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OFFICE HOURS (Except Holidays)
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

For Holy Days & Weekdays consult bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM

Parents, please call office for
Sacramental preparation

MARRIAGE

Please call office to begin preparation at
least 4 months before your proposed
wedding.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call office (or rectory 436-4000)

For Scripture Groups, special needs, etc.

Call 436-2290

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308-672-2334

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY, 10:00 A.M.

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1) For special needs, Prayer Tree,

Gina Mattley 436-2388

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2) Eucharistic Holy Hour, Fridays, 6:00 a.m.

3) Eucharistic Prayer Day, First Fridays.

APOSTOLIC

Legion of Mary Mary Klemp

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY of COMMUNION

Call the Parish Office if you or someone you
know needs added to this ministry.

Call Marah ~ Shai 436-4008

CATECHUMENATE

For those interested in the Catholic Faith
or for an upgrading, September thru Easter
information call 436-2290

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

Church Etiquette: Priest Should be last in, and first out of Church

DAILY MASSES ~ INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 3	
7:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday, Jan. 4	
7:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, Jan. 5	
5:15 p.m.	Elodie Curr †
Thursday, Jan. 6	
7:00 a.m.	Tom & Lorena Tracy ††
Friday, Jan. 7	
5:00 p.m.	Harry & Maria Didier ††
~ BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~	
Saturday, Jan. 8	
9:00 a.m.	Janet Ensser †
Sunday, Jan 9	
10:30 a.m.	For the People †

OFFERINGS FOR WEEK OF DEC.19TH

Envelopes \$2205; Plate \$396.; Youth \$68.....Total \$2669

Christmas \$135; Other \$1848

December Goal	Amount Received	Amount Needed
\$95,000	\$18,166	\$76,834

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 31ST & JAN. 1ST/ JAN. 2ND

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m.....	Isiah & Christian Murillo
9:00 a.m.	Nick Roberts/ Emily Hutton
10:30 a.m. Jan. 2.....	Macey Kautz/ Brendan Trautman

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

5:00 p.m.	(H) Neal Johnson
9:00 a.m.	(H) Gina Mattley
10:30 a.m.. Jan. 2.....	(H) Matthew Kautz

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m.	Debbie Wademan
9:00 a.m.	Barb O’Boyle
10:30 a.m. Jan. 2	Ann Connelly

MUSICIANS:

5:00 p.m.....	Mixed Choir
9:00 a.m.	Mixed Choir
10:30 a.m. Jan. 2	Micki, Madi & Hannah Walker

USHER LEADERS:

5:00 p.m.	Ron Bordeaux
9:00 a.m.	D’Angelo Murillo
10:30 a.m. Jan..2.....	Joe Sanchez

TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS FROM 3:00—4:00 P.M.

OR BY APPOINTMENT



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.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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, 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 02, 2022

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.

~ NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME...PLEASE COME BY OR CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER, 436-2290 ~

2022 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS COMPLIMENTS OF CHRIS & JIM REYES, "PRINT BROKER". MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE GATHERING AREA. BE SURE AND THANK THEM FOR THIS KINDNESS.

TOGETHER
We pray

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND STUDY. Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Chapel to pray the Rosary followed by a study of the upcoming Sunday readings in the church basement. Everyone is welcome!

We will be off this Wednesday but back on the 12th.

Provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since program inception. Our Council has coats for boys and girls in various sizes and colors. These coats are brand new and available at no cost to any child who needs a coat. Point of contact is Grand Knight Alphonso Hernandez at 308-765-0129.



Faith Formation
Elementary Grades

Sunday, January 2– NO CLASS
Classes resume NEXT Sunday, January 9, 2022

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1st Communion Parents please mark your calendars for the **MANDATORY** parent meeting, Sunday, January 16th at 9:15 a.m.

Once again, we are having a Sunday night meal after Mass for our youth. Can you take a turn to cook and serve a meal?

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for dinner last Sunday!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

LEGION OF MARY Not meeting at this time.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR before the Blessed Sacrament this week at 6:00 a.m.. This hour is dedicated primarily to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for the return of lapsed Catholics to the Church.

STATUE OF OUR LADY The statue of Our Lady in the home of: Neal & Minda Johnson, 1705 19th, Gering. January escorts are: David Klemp & Neal Johnson.
If you would like to schedule a time to have the Statue in your home, please call Neal Johnson at 672-0535

If you would like the Vocation Chalice in your home please call the office, 436-2290



24 HOURS OF ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will begin on Thursday night, January 6th at 5:00 p.m. and end on Friday at 5:00 p.m. with Benediction and repose of the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer intentions are for vocations. You are invited to join at any time.

