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Blessed are you  
who are poor,  
for the kingdom  
of God is yours.  
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who are  
now hungry,  
for you will  
be satisfied.

LUKE 6:20-21A

SIXTH  
**SUNDAY**  
in Ordinary Time

13  
2022  
FEBRUARY

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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b><u>Saturday Vigil</u></b>	<b><u>Monday—Thursday</u></b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>7:00am</b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b><u>Confessions</u></b>
	<b>Saturday</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>

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

## PARISH OFFICE/RECTORY

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# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 13, 2022



## ***A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR***

St. Luke's account of the beatitudes is unique. First, notice the reference to level ground and not a sermon from a mountain. Luke intentionally put the people on the same level as Jesus, the teacher. He then splits the 8 beatitudes into 4 blessed statements and 4 woe statements, again for balance. Amidst the level plain and the balanced statements, Luke has us focusing on the reaction. He tells us that Jesus' message was one that did and will "ruffle feathers". If you aren't getting a reaction and shaking things up you aren't doing it right or the way you say it needs to be stronger. How often do we hesitate to say what we want and should, especially when it comes to the standards that God calls us to live out. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we are rooted in the right place we will bear fruit. Hope in the Lord will sustain us because the Lord comes through and carries us through. We too will rejoice and leap for joy!

Blessed are you! *Fr. Carroll*

*Look who I found next to the font. I was a college seminarian at the time (1985). I remember being here to do a talk for the seminarian collection.*



## STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

February 6		\$10,071.00
Online		\$4,869.25
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14,940.25</b>
Capital Improvement		\$468.75
Online		\$199.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$667.75</b>

### ***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.



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?

COVID 19 Guidelines - As you know Governor Carney put an indoor mask mandate in place but excepted churches. He lifted the indoor mandate on Friday. Please use common sense and fell free to protect yourself. If you or your children are not fully vaccinated you and they must wear masks in church. Get vaccinated. Get boosted. Let us continue to take care of one another!

### ***Commemorative Candles for the week of February 13***

In memory of Ed & Mary Devlin  
In memory of Daryl Devlin  
Happy Birthday Stephanie Rutkowski

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

## MASS INTENTIONS 2/12–2/20

Sat	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>
	11:00 am	<b>Joseph Hickey</b>
Mon	7:00 am	<b>Lawrence Cylc</b>
Tues	7:00 am	<b>Dominick Aviola</b>
Wed	7:00 am	<b>John Matarese</b>
Thurs	7:00 am	<b>Thomas Lynch</b>
Fri	12:00 pm	<b>James Giles</b>
Sat	8:30 am	<b>Mary Reimer</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>Steve Sanna</b>
Sun	7:00 am	<b>John J. Matarrese, Jr.</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
	9:00 am	<b>Rose B. Davis</b>
	11:00am	<b>Marcie DiMeglio</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 is open.**

## 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.

Doris Wilds  
Jack McDermott, III  
Herman McDermott  
Kathleen Matarese  
Darlene Bargelski  
Joseph Korup  
Margaret Wertz  
Karen Gallagher  
Maryann Berry  
Tab Smith  
Barbara Zack  
Debbie Buchler  
Harry Beagelski, Jr.  
Kristi Lepkowski  
Jolynn Maniscalc  
Anne Marie McLaughlin

## 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 for a truer understanding that faithfulness to one's vocation in Christ is necessary in order to do all for the glory of God. **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"**



## PRAYER...

... is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Not all are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

"Lord, your Church is in need. Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen."

*On Thursday, February 17th at 6:30 PM, St. Ann's parish will be hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations. All are welcome to attend to support and pray for an increase in vocations here in the Diocese of Wilmington. The Holy Hour includes exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture readings, and a reflection offered by one of our diocesan seminarians. Those in our local parishes who are discerning a vocation are especially encouraged to attend.*

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

On Valentine's Day you will do something special with your beloved. Beyond cards and candy, however, spend some time reminiscing about how you met and how that initial meeting evolved into a deeper relationship. Was there a significant turning point?



