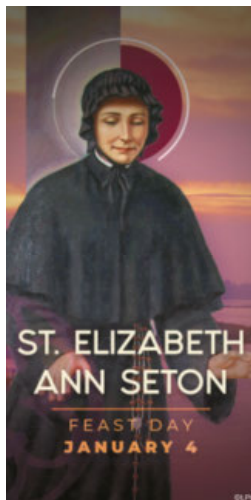


The gratitude felt by the families in the program is overwhelming!

Program Details:

50 Families
110 Individuals
188 \$25 Gift Cards
41 Turkeys
195 Gifts

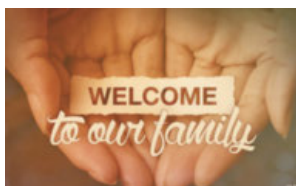
Thank You All for making the Christmas Star Program a success!



Welcome New Parishioners

A big St. Elizabeth welcome to the following newly registered parishioners. We are so glad you are here!

Matthew Barkofske
Merilee and Ron Blake
Shelby Rothmier
Scott Sheridan



Faith Formation

U.S. Religious Institutions and Slavery—A Closer Look

January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 7 – 9pm
OR

January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 10am – Noon

Join Biagio Mazza by Zoom for a four-session series in January: **Slaves, Be Subject to Your Masters (1 Peter 2:18): A Narrative of American Religious Institutions and Their Historical Complicity with Slavery and Racism.** The sessions are scheduled for Wednesday evenings, January 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 7 – 9pm. They will be repeated on Thursday mornings, January 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10am – Noon.

The sessions will explore the history of both Protestant and Catholic institutional participation in slavery and racism, and what these institutions are doing today to address these historical wrongs.

To register and receive the Zoom link, email Biagio at Biagio@stsabina.org and let him know your preference for Wed. or Thurs. sessions.

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal



St. Elizabeth Goal: \$88,000
Pledged: \$80,076

We would like to thank all our Parishioners who have joined together as one family in pledging their gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "To equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, in building up the body of Christ," Ephesians 4:12. If you have not made your commitment, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift is very important. Thank you for your generosity.

In Loving Memory

We remember in love our parishioners and family members who have died in the light of faith:

Mike Dayson, husband of Darrah Dayson and father of Grace Dayson

Please pray for the family members and friends who mourn. May they be comforted in their grief and find solace in prayer and happy memories.



January 8/9

Lectors

4:30pm TBD
 7:30am TBD
 10:00am TBD

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm TBD
 7:30am TBD
 10:00am TBD

Servers

4:30pm TBD
 7:30am TBD
 10:00am TBD

Greeters

4:30pm TBD
 7:30am TBD
 10:00am TBD

Gift Bearers

4:30pm TBD
 7:30am TBD
 10:00am TBD

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. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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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, 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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Schedule of Events

January 3– January 9

Monday	January 3
Tuesday	January 4
7:00am	Mass
7:00pm	RCIA—Seton Hall
Wednesday	January 5
7:00am	Mass—Fr. Holloway
8:30am	School Mass—Livestream Only
Thursday	January 6
7:00am	Mass
Friday	January 7
7:00am	Mass
Saturday	January 8
3:00pm	Confessions
4:30pm	In-person Mass/Livestream Mass
Sunday	January 9
7:30am	In-person Mass
8:45am	PSR Class—SH
10:00am	In-person/Livestream Mass

Mass Observations/Intentions Jan. 3 – 9

Monday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
7:00am	David P. Fitzgerald
Wednesday	St. John Neumann, Bishop
7:00am	Salem McLean
8:30am	A Special Intention for Jo & Moira Aubuchon
Thursday	St. André Bessette, Religious
7:00am	Mike Dayson
Friday	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
7:00am	Terry O’Toole
Saturday	
4:30pm	St. Elizabeth Parish Family
Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord
7:30am	Marjorie Hill
10:00am	Ed Lawless

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2022

M: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tu: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
W: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Th: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
F: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Sa: 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

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