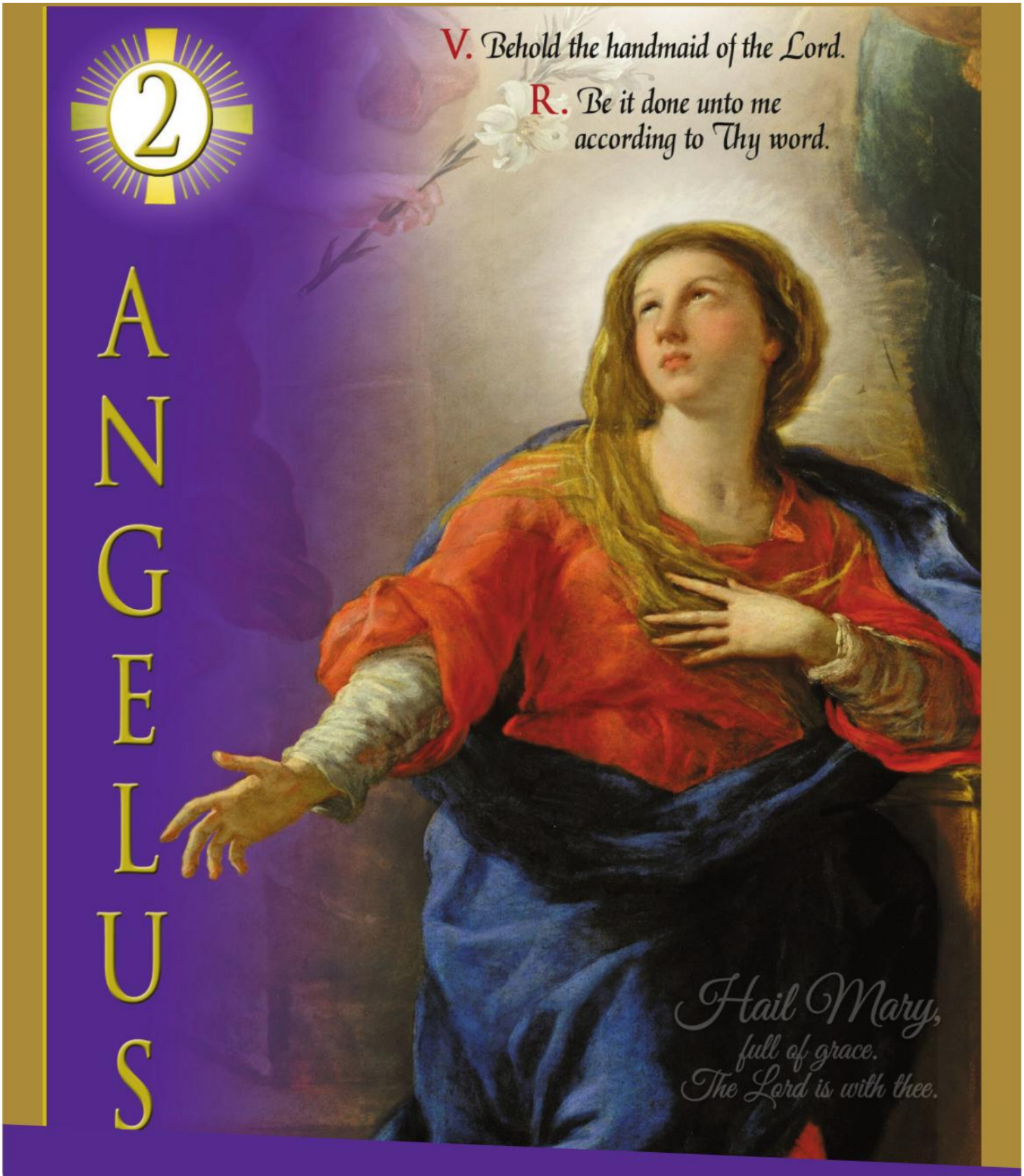


# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

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**December 4, 2022**

2nd Sunday of Advent

## CONFESSION TIMES

After most weekday Masses and
Saturday, after the 8:00 am Mass

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 5**
**6:30 am** MLS - Special Intention
**8:00 am** † Tommy O'Neill

