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JANUARY 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

School Corner

Open House Update

Due to the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the Kansas City community, St. Elizabeth has decided to postpone the School Open House scheduled for Sunday, January 30th.

We will kick off our school's centennial and Catholic Schools Week 2022 at **10:00am Mass on Sunday, January 30th**. Please join us in-person or via live stream to celebrate 100 years of Catholic Education at St. Elizabeth.







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Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Raul Acevedo, elder and community leader in the Romero Community of El Salvador; Elizabeth Adams; Mary Ann Brown, mother of Kevin Crawford; Jim Buckley; Terry "Red" Carter, father of Patrick Carter; Mark Craig; 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; Joseph Ludwikoski, son of PJ and Mary Ludwikoski; Carol Lynn; Marsha Mangold; Pearl Mayanja, daughter of Judith Mayanja; Michaella Neal; Sandy Nickel; Dan Owens, nephew of Jerry Hurlbert; Rosie Ragsdale, daughter of Kelsey & Michael Ragsdale; Ron Rode, father of Kay Kremer; Isabella Roland; cousin of Susie Adams; 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.

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most formative years in my life was 1991 – 92. It's the year I spent at Church of the Risen Christ, a black Catholic parish here in Kansas City (later merged with St. Joseph Parish to form St. Monica Parish). Risen Christ was located on the corner of Linwood and Benton, and was pastored by my friend Fr. Mike Roach. I had taken a couple of years away from the seminary from 1989-1991, but in that time, I heard a very clear call to return. Before returning to the seminary, however, the diocese asked me to spend this pastoral year living in the central city, immersing myself in the life of Risen Christ and working alongside the pastor and staff.

This pastoral year changed me. Being a minority for the first time in my life revealed so many assumptions I had about the world. It allowed me to view our city, our church and our world from a different perspective. It challenged me to accept the ugly reality of racism, and even admit that there were bits and pieces of it in me (assumptions, stereotypes). It also gave me the experience of a dynamic parish full of faith-filled people, and it was so life-giving! The people of Risen Christ welcomed me, loved me, educated me, called forth the best from me, and treated me to an eventful, joyful year. I hope I was able to give something, but I know I received much more. I returned to the seminary a different person, excited about parish ministry and the future.

It's a blessing to view life through the eyes of the other, to get out of our comfortable and limited point of view and see through different eyes. Not that any individual point of view is bad, but it will always be limited. We see some things very differently in those moments and realize a bias in our perspective and our experience. It's a gift to be enriched and to have our vision expanded. And as we share a common humanity, it motivates us to build the world on God's justice and universal kindness.

Peace, Fr. Greg

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 generously answered the recent call to catch up on tithing or make a year-end donation above and beyond their tithe. Because of this community's generous commitment to St. Elizabeth, we ended December in a much better financial standing than we began it.

Please help continue this momentum into 2022 by staying current on your pledge. As we begin the new pledge year, please note that tithing auto-withdrawals have been updated to reflect the 2022 pledges received. If you still need to make your 2022 pledge please go to www.stekc.org or contact Heather Solis.

Tithing/Year-end Update

Difference

Year-end Giving 2021 vs 2020 YE Giving YE Giving last year Difference	\$ \$ \$	80,295.00 72,495.00 7,800.00
Actual vs Budget Actual July – Dec 2021 Budget July – Dec 2021	\$9 ¢9	42,722.60

Stewardship

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his "Mission Statement." Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have "glad tidings" to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts he has entrusted to us?

~International Catholic Stewardship Council

Stewardship Shout-Outs:

 To all members of the CPTA (Community Parent Teacher Association) who so generously share their gifts of time, talent and treasure to help enhance our school's sense of community and raise funds to supplement the budget

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.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

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://kcsjcatholic.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/ STEChurch_School

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

All parishioners are welcome to join us and support our Catechumens and Candidates seeking a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith.



The topic this week is **Prayer: Our Relationship with God**. We will also present the Lord's Prayer. We meet in Seton Hall Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 – 8:30pm.

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 (jberrygm@gmail.com or 816-210-0993) if you have any questions.

Parish News & Notes cont.

Social Services Notes

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Elizabeth Food Pantry and Social Services program.

Current food pantry needs are: canned tomatoes,

pudding and jello, canned vegetables (no corn or green beans), and large canned soup

Questions of the Week First Reading:

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law"). What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Second Reading:

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel:

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?



Life Corner Presented by The Respect Life Ministry (RLM) of St. Elizabeth Follow the Science–Month 6



During the sixth month in the womb, the baby reacts to outside stimuli and may jump in response to loud noises, just like a baby

Respect Life Ministry (RLM)

outside the womb would. He will practice breathing by inhaling amniotic fluid into his developing lungs, and will increase in size this month until he reaches the length and weight of a football! During this month, the baby might even be observed sucking his thumb.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we love you very much. We beg you to spare the life of all unborn babies at this stage of development who are in danger of being aborted. Amen.

School & CPTA News

Preschool & Pre-K Enrollment Dates

St. Elizabeth Catholic School is proud to provide an active and positive environment for quality early childhood education. Children learn through play, independent work/ skill-building, small group instruction, learning centers, art, music, and physical education. Our ECC, through positive interaction between educator and your child, strives to reach the whole child—socially, emotionally, cognitively, physically, and spiritually.

Preschool/Pre-K re-enrollment has begun. Current families re-enroll through the Sycamore portal. Registration applications for families new to Preschool and Pre-K at St. Elizabeth are available on our website at www.stekcschool.org.

