

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 2, 2022



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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

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. - Mt 2, 10-11

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"St. Paul Parish is a welcoming diverse community that loves and serves God through our worship, faith formation, sacramental participation, and service to others. We embrace the generous pioneer spirit that founded our parish, helping to make missionary disciples, and witnessing to Christ by our words and works of mercy."

~ St. Paul Vision Statement, 2020

Parish Directory

Parish Office

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Website www.spcatholic.org/school

Parish Registration



We invite all those who are new to the area or have not yet registered to visit www.spcatholic.org/Register or stop by the

Parish Office to complete a registration form. Please contact the Parish Office with questions at 913.764.0323 and welcome to St. Paul Parish!

Receiving the Sacraments



Baptism: Parents are asked to take the required prep class prior to the baptism of the child. Godparents are asked to attend this class as well. Please contact the Parish Office to enroll in the class and schedule the Baptism.

Marriage: Couple is asked to contact the office at least six months prior to the projected date of ceremony to begin their marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Administered quarterly (January, April, July and October) during the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 AM. If a person is in need of this sacrament at any other time, please notify the parish office.

Mass and Confessions Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m.
First Saturday of the Month: 8 a.m.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: Masses in English: 8 a.m. 10 a.m. (Signed) and 4 p.m.

Masses in Spanish: 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Please note: We have hearing loops available for those who have difficulty hearing. Please contact an usher to obtain a hearing loop.

Holy Day Schedule

Visit www.spcatholic.org for times and dates of Holy Days of Obligation.

Confessions Schedule

Wednesday: 6-7 p.m. (English/Spanish)

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. (English/Spanish)

By appointment: Contact Fr. Michael to schedule

St. Paul Legacy Society

The St. Paul Legacy Society is for parishioners and friends of our parish who include the Parish Endowment Fund, the School Endowment Fund or the Parish Relocation Fund in their estate plans. Whether you are single or married, with children or not, visit CatholicPlannedGiving.org for planned giving news, helpful videos, detailed brochures, an estate planning guide where you can make a list of bequests, and much more. Please contact Fr. Michael at frhermes@spcatholic.org or 913.764.0323 to be listed in the St. Paul Legacy Society.

Liturgical Ministers

Please visit our parish website at spcatholic.org/ministries for ministry schedules and information on joining a ministry at St. Paul Parish. There are many wonderful opportunities for our parishioners to become involved and share your time and talents within our community.



Lost and Found

Personal belongings that have been left behind may be located at the Parish Office. Please contact the office if you have misplaced an item. Items not claimed within 30 days will be donated to charity.



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TO OUR ADVERTISERS

Parish and Community News

St. Paul Capital Campaign \$50,000 Challenge Match

We have been offered a \$50,000 Challenge Match by a very generous donor. We are hoping to be able to finish paying off Phase 1 with this Challenge Match and then be able to turn our efforts towards planning Phase 2: our beautiful church and community gymnasium. Visit <https://spcatholic.weshareonline.org/ChallengeMatch2021>

Please help us to meet this Challenge Match by submitting either: 1). a NEW one-time gift 2). a NEW Pledge or 3). a Pledge Extension to an existing pledge.

We are very near the end of Phase 1!

Aquila & Priscilla Group

This group is for all St. Paul couples from newlyweds to married for 10 years. We meet on the second Friday of each month for prayer, faith formation and friendship.

Our role models are Sts. Aquila and Priscilla, a first century Christian missionary married couple who lived, worked and traveled with St. Paul, who described them as his "fellow workers in Christ Jesus" (Romans 16:3).

For more information contact Joe & Annalise Tinker at amoffitt94@gmail.com.

How to Request a Low Gluten Host

If you or a member of your family would like to receive a low gluten host, please inform the Sacristan prior to the start of Mass. All those who request a low gluten host must stand in the line for the priest during Holy Communion and inform Father when receiving the Eucharist. Please contact an usher if you need assistance locating the Sacristan or have questions.



St. Mary's Food Kitchen

Many thanks to everyone who helps to make this ministry a continued success! We have supplies and baking pans available if you would like to cook.

We always welcome volunteers to help serve the meal. St. Paul Parish is also responsible for the expense of the building, paper products, etc. on the 4th Friday. If you wish to help in this way, please put your monetary donation in a separate envelope and mark it for St. Mary's Food Kitchen and place it in the Sunday collection basket.

Please contact our ministry co-coordinators, Jim & Julie Bird (816-807-0700 or 913-948-3009) or Tom & Sandy Rockey, 913-530-4590 or 913-530-4543) if you have questions regarding this St. Paul Parish Work of Mercy.

