

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish



Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Site
185 Laird Ave. NE
Warren, Ohio 44483



St. James Church Site
2532 Burton St SE
Warren, Ohio 44484

December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

PARISH INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Christopher Cicero 330-372-2215
Assisting Priest: Rev. John Trimbur
Seminarian/Youth Minister: William "Will" Wainio
Deacons: Joseph Toth, Robert Simmerly, Edward Kleese
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St. James Sacristan: Marie Therese Weil
Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate: Sister Mary Beata &
Sister Debra Marie
Parish Membership: Welcome! Call parish office for registration.

Parish Council Members:

Father Christopher Cicero, Jill Merolla, Chair, Deacon Joe Toth, Deacon Robert Simmerly, Deacon Ed Kleese, Terri Bishop, Mary Jo Braden, Paul Layshock, Beverly Kook, Kathy Patrone, Diane Schlosser, Mae Stark, Kenneth Smith, Cheri Busko, Mary Jo Dugan, DRE

Sacraments:

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage (6+ months before wedding), Communion to Homebound, and Anointing of the Sick: Call parish office.

MASS TIMES

Tuesday 8:30 am	Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 8:30 am	St. James
Thursday 6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament
Friday 8:30 am	St. Cyril
Saturday 4:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Cyril
Sunday 8:30 am	Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 11:00 am	St. James
Sunday 11:00 am	Blessed Sacrament

ADORATION

Tuesday: 9-10 am	Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday: 5:30 pm	St. Cyril
Friday: 9-10 am	St. Cyril

HOLY DAY

To be Announced due to Covid-19

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Thursday: 5:15-5:45 pm	Blessed Sacrament
Saturday: 3:15-3:45 pm	Blessed Sacrament (in confessional behind choir section)
Sunday: 10:30-10:50 am	St. James Confession also available by appointment

PARISH OFFICE
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OFFICE HOURS
MON-FRI 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
Closed for lunch: Noon—1pm

To contact Father Cicero call Blessed Sacrament at 330-372-2215 or email ccicero@warrencatholic.org
For afterhours emergency anointing and last rites, please select the emergency extension at Blessed Sacrament.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In October, I announced Bishop Bonnar's plan to reduce St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish to one campus and one weekend Mass by June 1, 2022. This news has been difficult for our community to accept especially because the parish has good participation and sound finances. We also know there is a shortage of priests in our Diocese. This downsizing is motivated by the Bishop's need to minister to 80+ parishes in six counties with a shrinking number of active priests. For the past three months, I have been discussing this plan with Bishop Bonnar, Monsignor Zuraw (Diocesan Chancellor), parish council, and finance council. At the request of the parish and finance councils, I appealed to the Clergy Personnel Board and Presbyteral Councils to allow two Masses per weekend to be celebrated in our parish. Those appeals were not granted. The next step is to advise Bishop Bonnar on which of our campuses will become our permanent home and which will be sold- St. James or St. Cyril & Methodius. The parish and finance councils and I will be evaluating the pros and cons of remaining at either site. We will also determine when our weekend Mass will be celebrated. At this time, no decisions have been made on the selection of a campus or a Mass time. Once Bishop Bonnar hears our recommendation and makes his final decision on the campus, the process

will begin to reduce one of the campuses to profane but not sordid use and to sell the property. Reducing Church property to profane but not sordid use makes it eligible for worldly use so long as that use is not immoral or inappropriate. The properties cannot be listed for sale until this process occurs in 2022. Feel free to reach out to me or the members of parish and finance councils with your concerns. Whatever happens, many will be disappointed. To be successful in the future, we must **STICK TOGETHER** as a community. As hard as this is, I am confident and hopeful about the future. God's providence and his love for one another will carry us through. Please keep this in your prayers- especially the Rosary.

Many thanks to those who volunteered and participated in North Road Christmas. I am especially grateful to the organizing committee and staff members who worked so hard. We want to offer more events like this at both parish sites in the future. Let me know if you have any ideas.

Wednesday is a holy day of obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patron saint of the United States. Masses will be celebrated Wednesday at 6 PM at St. James and Thursday at 8:30 AM at BSP (with school children) and 6:00 PM at BSP. Join us as we honor our Blessed Mother and pray for our nation. May God bless you!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Cicero

Prepare Your Heart Program

Thank you to all of the ladies who participated in the "Prepare Your Heart for Christmas" program last Monday. It was a reflective time of looking at how the lessons found in Exodus apply to all of us today, and being aware of God's great provisions especially during our "desert times." Also, \$614 was collected for Bella Women's Center. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Christine Brugler, RN, MSN

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." Vincent van Gogh

The Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of
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FREE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2021

*** 11:30 PM – 1:00 PM ***

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EVERYONE IS INVITED. ALL ARE WELCOME