- Preschool students must turn *3 before December 31, 2022*
- Prekindergarten students must be age 4 by August 1, 2022
- All students must be fully potty-trained

A \$200 registration fee is due at the time of your application. Tuition is billed monthly from September through May.

5 days a week* – \$736 a month for STE parishioners / \$764 for non-parishioners. ***Highly recommended for Pre-K students**

3 days a week – \$579 a month for STE parishioners /
\$602 for non-parishioners
2 days a week** – \$490 a month for STE parishioners /

2 days a week** – \$490 a month for STE parishioners / \$509 for non-parishioners ****This option is for Preschool only**

Please email Assistant Principal, Joann Aubuchon (jaubuchon@stekcschool.org) if you have any questions.

Faith Formation

A Look at the Life of Thomas Merton

Mondays, Jan. 24 & 31, 7:00 - 8:30pm Join us for a two-session Zoom series where we will explore and discuss the life and teachings of the renowned Trappist monk, Fr. Thomas Merton.

To receive the Zoom link, email Dcn. Mike at mmclean@stekc.org

U.S. Religious Institutions and Slavery—A Closer Look, Final Session January 26, 7 – 9pm

OR

January 27, 10am – Noon

Biagio Mazza concludes his Zoom series **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 session is on Wednesday evening, January 26 from 7 – 9pm and repeated on Thursday morning, January 27 from 10am – Noon.

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

Area News

Help Needed for Immigrant Families

KC for Refugees unites individuals, groups, and institutions whose goal is to walk with refugees so they become independent, secure, and self-sufficient as quickly as possible. Refugee families from Afghanistan and around the world are being settled in the greater Kansas City area and have the following immediate needs:

- New or very gently used men's coats, size small or medium only
- Men's new socks and underwear, size small or medium
- Women's modest underwear, size 5 or 6
- Electric tea/water kettles
- Non-electric (stovetop) pressure cookers

We can also pick up donations of new or used items. Email St. Elizabeth parishioners, George (ghage944@gmail.com) or Terri (terrihage@gmail.com).

Feel free to visit the website (www.kcforrefugees.org) or their Facebook page for more information, a link to their Amazon wish list, and other ways to help.

Ladies of Charity

Congratulations to our St. Elizabeth parishioner, Sheila Eikermann, who was recently honored as a member of the Ladies of Charity of Metropolitan Kansas City for 30+ years of service to the poor and needy in our community!

For more information about the works of the Ladies of Charity of Metropolitan Kansas City, visit their website: https://ladiesofcharitykc.org/

Catholic Charities Celebration of Hope Gala Saturday, April 9

Join us in-person or virtually for this wonderful evening at Starlight Theatre. The dinner and cocktails will bookend the evening of camaraderie.

More information is available at: www.catholiccharitiesgala.org

God of the Hurt and Broken, Prayers for Healing Feb. 13, Sunday, 2-3pm

Precious Blood Renewal Center

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Join in-person or by live stream for an ecumenical service. Our faith traditions tell us that Jesus invited the sick to seek healing, the broken to seek wholeness. In that spirit, we pray for God's healing touch on those who suffer from injury, illness and other heavy burdens. Register by February 10 at https://www.pbrenewalcenter.org/events/ god-of-the-hurt-and-broken-prayers-for-healing/

			Schedule of Events
January 29/3	30		January 24– January 30
Lectors 4:30pm	Judi Moritz, Patrick Reavey	Monday 7:00pm	January 24 AFF Zoom Thomas Merton
7:30am 10:00am	Betty Novak, Jana Belzer Matt Hilderbrand, Gina Crawford	Tuesday 7:00am 7:00pm	January 25 Mass RCIA—Seton Hall
Extraordinary 4:30pm 7:30am 10:00am	Ministers of Holy Communion Rachel Dold, Mary Cary, Jim Millard Mike Hayes, Betty Novak, Jana Belzer Gina Crawford, Dan Fish, Phil Murphy	Wednesda 7:00am 8:30am	y January 26 Mass—Fr. Holloway School Mass—Livestream Only
Servers	Sina clawiola, ban hisi, min haipiy	Thursday 7:00am	January 27 Mass
4:30pm	Emma Lonergan, Joey Troester, Lucy Gromowsky	Friday 7:00am	January 28 Mass
7:30am 10:00am	Jeff and Anne Randolph Abbie Rentas, Luci Switzer, Avery Arredondo	Saturday 3:00pm 4:30pm 6:00pm	January 29 Confessions In-person Mass/Livestream Mass Cardlarks
Greeters 4:30pm 7:30am 10:00am	John Gromowsky, Stacy Gromowsky Doug Kinney Matt Hilderbrand, Patricia Hilderbrand	Sunday 7:30am 10:00am 1:00pm	January 30 In-person Mass In-person Mass/CSW Kickoff Knights Free Through Contest—Gym
Gift Bearers		Mass O	bservations/Intentions Jan. 24 – 30
4:30pm 7:30am	Stacy Gromowsky Kathy O'Toole	Monday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
10:00am	Joyce Fish	Tuesday 7:00am	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Dan Kobet
		Wednesday 7:00am 8:30am	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Ed and Virginia Lawless Richard Wilkes
te	16 S. 200	Thursday 7:00am	St. Angela Merici, Virgin Kyle Slater
1		Friday	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

7:00am

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday

7:30am

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.
 10:00am
 Anthony Tran

 Readings for the Week of January 24, 2022

 M: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

 True Acts 22:21/2014

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate

St. Elizabeth Parish Family

Catholic Schools Week

of the Church

Audrey Leeker

Kyle Slater

Tu: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

W: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1 -20

Th: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4:21-25

F: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Sa: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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