**Tuesday, December 6 ~ Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop**
**8:00 am** † Jim Stoody
**Eucharistic Exposition after 8:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm and following the 6:00 pm Mass until 8:30 pm**
**6:00 pm** † MJS - Special Intention

**Wednesday, December 7 ~ Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
**6:30 am** Joe & Cheryl Muhler - Anniversary
**8:00 am** † James Stoody
**6:00 pm** † Dennis Loney

**Thursday, December 8 ~ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
**6:30 am** † Charlotte Simonis
**8:00 am** † For Living & Deceased Members of the Gabet Family
**12:00 pm** † Mary Wunderlin
**6:00 pm** † Thomas Kelker

**Friday, December 9 ~ Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**
**6:30 am** † Shawn Doyle
**8:00 am** † Francis X. Riebenack

**Saturday, December 10 ~ Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto**
**8:00 am** † Carol Brown
**Eucharistic Exposition and Confessions following the 8:00 am Mass until 9:30 am**
**4:30 pm** † Louis & Agnes Sobasky

**Sunday, December 11 ~ Third Sunday of Advent**
**8:00 am** † Christy Landrigan
**9:45 am** † Tony Christie
**11:30 am** † Helen Starnes
**5:30 pm** Pro Populo

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 4, 2022

**Monday**
**Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26**

**Tuesday**
**Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14**

**Wednesday**
**Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Mt 11:28-30**

**Thursday**
**Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38**

**Friday**
**Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt 11:16-19**

**Saturday**
**Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13**

**Sunday**
**Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11**

# FR. TERRY | PASTOR

## WELCOMING THE GUEST TO COME: AN ORIENTATION

"People Look East" is a beautiful hymn for Advent that reminds us that "Love, the Guest, is on the way." Our rectory experienced this in a poignant way just before Advent, for we now have a fourth priest in-residence (only). Fr. Vincent Onunkwo is a priest of Nigeria who for ten years has been serving in the diocese of Burlington, VT. After being accepted in the CPE program at Lutheran Hospital, he came to our diocese for the year-long training as a chaplain. He actually met our bishop over the summer back in Nigeria (providence!) and eventually asked for residence here to be close to the hospital. Since he is mostly tied up with the hospital duties, he is not assigned at our parish. You will probably see him at Sunday Mass as a concelebrant (he is pretty tall and hard to miss!) and perhaps helping out when one or two of your priests are unavailable for daily Mass or Confessions. We welcome Fr. Vincent into the home of the rectory and the "home" of the parish family.

Speaking of welcoming guests into our home, Advent is a time when we particularly focus on welcoming Christ. We cry out the final prayer of the Church in the bible: "Come, Lord Jesus!" This season of Advent, epitomized by this prayer with its double-meaning (both the end of time and of Christmas), is truly a perfect model for the entire Christian life. We are always in-between these two comings of Christ, and whether it is Easter season or Christmas or Ordinary Time or Lent, we are always crying "Come, Lord Jesus!" with our hearts ready to welcome the Lord's arrival, turned outwards toward Him and not turned inward on ourselves.

This is why, again for the second year, some of the daily Masses at our parish will include praying "toward the Lord" who is our "liturgical East." This is in fact the meaning of the word "orientation," to turn Eastward, as we await the rising sun that is Christ Jesus. The symbolic value of the cosmos is important, which is why Christians are traditionally buried facing East and churches were built facing East. If you would like to experience a Mass "ad Orientem" (toward the East) please attend one of the 6:30 am Masses or Thursdays morning Mass. These will provide an opportunity to enrich your experience of the Mass with another legitimate form of how Mass is celebrated, and indeed has been celebrated for the majority of the Church's history. I pray you will find it helpful for your Advent season of being ready to welcome the Guest that is on the way to us.

Finally, many of us have decorations on the outside of our houses for Christmas, and likely inside as well with a transplanted and slowly-dying evergreen (or artificial replica thereof) and perhaps much more. However, I would encourage that somewhere in that house you set up a place that says, "here is where we pray about the true meaning of what we await at Christmas." Perhaps that means a nativity scene. Perhaps a painting of the Holy Family. If you can safely include a candle (or a fake one) that would be good. Place the bible or a children's book about Christmas there. Keep your Advent calendar nearby. Print out the song O Come O Come Emmanuel for everyone to sing as you look at the empty manger. (Hide the wise men until New Years' and have them journey around the house until Epiphany!)