FIRST FRIDAY DAY OF PRAYER before the Blessed Sacrament will also be observed this Friday, January 7th. Communion calls to the sick and homebound will take place. Pray for your intentions. Come spend an hour with Him.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Coming to the Church of the Resurrection, 4130 Cannon Rd, Grand Island, NE. Resurrection will host the Vatican-approved international Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit. The Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit is a traveling display on loan from Spirit Catholic Radio. It features 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles in the world. It will be open for viewing on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 2-7pm, and Sunday, January 23, 2022 from 9:30 am - 2 pm, Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, and private group settings are available by appointment. For more information on Group times call the Parish Office @308-382-8644 or email : Adminassistant@giresurrection.com, or Geri Zaruba @ 308-583-6776. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com/miracles.

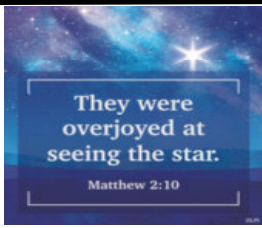
IT'S NOT OVER! We see the remnants of used Christmas trees on the curb, after Christmas sales, and lights no longer burning bright. Christmas is over in the secular world. However, Christmas for Catholics begins with the vigil on December 24th and continues through the Baptism of the Lord. We have another week to celebrate this great season of Christ's birth. By sharing our joy and gratitude, continuing to rejoice with prayer and our festive decorations can be a statement of our belief in the real Christmas. The birth of the Lord is too great and glorious to limit it to one day!



\$\$\$ Year end Giving... As you take into account your blessings for 2021, and if you are in a position to make an extra financial offering, would you, so that your parish may take care of it's obligations? It will also give you credit for your 2021 giving. If you haven't discovered it, then experience it for yourself that you can't out do the Lord's generosity. Books will remain open until January 15 for year end giving. Thank you for your continued support.

EPIPHANY

JESUS SAVES



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS:**

The Light of the Moon. If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life. One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/ And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it. The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary. In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



THOUGHTS ~

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."

~ Isaiah 60 ~

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

~ Psalm 72~

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

~ Matthew 2 ~

"Mother of God: To you we entrust the days of the New Year, the future of the church, the future of humanity, the future of the entire universe. Mary Mother of God, Queen of Peace, watch over us."

~ St. John Paul II ~

"Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint on his knees."

~ William Cooper ~

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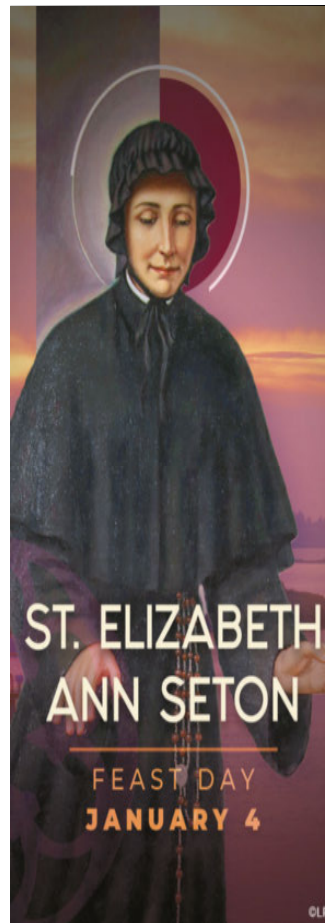
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Natural Light... Natural light provides measurable health benefits. If you're among the many who crave more sun, here are [health benefits of natural light](#); **Boosts vitamin D** When exposed to sunlight, the skin absorbs vitamin D, a critical nutrient that prevents bone loss and reduces the risk of heart disease, weight gain, and various cancers. Increasing natural light where you spend the most time is equally important.

Wards off seasonal depression Getting as much natural light as possible can help keep these mood changes at bay. **Improves sleep** Since mental health and sleep often go hand in hand, it's not surprising that natural light affects both.

How to get more natural light Help light bounce around a room with a mirror. Curtains may be lovely but their beauty pales compared to the health benefits of natural sunlight. Plus, letting the sun be your alarm can help your circadian rhythm maintain your sleep-wake cycle. **Get out when you can** Break free of your four walls by taking your lunch break outside, squeezing in a morning walk before work, or winding down on your patio at the end of the day. **Exercise outdoors, or by the window at your gym** Exercise is known to improve mood, and recent research actually links it with increased vitamin D, those who exercised vigorously have higher levels of vitamin D as well as higher levels of HDL (good) cholesterol. hsph.harvard.edu Lord God, Creator of light, at the rising of Your sun each morning, let the greatest of all lights, Your love, rise, like the sun, within my heart. catholicdoors.com



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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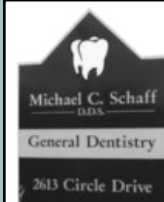
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