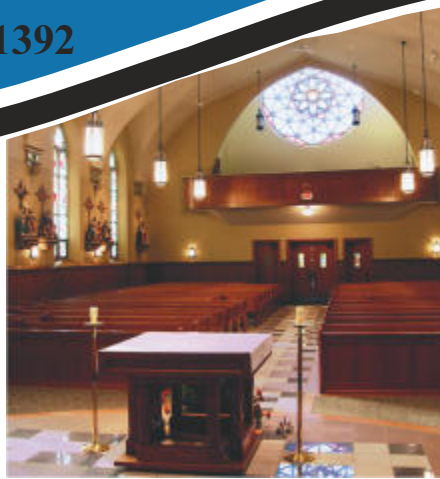
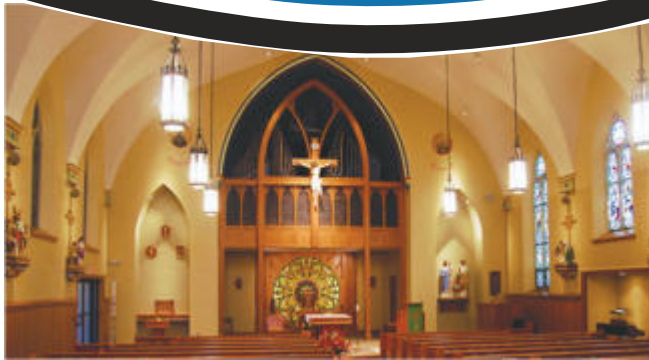


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Liturgies: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Liturgies: 7:30 a.m. (Monday–Friday)

Holy Day Liturgies: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. & any time by appointment.

BAPTISM

Call the Rectory office for scheduling.

MARRIAGE

Preparation required.

Call the Parish Priest for details.

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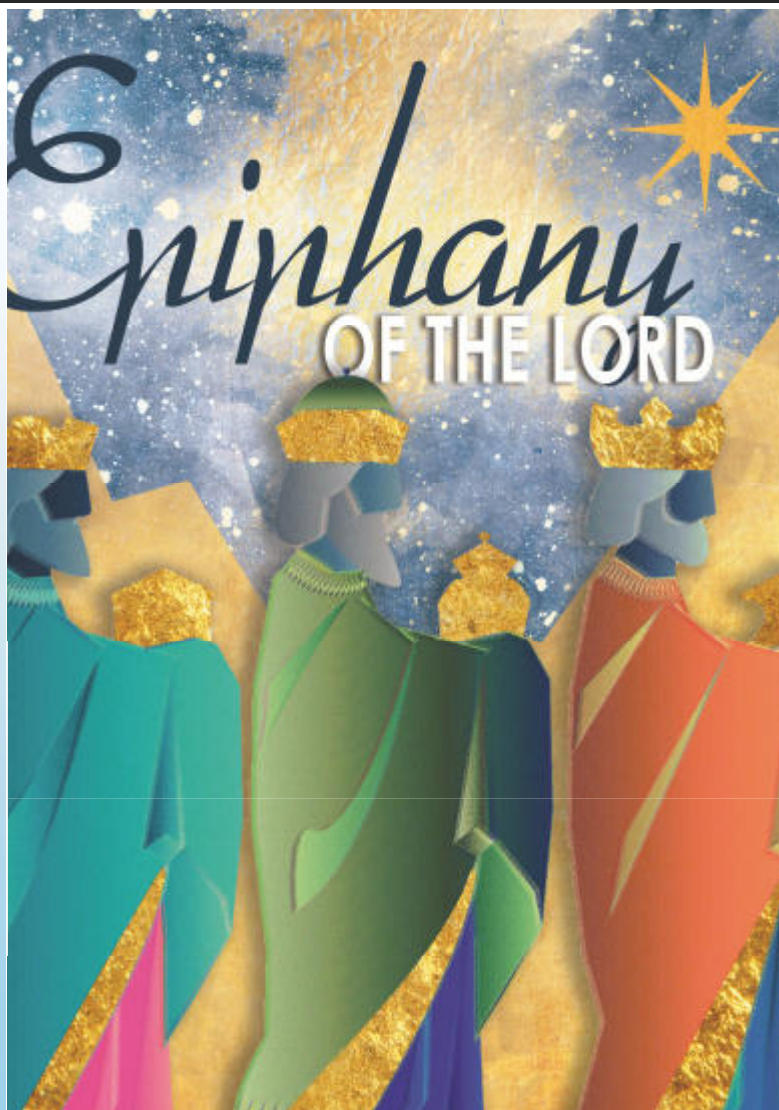
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Call anytime for emergencies.