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## PARENTING POINTERS

A few home rules could be: No phones during family meals. Unless it's an emergency, do not answer a phone call when talking in person to someone.

## 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  
*Organist*

jeanscalessa@gmail.com

BREAKING BREAD  
2022



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.

## 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.

FAMILY PROMISE - Our team provided dinner for the families at Jesus House February 6-12.



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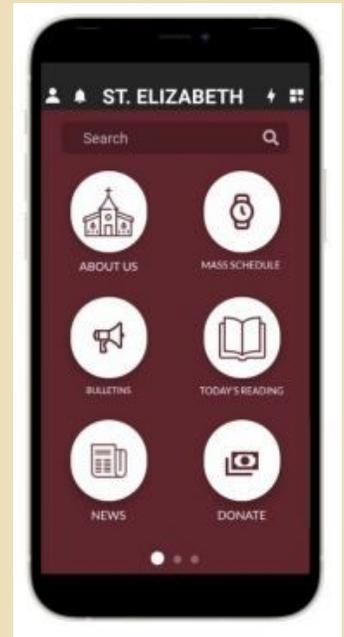


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## This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

**Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 1:1-4,6*

**Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.**

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

**Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:17,20-26*

**Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

## Family Connection

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.



*Your reward will be great in heaven*

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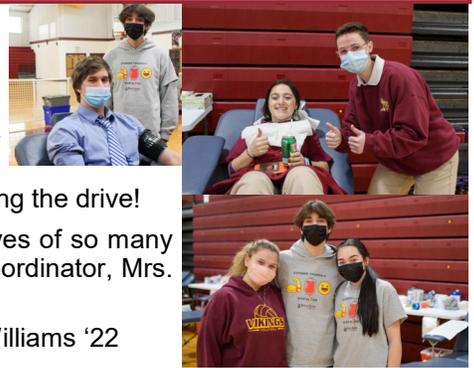
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# BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE

In keeping with service traditions, St. Elizabeth partnered with the Blood Bank to host our annual blood drive on Friday, January 28, 2022. The blood drive is a student-driven event that our high school blood drive members organize each year. For most juniors and seniors, this is their first time donating blood, an impactful experience that prepares them for donating in the future. In addition to our upper classmen, many parents, faculty and staff members were in attendance to support our students and donate blood themselves. Over 30 Vikings donated during the drive!

Each pint of blood collected can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. Many thanks to our student blood drive committee members and faculty coordinator, Mrs. Kelly, for making our donors feel comfortable and attended to throughout the day.

Student Coordinators: Matthew Ferrier '22, Adriana Gonzalez '22, and Mia Williams '22



Join us for two showings of our Elementary School production  
***Magic Tree House: The Knight at Dawn***

**Friday, February 25th at 7:00PM**  
**Saturday, February 26th at 2:00PM**

Search for tickets at  
[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

"Magic Tree House: The Knight at Dawn" is an adaptation of the second of Mary Pope Osborne's award-winning fantasy adventure books from the Magic Tree House book series. This time around, Jack and Annie's tree house takes them to an age of knights in shining armor, where the two discover the power of hope and the true meaning of gallantry.

The two siblings, Jack and Annie, return to visit their magic tree house. As they read a book about knights and the middle ages, Annie is intrigued by the Black Knight and the mysterious quest one must successfully complete before becoming a knight. When she wishes to visit the castle in the book, the siblings are whisked away to medieval times. They set off to learn more about the Black Knight and his quest, experiencing a grand medieval feast, escaping through secret tunnels and dancing with enchanted suits of armor, all in an effort to find their way back home.

Join us March 27  
at 2:00PM in St. Elizabeth Grant Hall

All reservations must be purchased online. No reservations can be made at the door. Limited to 300 people. **\*\*You must be 18 or older to attend the event\*\*** Event includes 18 games and each individual receives 9 cards per game, which increases your chances of being a big winner! Extra bingo cards are available for purchase at the door. 50/50 raffles and Chinese Auction raffles will also be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit St. Elizabeth School. Space is limited.

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