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ST. MARY

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Saturday - 5:00 pm - English
Sunday Worship:
Sunday - 1:30 pm - Spanish

HOLY FAMILY

815 W. Main Street
Sunday Worship:
Sunday 8:00 am
English

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Worship

Tue: 6:30pm — HF
Wed: 8:15am — SM
Thur: 8:15am — HF
Fri: 8:15am — SA

Sunday

Sat: 5:00pm — SM
Sun: 8:00am — HF
Sun: 10:00am — SA
Sun: 1:30pm — SM

Evening Prayer

Adoration & Benediction

Tue: 5:30pm – 6:30pm — HF
Fri: 5:30pm – 6:30pm — HF

Confessions: Holy Family

Tuesday 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Friday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Also available by appointment

Rev. Fr. Sengole Gnanaraj

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Nick Pagano

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Rev. Mr. Jim Miller

Deacon



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WAITING FOR THE SON

For unto you
is **BORN** this day
in the city of David a
Savior,
CHRIST THE LORD

Luke 2:11



SUNDAY

December 23rd & 24th

Obligation Mass

Saturday, December 23rd - St. Mary - 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th - Holy Family - 8:00 am

Sunday, December 24th - St. Andrew - 10:00 am

TO MEET YOUR OBLIGATIONS, BE SURE TO HONOR MASS TIMES.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 12/23	SM	5:00 pm	Mary Parker
Sunday, 12/24	HF	8:00 am	Ron Holthouse
Sunday, 12/24	SA	10:00 am	Robert Brack
Sunday, 12/24	SM	4:00 pm	Christmas Intentions
Sunday, 12/24	SA	6:00 pm	Christmas Intentions
Monday, 12/25	HF	Midnight	Christmas Intentions
Monday, 12/25	SA	10:00 am	Joy & Tom Holthouse
Tuesday, 12/26	HF	6:30 pm	John Brown
Wednesday, 12/27	SM	8:15 am	Ann Vogue
Thursday, 12/28	HF	8:15 am	Mary L. Vogelgesang
Friday, 12/29	SA	8:15 am	Romaine DeLucio
Saturday, 12/30	SM	5:00 pm	The Smith Family
Sunday, 12/31	HF	8:00 am	Loretta & Carl Pfeiffer
Sunday, 12/31	SA	10:00 am	Rosemary Ramsey
Sunday, 12/31	SM	1:30 pm	Pro Populo

Participation in numbers ...

Weekend Mass attendance	December 10	800
Weekend Mass attendance	December 17	836
Weekly Confessions	Tuesday - Friday	45



CHRISTMAS

Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, December 24th - St. Mary - 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th - St. Andrew - 6:00 pm

Monday, December 25th - Holy Family

Midnight

Monday, December 25th - St. Andrew

10:00 am

DECEMBER 24, 2023

This Week's Liturgy Dec. 25 - Dec. 30

MON	25	The Nativity of the Lord, SA
TUE	26	St Stephen, First Martyr, HF
WED	27	St. John Apostle, Evangelist, SM
THU	28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, HF
FRI	29	5th day Octave of the Nativity, SA
SAT	30	6th day Octave of the Nativity, SM

Stewardship report: December 17, 2023

Sunday/Holy Day	Dec. 17	11,919.75
Online giving	Dec. 11-15	9,826.82
Spanish	Dec. 17	385.25
Total		22,131.82
Budget weekly		18,653.85
Parish Needs	Dec. 17	485.00

Please Pray!

Jan Wright, Jan Benson, Jane Brandley, Arthur Bell, Keith Fessler, Ann Melle, Nathan Gethers, Bill Ritz, Dorothy Fuller, Mike Pappin, Gary Criss, Carolyn Fisher, David Fisher, Mark G. Gibson, Betty & John Dille, Kate Knight, Diana Hart, Stephanie Celich, Steven Valsak, Mandy Baker, Kathy Williams, Barbara Pfeiffer, Nellie Cheek, Susan Criss, Patty Weber, Curt Himelick, Dolores Hawkins, Joe Vecera, Joe Goebel, Pat Koons, Rohe Family, Earl Crouch, Bill Selkirk, Charles Brown, Jim Peters, Elmer Russell, Freddie Kaduck, David Ruddell, Diane Endres, Freya Burns, Steve Johnson, Benford Green, Paul Homdrom, Sarah Grace Vargas & family, Jerry Feller, Linda Williams, Rick Puthoff, Darlene Hodge, Harriett O. White, Mike Ferriell, Rex Grubbs, Troy Mills, Mackenzie Barrett, Gail Wright, James Wetzel, Candace Laster, Katie Ison, Mary Kay Hankosky, Alan Legg & family.



***On behalf of Fr. Sengole, the staff, and myself:
To you and your families,
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good
night!!
Have a Blessed and Happy 2024!!
Fr. Nick***



Dear All,

This weekend we celebrate both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas, 2023! The fourth candle of Advent represents LOVE, and Christmas is the unique expression of God's love for us. God comes as a baby child, an expression of love which can only evoke love from us. God goes to lengths to demonstrate to us how much He loves us and how much He wants us to love Him. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the simple message of Christ, of Christmas.

It is our hope as Christians to carry this message throughout the year: to grow more in love of God, and in love of neighbor, so that we can advance in holiness. As we approach the New Year, I suggest that you add one

small devotional prayer practice which you can do in your family. If you are not saying a prayer before meals, begin this year! If you are not praying with your children before bed, begin this year! If you are not reading your bible at least 20 minutes a day, begin this year. There are many different apps on your phone which can support you, such as Hallow, or Ascension, or even our own Seton Catholic FB, where you can join the parish family in the daily rosary at 7:30 pm. If you are not doing one charitable activity, at least once monthly, begin this year.