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~Mass Intentions~

December 04/05 Second Sunday of Advent

SAT 12/04	4:00 pm St. Cyril	Richard Urso (Valerie Woods & Family) <i>-Fr. Vincent DeLucia, OP</i>
SUN 12/05	11:00 am St. James	Josephine Pettenati (Linda & Don Wasilewski) <i>-Fr. Cicero (Livestream)</i>
TUE 12/07	6:00 pm St. James	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Keith Comins (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Crochet Ministry)
WED 12/08	NO MASS ST. JAMES	
	5:30 pm St. Cyril	<i>Adoration in Church</i>
FRI 12/10	8:30 am St. Cyril	Kay Shaffer (Eleanor Fairbanks)
	9:00 am	<i>Adoration in Church</i>

December 11/12 Third Sunday of Advent

SAT 12/11	4:00 pm St. Cyril	Mass for the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Blessed Sacrament Parishes <i>-Fr. Cicero (Livestream)</i>
SUN 12/12	11:00 am St. James	Jennie Ward (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar Rosary Society) <i>-Fr. Trimbur</i>

Holy Day—Immaculate Conception

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate the Immaculate Conception. The following masses are available:

Tuesday, 12/7/21 6:00 pm St. James
Wednesday, 12/8 6:00 pm Blessed Sacrament

**There will be no mass at St. James on Wednesday,
December 8th**



Oplatky

Oplatky will be available after each mass in the back of the churches or you may pick it up at the parish office. The cost is \$2.

Lottery Wreath Raffle

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar and Rosary Society is sponsoring a lottery wreath raffle. Tickets will be sold at the Kolachi sale. Drawing will be held on December 10th.



Announcements/Meetings

Greeters Needed: We need more greeters, especially for 4:00 pm at St. Cyril's. Please call the parish office.

Lottery Ticket Sellers are needed for the Lottery Fundraiser. You may call the parish office to volunteer.

The New Year's Eve Dinner Committee will meet **Wednesday, December 8, at 7:00 pm** at St. James Hall.

Parish Council will meet **Wednesday, December 8, at 7:30 pm** at St. James Hall.

Altar & Rosary Society will meet Thursday, December 9, at St. James Hall.

The Community Lunch day has been **changed** to December 11 instead of December 4. It is from 11:30-1:00pm.

Bell Ringers from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are Needed: to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on **Saturday, December 11 (not the 3rd)** in front of Walmart in the middle entrance, from **10am-3:00 pm**. We are in need of volunteers to donate a half hour or one hour of your day for this worthy cause. Sign up

It's Kolachi Time!!!

**Friday December 10 is our Christmas
Kolachi Sale.**

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for anyone able to help with the kolachi. You may also call the office to sign up. Even if you can only *spare one or two hours* it will be much appreciated! We make them at St. Cyril's Hall.



Wednesday, December 8 6:00 am-3:00 pm
Thursday, December 9 7:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday, December 10 7:30 am-noon

**Orders are picked up by customers from
12:00 -4:00 pm on Friday December 10.**

We will sell nut, poppyseed, apricot, and prune.
Cost is \$10 each.

**To place your order call the kitchen at
330-393-0781 no later than Monday December 6.**



Religious Education News

Happy New Year!! I am wishing you a Happy New Year because the church calendar year begins with the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021. The children will be preparing for the birth of Christ during the season of Advent. They will be praying for their families, the parishioners of our parish, and the work of the Catholic Church throughout the world. Please be sure to pray the children will grow closer to Christ during this season of Advent.

CCD Faith Formation classes will be held on December 5th, 12th and 19th. There will not be classes on December 26, 2021 or January 2, 2022 in celebration of Christmas and the New Year.

The Confirmation candidates helped with Christmas on North Road on Saturday, December 4th as part of their service hours for the parish. The next session for Confirmation will be January 23, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Parents of children making First Reconciliation are reminded there will be a parent session on Reconciliation on Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 9:30 to 10:45am at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton office. Children making First Reconciliation will have a mini retreat on Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 1:00 to 2:45pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Mary Jo Dugan, Director of Religious Education K-8



We welcome into our parish community
Von Harrison Rhodes
Who was baptized at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Born of Water & The Spirit

Thanks From St. Vincent dePaul

St. Vincent DePaul of SEAS thanks all who donated canned vegetables to give to our clients from our food pantry. We were recently blessed also by the JFK Food Drive with an abundance of food. However we can still use breakfast cereal. Please call 330-369-5753 to arrange a donation time. Baskets are also available at the back of the churches. Thanks for your generosity!

November 28 Collection \$8,440

Thank you for your continued generosity! We appreciate your continued support by sending in your weekly offertory envelopes.

Christmas Holy Day Mass Schedule

12/24 (Friday) : 4 pm St. James
12/24 (Friday): 4 pm Blessed Sacrament
12/24 (Friday): 6 pm Blessed Sacrament
12/25 (Saturday) 12 am Midnight Blessed Sacrament
12/25 (Saturday) 8:30 am Blessed Sacrament
12/25 (Saturday) 11 am St. Cyril

**Tuesday Morning Bingo at St. Mary's**

Doors open at 8:30 am, Calling begins at 10:00 am.
Parking Available in: St. Mary's lot, Public lot across High St., St. Demetrious (church beside Mocha House)

It's That Most Wonderful Time of the Year

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be working with the case workers of Someplace Safe to provide Christmas Gifts for those currently living in or served by this facility. At this point in time 35—45 children and approximately 20 mothers will have Angel Tags on the tree but this number could fluctuate by a few depending on the census at the time.



