



# St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,

**“Whom shall I send?**

**Who will go for us?”**

**“Here I am,” I said; “send me!”**

ISAIAH 6:8



FEBRUARY 6  
**2022**

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** Monday—Thursday

**5:00pm**

**7:00 am**

Friday

**Sunday**

**12:00 pm**

Saturday

**7:00am**

**8:30 am**

**9:00am**

Confessions

**Saturday**

**11:00am**

**9:15am**

Sunday Mass will be live streamed  
through Facebook on  
Sundays at 9:00 am  
and posted after on the website.

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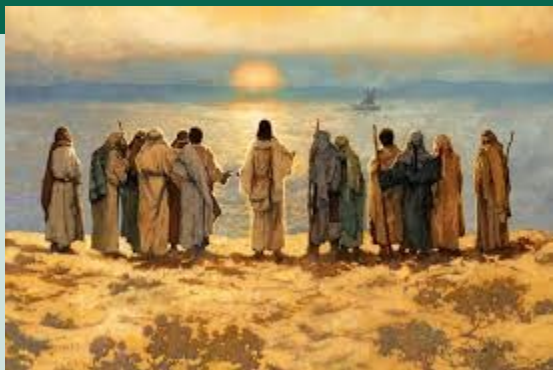
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# 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 6, 2022



## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Were you ever told that you would have to eat soap because of what you said? Maybe you actually had to? Wouldn't it be great if we could wash out our words so easily. Isaiah tells us about the day that an angel of Lord came down from heaven and placed burning ember on his tongue to purge his unclean lips. Isaiah then became a preacher and placed himself before God saying: "Here I am, send me!"

St. Paul talks about the power of the Word of God that he preached. He saw that as his sole purpose. To hand on the Word that he was given. He says that he was not a first hand witness but he too was handed the Word to preach. So can you take the baton? Can you respond like those apostles along the lake? What about God's word alive in Jesus would make you drop what you are doing and believe that sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is the most important thing that you can do? Like Peter we all need to get beyond our sinfulness and fear allowing the catch to seize us.

Let's get going! *Fr. Carroll*

## STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

January 30		\$3,827.00
Online		\$2,150.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,977.50</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS 2/5-2/13

Sat	5:00 pm	<b>Stanislaus &amp; Anna Rutkowski</b>
Sun	7:00 am	<b>Robin DelleDonne</b>
	9:00 am	<b>Barbara Hall</b>
	11:00 am	<b>Butch Sosnowski</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
Mon	7:00 am	<b>Joseph Durney, Sr.</b>
Tues	7:00 am	<b>James Matarese</b>
Wed	7:00 am	<b>Christopher Fortugno</b>
Thurs	7:00 am	<b>Rosemary Logan</b>
Fri	12:00 pm	<b>Msgr. Joseph Rebman</b>
Sat	8:30 am	<b>Anne &amp; Stephen Parisi, Sr.</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>Maryann Weeks</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
Sun	7:00 am	<b>Richard Piekarski</b>
	9:00 am	<b>Thomas Quill</b>
	11:00am	<b>Joseph Hickey</b>

*Mass cards are available in the Parish Office*  
*Celebrated in the parish—\$10 Offering*  
*Celebrated outside the parish—\$5 Offering*

**Please call or visit the parish office  
to inquire about dates for 2022.**

Masses can be said for birthday's, anniversaries,  
special intentions, etc.

**The 2023 mass book will open in February**

**The new mass parts that we began  
on Christmas Day can be found in  
the Breaking Bread. The Glory to  
God starts at #884. We're singing  
the Mass of Creation.**

BREAKING BREAD  
2022



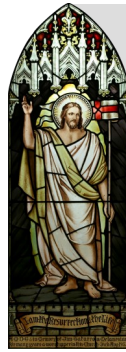
COVID 19 Guidelines - As you know Governor Carney put an indoor mask mandate in place but excepted churches. The diocese is now strongly recommending wearing masks in church. Please use common sense and feel free to protect yourself. If you or your children are not fully vaccinated you and they must wear masks in church. Let us continue to take care of one another!

*Commemorative Candles  
for the week of February 6*

In memory of Paul & Betty Sullivan  
In memory of Christopher Fortugno

*Commemorative Candles - \$10 Offering  
- card available to send -*

Candles can be lit in honor or memory of someone.  
for birthday's, anniversaries, special intentions, etc.



*Eternal Rest grant unto:*

**Irene Gorski**

*and may perpetual light  
shine upon her.*

*May she rest in peace.*

*AMEN.*

*Pray for...*



We believe  
in the power of prayer.

Please notify the office  
of changes in yours or a  
loved one's health so  
that we might properly  
focus our prayers.

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Jack McDermott, III  
Herman McDermott  
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Darlene Bargelski  
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Harry Beagelski, Jr.  
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Jolynn Maniscalco  
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Do you find yourself in church wanting to light a candle or two and no dollars in your possession? Did you know that you can make candle offerings online and even easier through our app?