Devotion

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion is prayed every Tuesday after the 8 AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



We wish a Happy New Year's to everyone at St. Paul!

Noticias de la Parroquia

Campaña de Capital de San Pablo de \$50,000

Un donante muy generoso nos ha ofrecido un desafío de \$50,000. Estamos pidiendo que se hagan nuevos compromisos o una donación monetaria para poder acumular \$50,000 y el donante dará su donación de \$50,000! Esperamos poder terminar de pagar la Fase 1 con este Desafío y luego poder dirigir nuestros esfuerzos hacia la planificación de la Fase 2: nuestra hermosa iglesia y gimnasio comunitario. Visite <https://spcatholic.weshareonline.org/ChallengeMatch2021>

Ayúdanos a cumplir con este Desafío enviando: 1). una NUEVA DONACION MONETARIA 2). un NUEVO Compromiso o 3). Extender su actual compromiso

Estamos muy cerca del final de la Fase 1!

Radio Levántate Católico

Escuchen al P. Hernán en vivo... Tenemos un nuevo sacerdote en el Ministerio a los Hispanos en Kansas City, escúchenlo en las mañanitas a las 6:00 a.m. en nuestra radio. Para más información llame Francisco Reyna al 913.387.8668 o con María Loera al 913.927.9560.

En la página web: www.levantatecatolico.com

En Facebook: Levántate Católico Radio y Tv...

Escúchanos también por teléfono al 351.999.5215.

Amiguitos de María - Grupo Guadalupano

Se invita a los niños de San Pablo para que se unan a rezar el rosario con los Amiguitos de María en la iglesia. Los Amiguitos de María rezaran el rosario el próximo **Domingo, 9 de Enero a las 11:30 a.m.** Para mas información, se puede comunicar con Jorge Barbosa al 913.481.7032.

Centro Comunitario de Sangre en Olathe

Hay una necesidad de emergencia de donantes de sangre, especialmente durante la pandemia. Haga un acita: www.savealifenow.org o llamando al 877.468.6844. Use el código ED92 para la parroquia de San Pablo.



Grupo de Padres Orantes

Queremos invitar a los padres y madres de San Pablo para que se unan a la Hora Santa de Padres y Madres Orantes. Estaremos en oración, meditación y adoración, para que Dios transforme nuestros hogares y nos ayude a guiar a nuestros hijos por el camino de la fe. La Hora Santa será **el Martes, 25 de Enero a las 6:00 de la tarde.**

Objetos Perdidos

Las pertenencias personales que se han olvidado en el espacio múltiple pueden ubicarse en la Oficina Parroquial. Comuníquese con la oficina si extravió un artículo. Los artículos no reclamados dentro de los 30 días serán donados a organizaciones benéficas.

!Deseamos un Feliz Año Nuevo a todos en San Pablo!



Family Faith Formation Program

Programa de Formación Familiar en la Fe

Office Hours:
Monday to Thursday
from 10:00 am to 3:00

Horario de la Oficina:
Lunes a Jueves
de 10:00 am- 3:00 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM GR. K-12

A message from the Director,

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family.

This Sunday, we remember and celebrate Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. It might be true to say that the focus of attention leading up to and during the celebration of the Nativity is Jesus. This Sunday, we acknowledge the whole family!

There is often a sense of nostalgia and romance about the birth of Jesus. This can be heard in the best of our much loved Christmas Carols and even seen in the worst of our Christmas cards! These cards show us a crisp winter night, stars in the sky, and snow on the manger. That is not to say that they are not helpful, but we need to look beyond them, particularly on this great and important feast.

Mary was called personally by her name and asked to take on what would seem to be an impossible task. However, she was not expected to do what she was asked by herself or to rely on her own efforts or strength. On hearing that she was to be the mother of Jesus, 'she was deeply disturbed and wondered what the greeting could mean.' Told not to be afraid, she was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. She was strengthened and encouraged by God to do what was asked of her. Joseph too was called to take on a role he did not ask for. Like Mary, he too heard the message, 'do not be afraid.' God who called both of them would not ignore or abandon them as they became the parents of Jesus. Jesus too in his own life and ministry was guided and led by God. He said, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, I have been called to bring the good news to the poor.' Even Jesus does not rely on his own efforts!

On this feast of the Holy Family, it is good to pray in gratefulness and thanks for our own parents and family. No one's family is perfect. All our family members, including ourselves, have made mistakes and gotten things wrong. We have all done and said things that we have later regretted. Regardless of this, we owe our family everything and for this we thank God.

May the Holy Family of Nazareth bless, guide, and protect all our families, now and always.