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Adult formation process.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 PM Galonski Family by Nancy & Robert Galonski

Wednesday, January 5-St. John Neumann

7:30 AM Tony Wallace by Margaret French

10:00AM Msgr. William Biebel (Lutheran Home)

Thursday, January 6-Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Emil "Diny" Zarnick by Collins Family

Friday, January 7-Christmas Weekday

7:30 AM Eulalia Feikls by Ellen & Jeff Perry

10:00 AM Rev. Eldon K. Somers (Lutheran Home)

Saturday, January 8

5:00 PM John Schmidt & Michaud Family by Family

Sunday, January 9-The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Callistus

10:30 AM Jeff Pusateri by Jacklyn

Scripture Readings for Week of January 2, 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

The same Christ who in Bethlehem, as a child, accepted the gifts of the Magi kings, is still the one to whom . . . whole peoples "open their treasures."

—Pope Saint John Paul II



Special Retreat for Engaged Couples

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: "I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments." Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

Seventh Annual 138 Women's Conference

"Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fern Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register."



St. Callistus Meals are BACK!

(Previously Don't Eat Alone)

Drive thru or deliveries are available!

When: Sunday, January 16th

Where: St. Callistus Church

Pickups: Downstairs in Church Hall
(can grab a meal to take home right after mass)

Drive ups: outback

Time: 11:30AM-12:30PM

**Serving: Chicken casserole, corn,
roll & dessert**

You must call the rectory to sign up so we can prepare enough meals. 814-837-6694

If you'd like your meal delivered,
kindly give your address.

Coffee and Donut Ministry

NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Each week after 8:00 Mass, coffee and donuts are served in the parish social hall. All are welcome - and it is a great way to see and visit with people. But we need your help. We need people to sign up to pick up the donuts and make the coffee. It is a very simple ministry, but important hospitality. The sign up for coffee and donuts is in the parish social hall. This is a great family ministry - please consider signing up. Questions can be directed to Fr Bill.



Sunday, Jan 02, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The sanctity of home

"Home is where the heart is" is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the *hearth* is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or visit the USCCB's Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). *"The star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."*

Monday, Jan 03, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Initial reflections

Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: "IHS," which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase *Iesus Hominum Salvator* (Jesus Humankind's Savior). There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the IHS monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). *"And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him."*

Tuesday, Jan 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

Fed by the bread of life

Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. "How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe," she wrote, "that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!" In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). *"He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people."*

Wednesday, Jan 05, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Get to know your neighbors

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint. Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary, is revered for his tireless work among immigrants in

the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, "had a solution for every question posed," and an "unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect self-control. I always regarded him as a saint."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). *"If we love one another, God remains in us, and [God's] love is brought to perfection in us."*

Thursday, Jan 06, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

The comeback kid of Québec

Saint André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215). *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

Friday, Jan 07, 2022

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

Make straight your path

Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek *kanon* for "straight," were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith, so to speak. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: "All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition." In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Saint Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). *"God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."*

Saturday, Jan 08, 2022

SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Increasing Christ

Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). *"He must increase; I must decrease."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