Love, the Guest, is on the way to your homes and to your hearts. Allow this space of prayer to help to you stay ready to welcome the Infant King. And when Christmas is over, don't turn that place over completely, but rather transform it for the next liturgical season. Keep that space in your house for the Lord always, just as you wish to do year-round in your heart and soul. Blessed Advent to you!

# SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL 432-4001

## Greetings Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners!

Greetings! Our school halls are reflecting the Advent season as teachers, staff, and students prepare for the coming of the savior! Congratulations and well done to Mr. Ware and our 8B students who will head to Indianapolis on Monday for the state competition of We the People. Good Luck Pioneers! **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!**
Have a great week!
**Miss Widner**

## CALENDAR

December 5-8B: goes to Indianapolis for We the People competition. Good Luck!

December 11-8th: Grade Confirmation Student/Sponsor Meeting 12:45 or 4:00 p.m. (choose ne meeting)

December 12-8th: Grade Confirmation Student/Sponsor Meeting 6:00 p.m. (choose one meeting)

## PHOTOS

Mrs. Steffan, our Consumer Technology teacher, had our middle school students "in the kitchen," making Honey Oatmeal cookies! After learning kitchen safety, how to prepare ingredients, and waiting to see and taste the end result, students wrote 6-Word stories describing their experience. Take a look!

Made Dough. Scooped Dough. Baked Dough

Prep Mix Scoop Bake Cool Eat

Very Proud after I baked cookies

Two Days. Seven People. Done.

Loud, Messy, Everyone, Everywhere, good cookies

# FORMATION

**CAROLE YANEY**
cyaney@seasfw.org Ext. 107

## SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please join us this Tuesday, December 13 after the 6:00 pm Mass for our Advent Penance Service. There will be many priests available to hear your confession and will stay until all are done. Thank you.

## PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Pro-Life meeting on Monday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Solanus room. Life begins at the moment of conception until death...help us protect LIFE!

worldwide marriage encounter

Calling all Married Couples: Put CHRISTmas in your spouse's stocking this year! Give the gift of romance and spiritual connection with a Marriage Encounter experience. We are inviting EVERY married couple and religious to attend, but there is limited capacity for this one scheduled for February 19th -20th right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It is a series of talks presented by 3 couples and a priest. You will learn about tools you can use to continue to enrich your sacrament. Get it on your calendar now! Register at www.wwme-ni.org, sign up on the application sheet at the welcome center or contact parishioners Rick & Julie Nill at 260 -255-9264 or email Rick.Julie.Nill@wwme.org . There is a $75 application fee, and donor funds are available to any parishioner who needs them. Just make the note PARISH FUNDS on your application. You deserve this experience, don't miss it. It's the gift that will keep giving for a lifetime.

**The Healing Ministry will be available to pray with those who desire physical or inner healing prayer at our December 13 Penance Service. Thank You.**

# YOUTH FORMATION

**KIM CONTE**
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## Youth Formation Information

**Family Formation:**
Grades 1-6
Parent Meetings/Student Classes
December 4 & 5

**Confirmation Student & Sponsor Meeting:**
December 11 at 12:45 pm
or 4:00 pm
December 12 at 6:00 pm

**Student should attend with sponsor or parent.**
**School Cafeteria**

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

All Children ages 4-6 are invited to participate in this ministry. Children are called up before the readings and dismissed together to have their own Liturgy of the Word with a reading of the Gospel and related songs and activities. Any questions contact Sarah Bishop and Mike Rost
seaschildrensliturgy@gmail.com

## LITURGY

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## LITURGICAL PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