Karla Melgar

Director of Family Faith Formation

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PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN FAMILIAR GR. K-12

Un mensaje de la Directora,

Hoy es la **fiesta de la Sagrada Familia**, pero también la fiesta de todas las familias, ya que la Sagrada Familia es la patrona y modelo de todas las familias cristianas. Hoy debería ser una gran fiesta familiar, ya que está dedicada íntegramente a la Sagrada Familia.

Este domingo recordamos y celebramos a María, José y Jesús. Podría ser cierto decir que el foco de atención antes y durante la celebración de la Natividad es Jesús. ¡Este domingo, agradecemos a toda la familia!

A menudo hay una sensación de nostalgia y romance sobre el nacimiento de Jesús. ¡Esto se puede escuchar en el mejor de nuestros queridos villancicos e incluso se puede ver en la peor de nuestras tarjetas de Navidad! Estas tarjetas nos muestran una fresca noche de invierno, estrellas en el cielo y nieve en el pesebre. Eso no quiere decir que no sean útiles, pero debemos mirar más allá de ellos, particularmente en esta gran e importante fiesta.

María fue llamada personalmente por su nombre y se le pidió que asumiera lo que parecería ser una tarea imposible. Sin embargo, no se esperaba que hiciera lo que ella misma le pedía ni que confiara en sus propios esfuerzos o fuerza. Al escuchar que iba a ser la madre de Jesús, se sintió profundamente perturbada y se preguntó qué podría significar el saludo". Cuando le dijeron que no tuviera miedo, se llenó del poder del Espíritu Santo. Dios la fortaleció y la animó a hacer lo que se le pedía. José también fue llamado a asumir un papel que no pidió. Al igual que María, él también escuchó el mensaje, "no temas". Dios, que los llamó a ambos, no los ignoraba ni los abandonaría cuando se convirtieron en los padres de Jesús. Jesús también en su propia vida y ministerio fue guiado y dirigido por Dios. Dijo: "El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí; he sido llamado a llevar las buenas nuevas a los pobres". ¡Incluso Jesús no confía en sus propios esfuerzos!

En esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, es bueno orar con gratitud y agradecimiento por nuestros propios padres y familia. Ninguna familia es perfecta. Todos los miembros de nuestra familia, incluidos nosotros mismos, hemos cometido errores y nos hemos equivocado. Todos hemos hecho y dicho cosas de las que luego nos hemos arrepentido. Independientemente de esto, le debemos todo a nuestra familia y por eso le damos gracias a Dios.

Que la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret bendiga, guíe y proteja a todas nuestras familias, ahora y siempre.

Karla Melgar

Directora de Formación Familiar en la Fe

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St. Paul School News

Dear St. Paul Community,

Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year! Though Christmas day has come and gone, we still have so many beautiful things to look forward to as we wind down 2021, one of those being the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast day calls us to look to Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model for our own Christian families, inviting us to look for ways to grow our families in faith and virtue. We are so honored to partner with families in helping to build the domestic church within our community!

As we look to the new year, it is time to begin thinking about enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year. We will have PK-3 through 8th grade offerings. The following is a breakdown of when enrollment will begin. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dr. Ann Connor, aconnor@stpaul.eduk12.net.

Enrollment 2022-2023

Jan 17 Current families

Jan 30 Parishioners

Feb 13 Other Catholic Families (also Divine Mercy, Holy Family & John Paul II in OP).

Feb 20 Non Catholic Families

Joyfully,
Dr. Ann Connor
Principal, St. Paul School



St. Paul Capital Campaign Update

THANK YOU to all for continuing to make your payments on your Capital Campaign pledge. We appreciate your continued support. If you have not yet pledged, or would like to extend your pledge, please contact Amy Mortiz at amoritz@spcatholic.org or 913.764.0323 ext. 108



Catholic Charities Food Pantry Collection

Wednesday, January 5th, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM St. Paul Parish Parking Lot Co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

For Food Pantry online monetary donations, please click on the Catholic Charities link <https://catholiccharitiesks.org/parish-food-drive-donation>. In the Parish Name drop-down select: St. Paul. You may also donate by sending in a check, please make sure to write Food Drive – St. Paul in the memo line and mail to: Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, 9720 W. 87th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212.

As always, we request no glass jars. We also request – standard size food items only. No industrial size food items.

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STEWARDSHIP

Whatever you have – has been given.
Whatever you give – will be returned.

Stewardship of Treasure:

December 11 to December 16th

Envelopes & Plate	\$30,360.48
Building Maintenance Fund.....	\$380.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Charities	\$70.00
Christmas	\$270.00
Immaculate Conception	\$373.00
Leaven	\$73.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,105.00
Solemnity Offering	\$45.00
St. Mary's Food Kitchen	\$25.00
Tuition Assistance	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Thanks to all who donate through online giving. We also want to thank each and every one of you who give each week in the pews for your continued support. Whether you give online or by the envelope, you are a blessing to our parish and we thank God for you. If you would like to enroll in online giving, please visit spcatholic.weshareonline.org. If you have any questions or would like help setting up your account, please contact Amy Moritz at 913.764.0323 x107.