**St. John the Baptist  
has arrived!**

With the help of St. Jude Shop and some great craftsman the statue has been moved from the old baptistry to his location above the baptismal font again! A significant donation was given so that we did not have to use current capital improvement funds. It is also so appropriate that the son of our patroness stands next to the pulpit as the first new testament prophet.



**SACRAMENTS**



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered on Saturday morning after the 8:30am mass and not at 4:00pm.

The **Anointing of the Sick** may be requested after mass if you are preparing for surgery. "Last Rites" can always be requested at home or at the hospital. It is best to do so when the person is still able to participate in the prayer.

**Funerals** - Funeral directors will contact the church and make arrangements for you. Visitations in church are at the pastor's discretion and parish membership. Eulogies in church are discouraged by Diocesan Policy.

**Weddings** - Call for scheduling and PreCana. Couples should contact the parish at least 1 year in advance.

**Baptisms** - Baptisms will be celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30. We will limit these celebrations to two families. Families must be registered in the parish. Discuss dates with Lisa in the parish office when you are ready. Participation in one preparation session is required. This can be done before the birth of your child.

**VOCATION REFLECTION**

Pray that all those called to follow Jesus in the priesthood or consecrated life will allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen them each day in their vocation and mission. **If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Carroll. 302-573-3113, [www.cdow.org/vocations](http://www.cdow.org/vocations) or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). Check out the new Facebook page "Vocations Diocese of Wilmington"**



**PARENTS...**

...do you encourage your children to develop their talents and gifts? Do you encourage your children to think of Church ministry as a possible life choice?



## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Look for a tangible way to show your spouse you care for him/her today. Also let this prompt you to extend your love to others today, even those with whom you disagree.

## PARENTING POINTERS

No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month. .

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** (302) 652-3626

CCD classes (Grades 1-8) Sunday from 9:30-10:45

Barbara Maddams, Coordinator  
Eileen Lisowski, Sacramental Prep

## LITURGY

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Jean Scalessa  
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jeanscalessa@gmail.com

## OUTREACH

Outreach is aware that one of the biggest problems facing some members of our community is food insecurity. If you or someone you know is having trouble feeding their family please call 652-3626 and leave us a message by selecting the Outreach option. Please leave your name, phone number and best time to reach you.



### ST. ELIZABETH DEVOTION - TOMORROW NIGHT -

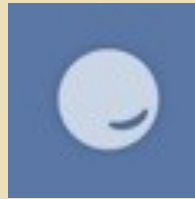
Every month we have our St. Elizabeth Devotion. It is a time to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to encounter the Word, Benediction, and the St. Elizabeth Prayer, Litany and Hymn. We celebrate this devotion to honor our patroness, to learn from her story and to strengthen us to be a community that stands up for life as Elizabeth did.

**Join us the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM.**

There is a Blessing of the Child in the Womb at the conclusion. If you have received the good news that you are pregnant, come for the blessing.

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## This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8*

**Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 138:1-5, 7-8*

**A song of thanks to God who saves us.**

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

**Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 5:1-11*

**The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

## Family Connection

In the people whom Jesus chose to be his closest friends—his disciples—we see many of the characteristic foibles of ordinary human beings. We also see the ways that God uses the gifts he gave us to transform us into new people, the agents through whom God will lead others to Jesus and to his kingdom. Let's consider the person Jesus chose to be a leader among the disciples and whom he sent to "catch people." Based on the evidence found in Scripture, we can imagine what Peter must have been like:

- Peter seems unafraid to speak his mind, yet he is also able to take direction. In today's Gospel, Simon Peter lowers his nets as Jesus commands, but not before reminding Jesus that he and his partners have been fishing all night and haven't caught anything.
- Peter is a leader, a spokesperson for others. Today's Gospel suggests that Simon Peter was a leader in his fishing business. When Simon Peter chooses to follow Jesus, others become Jesus' disciple as well.
- Peter's personality and charisma seem to make him the center of attention; yet Peter learned to be transparent, to let others see Jesus through him.
- Peter possesses a dynamic and open relationship with Jesus. Peter often approaches Jesus and speaks what is in his heart.

Gather as a family and spend some time imagining the person of Simon Peter. Encourage family members to tell details about Simon Peter that they recall from Scripture. Consider these questions: Is Peter someone you would like to be friends with? Why or why not? Do you consider Peter a good leader? Why or why not? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 5:1-11. Jesus chose Simon Peter to be the leader of the disciples. Peter continued to be a leader in the early Christian community; we continue to speak of Peter's leadership when we call the pope the successor of Peter. Discuss the role of the papacy and of other leaders in the Church. In what ways do we participate in the mission of the Church by leading people to Christ ("catching people")? Pray for those who lead the Church. Pray together the Prayer to St. Joseph, the Protector of the Church.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW...



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Friday, February 25th at 7:00PM

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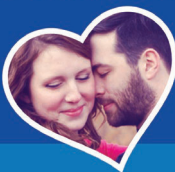
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