**RAEANN MULLEN**

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### Schedule of Ministers ~ December 10 & 11 (***Sub Request)

| | Saturday 4:30 pm | Sunday 8:00 am | Sunday 9:45 am | Sunday 11:30 am | Sunday 5:30 pm |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lector | Keith Hood<br><br>Greg Wirtner | Carmen Reed<br><br>Charlene Burian | Tom Niezer<br><br>Chris Arnold | Jyotsna Mascarenhas<br><br>MaryElla Hierholzer | Frank Metelues<br><br>Kelley Doyle |
| EMOC | John Rang<br><br>Heather Schimmele<br><br>Elaine Pontillo | Chie Valcarcel<br><br>Carolyn Adgalanis<br><br>Rick Nill | Sarah King<br><br>Joanne Leja<br><br>Michele Eckert | Dave Francis<br><br>Jane Francis<br><br>Kathy Denice | Mary Barritt<br><br>Michelle Hileman<br><br>NOT FILLED |
| Server | Cortes Mata<br><br>Jade Bultemeyer<br><br>Dominic DeLuca<br><br>Grace Speith | Steve Reed<br><br>Stanley Lee Liponoga<br><br>Abigail Engquist<br><br>NOT FILLED | Patience Davis<br><br>Evelyn Wedler<br><br>Anabelle Pantoja<br><br>Bianca Parra | Andrew Campbell<br><br>Lila Shanks<br><br>Kayla Smith<br><br>Charlotte Verslype | Timothy Rowan<br><br>Jessica Birkle<br><br>Alex Birkle<br><br>Noah Kenny |
| Usher | Tom Jurczak<br><br>Bryan Smith | Rodney Schroeder<br><br>Sue Iannucilli | Michael O'Keefe<br><br>Bob Hoppe | Jacob Gibson<br><br>Rich Burton | NOT FILLED |
| Welcome Center | Wendy Flotow*** | Mel Shade | Elizabeth Feola | Inez Skillman | NOT FILLED |

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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of

**Charlotte Nill**
**and**
**Marilyn Smith**

Who recently passed away. We offer our continued prayers for all our deceased parishioners and their families.

## Newly Baptized

*Joseph Patrick Cooper*
Child of Nicholas & Michelle Cooper

*Jase Michael Dziabis*
Child of Adam & Kelly Dziabis

*Hudson Thomas Sposito*
Child of Kenneth & Victoria Sposito

"If we beheld a soul after baptism with the eyes of faith, we would see angels taking their wath around it."
*-Mother Seton*

## MATRIMONY

Engaged couples wishing to marry at St. Elizabeth should contact Raeann Mullen at 432-0268, before reserving a wedding date. Weddings typically take place at the Catholic parish where the bride or groom has been registered for some time and are attending Mass regularly. Marriage preparation classes take about six months to complete, and it is never too early to begin the preparation program.

# FINANCE

**JENNIFER ENGQUIST**
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## ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has pledged or donated to the 36th Annual Bishop's Appeal. We have met our goal and the deadline for this year's appeal is now past. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support to our parish and the Diocese as a whole!

## CHURCH RENOVATION DONATIONS

Some of you have called to see how you can donate to the upcoming church renovation project that Father talked about in his article. If you wish to donate, please write a check to SEAS and place "Church Renovation" in the memo line. You can also go online and choose "Church Renovation" as the fund. If you have other questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Engquist at jengquist@seasfw.org or call at 260-432-0268.

## FACILITIES DIRECTOR

Facilities Director position starts May 1, 2023 with 2 month overlap with current director who is retiring. The Facilities Director at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish/school is responsible for maintaining the parish/school and school buildings and grounds. The Facilities Director performs and supervises tasks related to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, security, environmental, safety, custodial and event coordination. This position requires a team player attitude, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, attention to details and project coordination. The Facilities Director has a clear understanding of acceptable business practices in relationship to church teachings. The Facilities Director has the ability to collaborate with and support the Pastor, Business Manager, School Principal, parish and school staff including teachers and students and volunteers.
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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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| **WEEK OF:** | 11 / 13 / 2022 |
| **SUNDAY:** | $ 15,611.86 |
| **ONLINE:** | $ 18,912.00 |
| **TOTAL:** | $ 34,523.86 |
| **CHILDREN'S:** | $ 153.70 |

## Clergy:

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## Parish Office & Info

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**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

## Anointing of the Sick

**Please call the parish office to keep us informed of the sick and homebound or to schedule an anointing at 432-0268**

## Saint Vincent de Paul

**For assistance with food or utilities, please call 260-399-9092**

# HAPPENING AT SAINT ELIZABETH

BEST YEARS CLUB

## Holiday Potluck

Mark Your Calendars...