Each child will have TWO gift tags on our Angel Trees—one will be a gift that the parent cannot afford but would like to provide for the child, and the other will be a need that the child has. This year the children are in need of pajamas and coats so our "NEED" tags will reflect that. The "Mom" tags will be for Bath robes.

It is suggested that sponsors who take an Angel Tag spend no more than \$30-\$35 per gift.

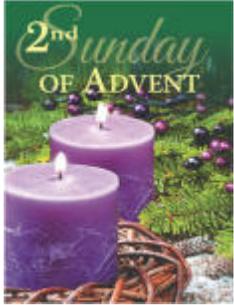
Gifts will need to be UNWRAPPED (wrapping paper, bows, etc. may be included with the gift)

The Angel Trees with Angel Tags are available. Please remember to sign the register if you take an Angel Tag.

ALL GIFTS NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 11/12th as they will be delivered to SOMEPLACE SAFE on December 13th. (bags will be provided.)

Preparing the Way of the Lord

Being the son of an excavator (mover of dirt for construction purposes), I was taught by my Father to look at what was before me, but to *see* (through our preparation and activity) what could be. In the Scripture Readings for this 2nd Sunday of Advent, the prophet



Baruch (5:1-9) and the Evangelist Luke (3:1-6), are relaying God's message that if we are to truly prepare the way of the Lord, the mountains in our lives must be leveled and the valleys filled in. God always looks on us with love, but He wants to see in us a place prepared for the coming of His Son, Jesus (Phil.1:10). Forgiveness is the key that unlocks our preparing

for the way of the Lord.

When I was about 7 years old, my father took me to a place in the wilderness of southern Ohio where a shopping mall complex was going to be built. There was a deep ravine lined with trees and high ridges on each side of it. My dad asked me to think about what it would be like if the mountains were used to fill in the valley to make a level area to build the mall. Even as a child, 2 things immediately came to my mind. The first was that this area was never going to be the same, and the second was that before one block could be laid upon another, a lot of preparatory work needed to be done.

Comparing the coming of Jesus to the site work necessary for a shopping mall is not ideal. Folks could argue whether the mall was necessary or unnecessary. But no human being can argue that the coming of Jesus into time was unnecessary. Before Jesus became incarnate, all of humanity (from Adam up until Jesus' Paschal Mystery) were separated from union with the love of God by death from sin that satan had insured had insufficient means of being forgiven. Thousands of years of history with untold numbers of souls (good and bad) that had no means (on their own) to be reconciled with their Creator.

The wilderness of these thousands of years was not being wasted though (a thousand years in God's sight are but a day...) (Ps.90:4). Our Father had prepared a plan from the beginning, with the cooperation of His sons and daughters (recall the Prophets and Patriarchs of the Old Testament), to bring about the forgiveness of sins. The 2nd Person in the Divine Trinity would become human (Jesus), so that humanity could become part of God (through Jesus and His Spirit).

Our Father looked upon humanity in its sinful state, but His Love (Spirit) always saw what we were meant to be in His Son. The cooperation in salvation history

of the prophets of old to prepare the way of the Lord, culminated with John the Baptist who preached a Baptism of Repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Lk.3:3). John was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of a voice crying out in the wilderness who made straight paths by leveling hills of sin and filling in valleys of hopelessness to prepare the world for the definitive building of Christ's Kingdom!

The Incarnation of Jesus was the pivotal moment in salvation history (Pastoral Patterns 11) that signaled the end of satan's kingdom. The prep work for the building of God's Kingdom continues in each of the living stones who are called to be daughters and sons in Christ. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and our acts of charity, we can make mountains low, fill in valleys, and make straight paths in ways that even St. John the Baptist did not have access to! Advent provides Christians the perfect opportunity to make ourselves right with God and anyone else that we might be having issues with. Just as God always looks with love at who we are meant to be, this is a good time for us to look at each other to both offer and allow the reception of forgiveness. Remember that it was satan that fought so hard for his old world where true forgiveness was impossible. Jesus demolished that world forever and told us that the forgiveness that we give is the forgiveness that we get. In His forgiveness and our preparation, may each of us this Advent Season, "...be pure and blameless for the day of Christ..." (Phil.1:10).

Peace, Deacon Ed

Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wed.: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thur.: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Jn 8:12/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11//Mt 17:9a, 10-13

An Invitation

Bishop Bonnar invites couples who are married civilly but not in the Church to inquire about beginning the validation process ("having your marriage recognized by the Church.") Please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience to inquire about beginning the necessary steps leading to the validation of your marriage



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