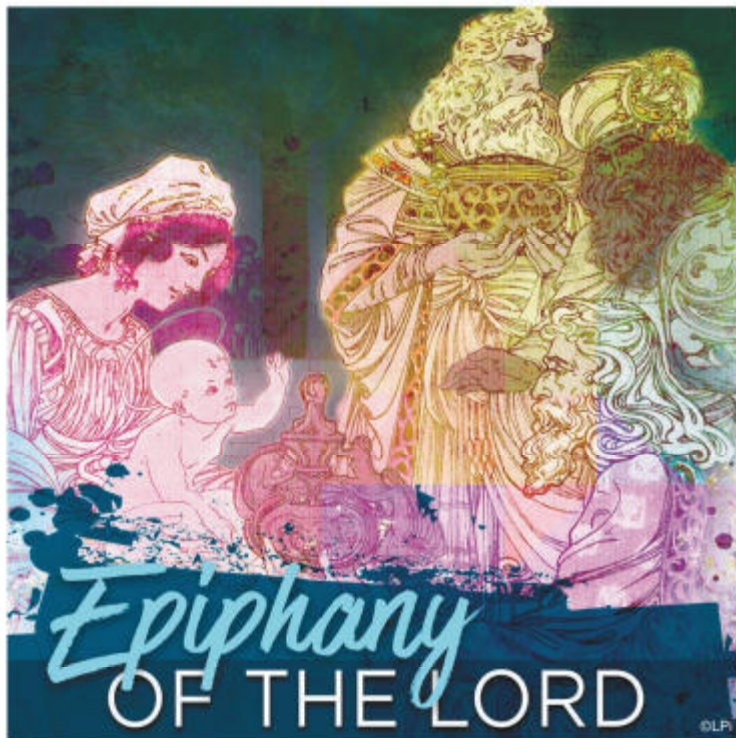
GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- 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



Saint of the Week

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."

From the Pastor....

The Epiphany of the Lord makes clear an important reality that the birth of Christ brings to us. First of all, the call to cultivate the deepest hunger of the human heart, that is, the desire for God. That desire can be ignored or obscured by over-identification with worldly concerns, too much focus on media and entertainment and a lack of silence and listening before the Lord. The magi are obviously well-to-do and most likely had a very comfortable life in the east. Yet they were so hungry to see the Messiah that they undertook a perilous journey. We, too are called to make that journey to encounter the Christ. It is not necessarily a physical pilgrimage, but an interior journey of prayer, fasting and listening to the Lord and then putting his will into effect in our everyday life. The Magi journeyed by the light of a star, we journey by the light of faith. Let us rejoice that Jesus guides us on this amazing adventure! Fr. Bill

Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need “another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.”

End of the Year Giving

If you plan on needing a statement of your contributions for tax purposes for 2021, please call the Rectory Office. If you made a pledge to CSA, the final payments are due by Jan. 31, 2022.

A huge Thank You to all who participated in *igivecatholic*. The generosity found in our parish is quite amazing! This year we again won a prize from the Catholic Foundation to the tune of \$750. Thanks again for your care and generosity for our Parish!
Our total raised from iGiveCatholic Giving Day is \$14,699 from 61 donors.

Offertory Report – December 19, 2021

“Stewardship means returning the first portion of all God has given you.”

Offertory	\$2,303.50
Loose Change	\$ 190.00
Children	\$ 5.25
E-Giving (13) 12/15-12/20	\$ 765.00
Total.....	\$3,263.75
Candles	\$ 26.00
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Christmas Offering	\$ 125.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 52.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$ 205.00

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-Thank you for your generosity-



Religious Education News

Sunday, January 9

Classes resume.

Kdg - 5th - Class 8:45 - 10:15

Confirmation Class - 11:15 - 12:30

MS- 9/10 - 6:00 - 7:15

We are so excited to see everyone after our Holiday break!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tuesday - January 4

7:00PM Boy Scouts-MP Rm.

Wednesday - January 5

4:30PM Girl Scouts-MP Rm.

Saturday - January 8

Sunday - January 9

8:45-10:15AM Rel. Ed., K-5

11:15AM Confirmation Class

6-7:15PM Rel. Ed., MS-9/10



New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive others.

As we begin a new year, remind of our truest values and deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we may live in peace, one day at a time.

Amen.



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