Special Day, Date, & Time

**Wednesday, December 7th**

**11:30 am. To 3:30 pm**

**St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall**

- The main course will be provided for the meal.
- Bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert!
- Also, bring a WHITE ELEPHANT gift for the exchange!

## Christmas CAROLING

**December 17 – 6:00pm**

**December 18 – 1:00pm**

**January 6 – 6:00pm**

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN!

We will meet at the church and head out into the neighborhoods to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors. Then we will come back to the parish hall to warm up with hot cocoa, hot cider and cookies!

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NEED TO DO HOILDAY SHOPPING?

The youth going to World Youth Day from St. Elizabeth are Babysitting children ages 3-12 to give parishioners time to do their holiday shopping or to have a date night. They will have activities in the gym for them and the younger ones will be in the nursery. The proceeds will support the youth going to WYD.

When: December 10
Time: 5-9pm
Where: Parish nursery and school gym
Cost:$10 per hour/ family
Sign up:
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## CATHOLICISM 201

*Not your average Small Group, Bible Study, or Spiritual Talk*

Host:
Fr Stephen Felicichia
**December 21st**
**7:00 pm**
**Mother Seton room**

**Topic:**
**Mary, Our Mother in Spiritual Warfare**

# HAPPENING AT SAINT ELIZABETH

## SACRAMENTALS

*And God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ~ Acts 19:11-12*

THE CHURCH DESIRES TO GIVE US every possible aid for increasing in holiness in the Christian life. The greatest aids at her disposal are the Sacred Scriptures and the seven Sacraments. God's Word shows us the Father's plan for our sanctification and each Sacrament brings us into the life of the Holy Trinity through the supernatural working of sanctifying grace.

In addition, the Church has other means by which we can be strengthened in the Christian life, all of them intimately related to Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments. These are the sacramentals. They are sacred signs meant to prepare us for the sanctifying grace received in the Sacraments and to remind us of the call to holiness in the Sacraments. From the earliest days of Christianity, the Church has bestowed blessings upon men and women, their activities, and the things they use on a day-to-day basis. The Church has been given this authority to administer the treasures of grace because they were given to Her by Her founder, Christ Himself. the Church is the "servant of Christ" and the "steward of the mysteries of God" (cf. 1 Corinthians 4:1).

*"Sacramentals remind us of the call to holiness in the sacraments."*

Sacramentals can be either sacred objects (such as holy water, blessed salt, medals, rosaries, etc...) or sacred actions (like praying grace before meals). Whether an object or an action, every sacramental's purpose is to put each Christian in a closer relationship to Christ by helping us cooperate with the grace of the Sacraments. The blessed object is not the cause of grace, but is merely a means to remember and reflect on the constant help of special graces which impel us toward Christ and His saving love.

HOLY WATER is ordinary water that has been blessed by a minister of the Church. When we are sprinkled with Holy Water or bless ourselves when we enter or leave church, we are reminded of the supernatural life given to us through the waters of Baptism. At the beginning of the Easter Vigil, the priest blesses the water for Baptism with this prayer: "Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power."

Once the water has been blessed, it becomes Holy Water. It can be used to bless ourselves, as a reminder of our Baptism, but also sprinkled upon persons, objects, and articles of devotion to bestow God's blessing on people and objects that are blessed with it. The blessed person or object is provided with a reminder of the Church's prayer for protection against danger and temptation.

BLESSED SALT is ordinary table salt that has been blessed by a minister of the Church. As salt is used to flavor and preserve other things, Blessed Salt serves as a reminder that we live to aid others. To be "the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13). The priest blesses the salt with this prayer: "Almighty God, we ask you to bless this salt, as once you blessed the salt scattered over the water by the prophet Elisha. Wherever this salt is sprinkled, drive away the power of evil, and protect us always by the presence of your Holy Spirit."