Knights of Columbus

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4th Degree Website: www.kofc2260.org

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We are offering FREE Online Membership. This gift of free first-year membership to all potential members between now and December 31, 2021. Interested prospects should visit kofc.org/joinus, complete the membership application, enter St. Paul for Parish and enter code MCGIVNEY2020.

Blessings in the New Year!

Please contact Doug Svatos at 913-991-8127 or dsvatos@outlook.com if you have questions.

Youth Ministry

ANCHOR MEETING SCHEDULE (Grades 9-12)

ANCHOR REMIND
GROUP FOR PARENTS



ANCHOR REMIND
GROUP FOR TEENS



EDGE MEETING SCHEDULE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE REMIND
GROUP FOR PARENTS



EDGE REMIND
GROUP FOR TEENS



Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of January 4 thru January 9, 2022

Tues. 01/04 8:00 am Rodrigo & Teresa Sandoval
Wed. 01/05 8:00 am †Lola Nuessen & Claudia Ramirez
Thurs. 01/06 8:00 am †Linda Simmons
Fri. 01/07 8:00 am In Thanksgiving to the Lord and Saints
Sat. 01/08 5:00 pm †Joyce Soetaert
Sun. 01/09 8:00 am People of St. Paul Parish
 10:00 am †George Heiman
 12:30 pm For all who are homebound and Reside in nursing homes.
 4:00 pm †Bob Tully
 6:00 pm †Anna Williams



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

Blessed Sacrament Chapel



Blessings Received

- * For the Epiphany of the Lord
- * For the year 2022 and a new decade

Please call one of the Division Leaders below:

Midnight - 6:00 am Nancy Cariglio 816.456.3817
 6:00 am - Noon Gina Sanchez 913.710.1086
 Noon - 6:00 pm **Open**
 6:00 pm - Midnight Janice Cartwright 913.558.6020
 Hispanic Liaison Arturo Morales 913.544.6635
 Head Coordinator Michelle Leoni 925.519.9116

There are currently no unassigned hours. However, many hours could use a second volunteer.

A Division Leader is needed for the Noon to 6PM hour time block.

Liturgical Ministers

If you would like to assist in a Liturgical ministries during Mass, please contact the coordinator of the ministry for details.



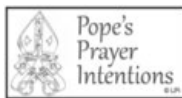
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Ushers: Bob Hamilton bobhlel@gmail.com
Greeters: Jim and Janice Steinlage 913.393.3966
Music: Joe Heron 913.238.1675

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Prayer Requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Thomas Aberle	Jose Andazola	Steve Basile
Donna Berry	Dennis Bobbitt	Roman Bobbitt
Maria Buszek	Ed Cisek	Joanne Crowley
John Ernst	Mandy Long	Maria Macedo
Ed Nuessen	Angel Núñez	Diane Quinn
Sarah Riekema	Kevin Rockers	Jane Schulte
Dennis Shaffer	Rodrigo Sandoval	Raymond Tigerina
Judy Waitzmann		

Those who have died...

Michaela Barry
 Scott Thomas
 Bob Tully
 Paul Walker
 Brian Dickason



Please help keep the Prayer List updated. Contact the Parish Office at communications@spcatholic.org or 913.764.0323 to add or remove a person from the list.



The bulletin includes only the names of St. Paul Parishioners as part of our Homebound and Visiting the Sick Ministry. Those outside of the parish in need of prayer may receive support and prayer through our Prayer Chain ministry, however their name will not be listed in the bulletin. Please notify the Parish Office if you would like to request prayers for yourself or another due to illness.



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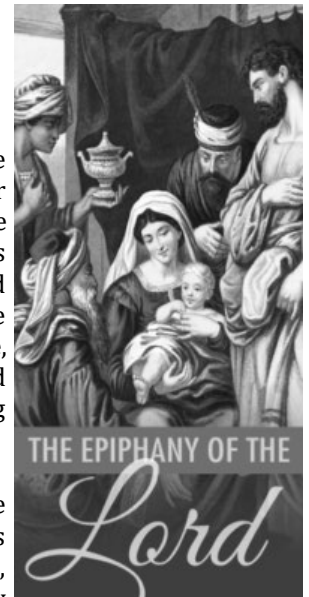
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Gospel Meditation

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

Questions of the week

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

Second Reading:

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

Gospel:

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?



Saint of the week

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4



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."

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