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JANUARY 9, 2022 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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OUR MISSION

We gather in praise and worship of the Father, called by our baptism in Christ and living in His Spirit. Sent forth to embody the universal mission of the Catholic Church. Our Christian life calls us to challenge and support persons in their efforts to love and serve the Lord through abiding love of one another, to share joyfully His Word and Sacrament, and to heal and witness the love and peace of His kingdom through generous outreach and selfless service to all, especially the least among us.

Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen
When I am afraid, in you
I place my trust. PS 56.4



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

WELCOME

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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A Prayer for Vocations Baptism of the Lord -- January 9, 2022

That all Catholics will deepen their responsibility to foster vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, which is rooted in Baptism, through prayer and by inviting young people to consider that call, we pray to the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP

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WEEKLY COLLECTION for 12/19/21

COLLECTIONS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Collections	\$18,961.54	\$15,366.00	(\$3,595.54)
Building Fund	\$2,269.23	\$905.17	(\$1,364.06)
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$21,230.77	\$16,271.17	(\$4,959.60)

WEEKLY COLLECTION for 12/26/21

COLLECTIONS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Collections	\$18,961.54	\$45,896.00	\$26,934.46
Building Fund	\$2,269.23	\$940.00	(\$1,329.23)
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$21,230.77	\$46,836.00	\$25,605.23

WEEKLY COLLECTION for 1/2/22

COLLECTIONS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Collections	\$18,961.54	\$23,688.14	\$4,726.60
Building Fund	\$2,269.23	\$6,860.02	\$4,590.79
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	¢21 220 77	\$30 5 <i>4</i> 8 16	¢0 317 30

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE COLLECTIONS

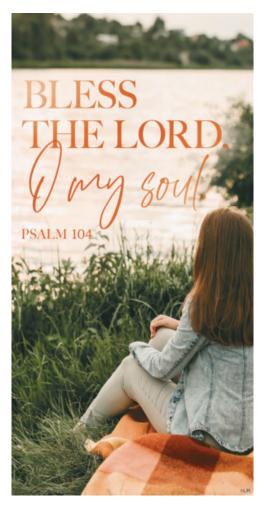
July 1, 2021 - January 2, 2022

COLLECTIONS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
General Collections	\$455,076.92	\$480,380.17	\$25,303.25
Building Fund	\$54,461.54	\$46,069.85	(\$8,391.69)
TOTAL	\$509,538.46	\$526,450.02	\$16,911.56



2021 Tax Statements

\$250 or more made in the 2021 calendar year will be mailed out by January 31 to each household. If you have any questions about your donations or the tax statement you receive, please call Lori Mainiero in the church office at 798-1887 ext. 111.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD





PRAYER & WORSHIP

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- **¥**indicates deceased
- (SI) indicates living

Saturday, January 8 **★**Charlie Laskin

Sunday, January 9 8:15 AM **₽**FLoyd Larson Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

11 AM

№Normand Roy **Pat O'Connor**

5 PM

PDave & Maria Krebsbach

Mon., January 10; 7:30 AM **Lily Green**

Tues., January 11; 7:30 AM **♥**Nick & Ina Pedro

Wed., January 12; 7:30 AM **Cindy Miciotto**

Thurs., January 13; 7:30 AM **₽**Russell Pedro

Friday, January 14; 7:30 AM ♣Andrew & Josephine Miciotto

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Rodger & Shirley Anderson Owen Aycock Harold & Carol Battarbee Bernadette Bitting Hadley Marie Bourgeois **Denise Bridges** Leah Bullock Armand Canales Zena Cobbs Sawyer Cobbs Dale Dupuy Thomas Ebarb Austin Folks Kim Green Jessica Harrison Larry and Theresa Holland Kathy Iles Bob Kalinsky

Emily & Corey Keys Briar Kelley Lee Walter & Kathy Matrana Jo Maxey Roy Maxey loe Miciotto Chris Murphy Elise Murphy Lisa Naguin Pat Pledger Iohn Reindardv Trish Schoolfield Ivy Seely Ioan Sieve **David Turner** Bobby & Marianne Walley Deacon Mike Whitehead

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Prays for those serving our country, especially:

William G. A. Hock & Waverly K. A. Hock Aaron Macy Matthew Rambin William Rambin

Every day, do something that will lead you closer to God.

Bulletin Prayer List and Prayers for Those Serving Our Country

Our prayer list will be refreshed at the beginning of each month. If you would like prayers for a specific person to continue into the next month, please call or email the church office at the first of the month to have your loved one added to the new list. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9

Sun Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Mon 1 Sm 1:1-8/19 10 Mk 1:14-20

Tues 1 Sm 1:9-20 11 Mk 1:21-28

Wed 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 **12** Mk 1:29-39

Thurs 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45 13

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12 14

Sat 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Sun Is 62:1-5 15 Mk 2:13-17 **15** Mk 2:13-17

16 Jn 2:1-11

PARISH LIFE

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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORM

All forms need to be returned to Kendell Martinez by Sunday, January 9, 2022. A senior high school boy and girl will be chosen as winners of the scholarship.

IF YOU NEED A FORM PLEASE LOOK IN THE BOX OUTSIDE OF THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

URGENT PRAYER MINISTRY 683-8738

A new ministry has been established to serve the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you or your family have an urgent need for prayer, you will be able to call a member of the Urgent Prayer Team with your prayer request 24 hours a day. Right away, the entire prayer ministry team will be contacted to pray for your need. All prayer requests will be held in confidence unless the caller wishes the request to be added to the bulletin prayer list.

The Urgent Prayer Team includes the following SEAS parishioners: Esteban and Rose Fiallos, Barbara Funk, Teresa Lynch, J.B. and Lillian Michiels, Richard Murdaugh, Brenda Traylor, Deacon Homer Tucker and Rudy Villarreal. Team members will be using a dedicated cell phone for this ministry. The number to call for urgent prayer requests is 318-683-8738. This number will also be listed on the SEAS website.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

~ Philippians 4:6

Save the date for our next guest speaker

On Wednesday evening, January 26th, Father Peter Mangum, Dr. Cheryl White and Ryan Smith will come to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to present their documentary film, The Five Priests, and answer questions concerning the lives of these five men who gave their lives in the 1873 Yellow Fever Epidemic while serving in Shreveport. Their presentation will begin at 6:30 in the church and will also be livestreamed. Please make plans now to attend what promises to be an interesting presentation.

LA LIFE MARCH NORTHWEST JANUARY 22, 2022 10 AM - 12 PM

March across the Texas Street Bridge to Festival Plaza with thousands of pro-lifers like you!

Lineup begins at 9:45 AM in grassy area near the Boardwalk.

Bring your family and friends!

See you there Saturday, January 22nd, 9:45 a.m.

USHERS NEEDED

Would you like to serve your St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish as an usher? Ushers are by nature persons who want to help, whose desire to serve helps the faithful worship when they arrive at church. If you have a deep faith in Christ, a love for the Mass and a place in the SEAS community, please prayerfully consider volunteering your time. For more information contact the church office (318) 798-1887.

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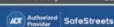
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