Spend this last week praying and thinking about what new devotional practice you can begin on January 1, 2024.

Peace and Preparation,

Fr. Nick

Our Newly Baptized



Congratulations
Graham Vincent Newton
was baptized by: Fr. Nick Pagano
on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St. Mary Church
Graham is the son of David & Tess Newton



Congratulations
Andres Jesus Arroyo-Melendez
was baptized by: Fr. Nick Pagano
on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St. Mary Church
Andres is the son of Rodrigo Arroyo & Jessica Melendez-Ramirez

2ND COLLECTIONS

12/24/2023 - No Second Collection
12/31/2023 - Needs of the Parish
Thank you for your generous gifts!

CONFIRMATION 2024

Several changes—Please take note:

All Confirmation Prep and Catechesis are now under the direction of Religious Education. Confirmation Candidates, registered in Religious Education classes, will attend weekly Confirmation classes on Sundays from 11:15 – 12:15 p.m., BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024. If you wish to be confirmed in Fall of 2024, you must be registered and attend these classes regularly.

CONFIRMATION 2024 is now being offered to all 9th and 10th grade students in Religious Education program and Seton Catholic High School Religion Classes. The Religious Education Confirmation Program and the Seton Catholic High School Confirmation Program will work independently, using the same textbooks and curriculum, but will come together in shared catechesis, social and service opportunities.

Letters to all prospective candidates and their parents will be sent explaining the new program and prayerfully inviting their hearts to change, cooperation and success. Please contact vroosa@setoncatholics.org or call 765-962-3902 *1004 for questions and REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

Thank you,
Vicky Roosa

Religious Education

We are joyfully journeying to Bethlehem to meet the Christ Child and will NOT BE HAVING CLASSES December 24th, December 31st, and January 7th. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. at Seton Catholic High School.
May we all see the Bethlehem Star this Christmas and when we do ... be rewired and recharged by HIS LIGHT for the New Year.
I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year!
In His Peace, Vicky

Save-The-Date

ADORE – A – THON Is Coming ...
Be Ready!

March 9 & 10th, 2024 at
Holy Family Campus

ALL-NIGHT TEEN RETREAT
7th -12th grade students
JOYFULLY INVITED

Please save the date ...
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

Jesus, take the wheel! - a Bus Replacement Project



(Officially launches 1.2.2024, but if year-end giving is for you, read on.)

As we approach the financial year-end, we are excited to announce our commitment to supporting a vital initiative that directly impacts our Church and School
Jesus, take the wheel! - a Bus Replacement Project.

This project aims to replace our worn-out buses utilized for school and parish activities.

Your year-end contributions to this endeavor will play a crucial role in replacing aging buses with modern vehicles that will be in service for 7-10 years.

By investing In Jesus, take the wheel! - a Bus Replacement Project, we not only address immediate needs but also contribute to the long-term sustainability and well-being of transportation for our Parish and School.

If you are in a position that creates year-end giving as a financially advantageous move, we invite you to join us in making a meaningful impact this year-end by supporting this project. To make a year-end contribution, scan the QR code or contact Tim Elstro to learn more or learn other ways to donate. Email Tim at telstro@setoncatholics.org or call 795.962.3902 ext. 1018.





The Staff wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Holy Family available for prayer

You will need the MyParish app account to get the access code. The code will change periodically and notifications will arrive via MyParish app. Please do not share the code because that could undermine the intent to keep our parishioners and churches safe and secure. (If you do not have a cell phone and would like the code, please call the Parish Office at 962-3902)

- * Please ensure the door is locked behind you.
- * Standard church etiquette should be followed - Be mindful that we are in the house of God and others may be there praying.
- * Occasionally you may run into sacristans or other workers in the church at the same time. While we do not mean to intrude on your private prayer time, there is much behind-the-scenes work that must be done. We will do our best to be quiet while performing our duties.
- * Recommended weekday times are 6:00AM-8:00PM. There are also times you may want to avoid visiting the church - Saturday mornings are usually reserved for the setup of the weekend Masses. Funerals, school services, weekday Masses, or rosary prayer times are also common events that would take precedence over private prayer time.
- * Please sign-in, a sign-in sheet is available in the back of church.

Mary's Christmas Dream

I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They had gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents were not for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a lovely tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on top of the tree. It looked like how an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful! Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him? I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to the celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone was so happy, but it made me want to cry. How sad for JESUS – not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real!

~Author Unknown

Isaiah 9:6

For a child has been
born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon
His shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

The birth of Jesus gave great joy to a people who had been waiting for the Messiah. His birth fulfilled one promise and made another. We too await the Messiah's birth, this Christmas, with great joy and promise for changed lives as we travel to Bethlehem. Jesus changed the lives of everyone He met and challenged them to be people of love. Jesus continues today, through Eucharist, Sacred Scripture and His Holy Spirit, to challenge and change our lives. From birth in a smelly, animal-surrounded manger to death on a rugged cross ... ALL THIS IN LOVE for us. Could our gift to Him, this Christmas 2023, simply be a PROMISE to love Him back? Our "Yes" to faith in Jesus and willingness to love, unconditionally, has a "ripple effect" on others. As our own faith deepens inside ... our joy, peace, courage of faith and love for Jesus shows up on the outside. IT IS CATCHING! I invite you, this Christmas, to RUN, not walk, to Bethlehem! Do not pass go and do not collect \$200 (Monopoly). When you get there just kneel and take in a deep breath of thankfulness. Thankful for His Birth. Thankful for His Death and Resurrection and Thankful for His promise of everlasting LOVE. May the GIFT OF OUR HEARTS be His this Christmas and Always. MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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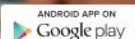
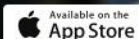
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