Once salt has been blessed, it becomes Blessed Salt. Small amounts of it can be sprinkled at the entrance of homes to ask the Lord to preserve the home from the power of the devil or mixed in with food to remind us to be "the salt of the earth."

## MORNING PRAYER FOR LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We will be praying at 7:45 a.m. each Saturday prior to the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcomed to participate in this daily universal prayer of the Church. Handouts for the prayer will be available.

If you want to include same for the weekly schedule for Saturday mornings, that is not a problem. Barb and I intend to do this for the upcoming year, each morning, during which time it will easily catch on for those attending. As time goes on, we expect their numbers to grow.

## SEASONAL PART-TIME NURSERY

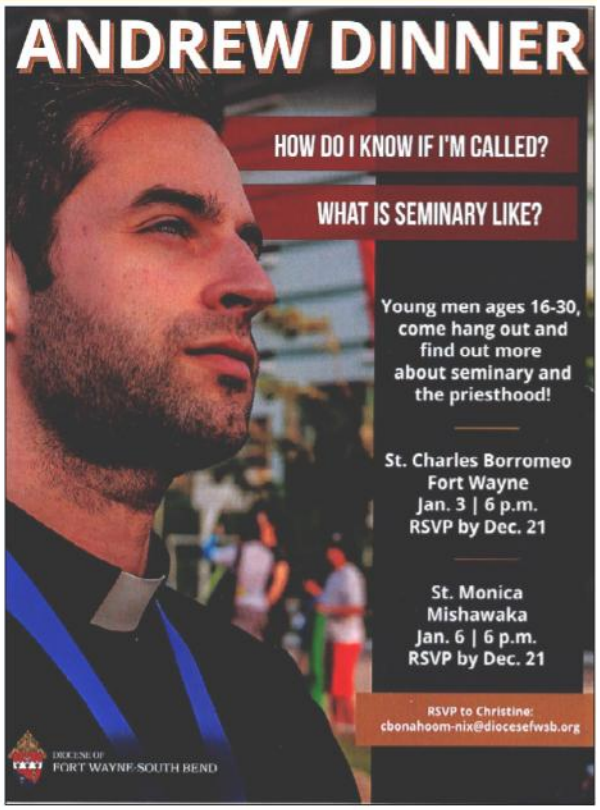
There is an opportunity to help in the nursery as a backup person during non-seasonal times. This position would provide adult supervision to children (ages 9 months through age 12) during parish meetings and gatherings. Hours needed during seasonal events is approximately 3 to 10 hours per week. If you are interested, please apply online at **https://diocesefwsb.org/careers**

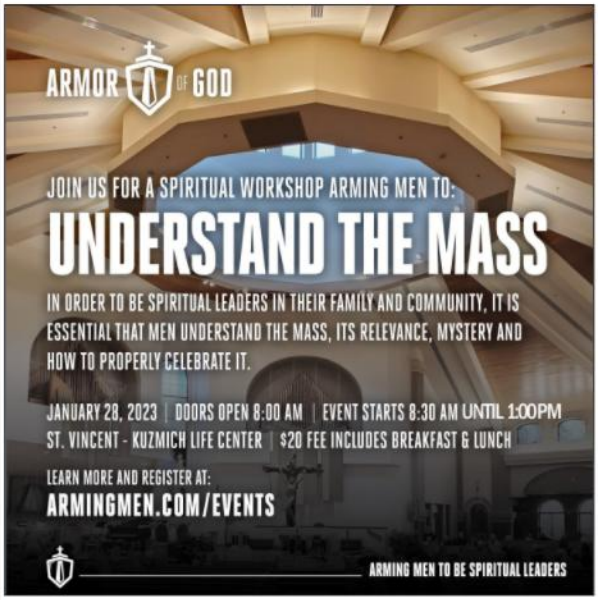
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School congratulates middle school students for participates in the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest! The students were giving the opportunity to write an essay on the topic "How Can I Show My Love For Jesus In My Community?" Essay winners were ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place as well as given tuition scholarships for the current school year! The Knights of Columbus at Saint Elizabeth are planning on repeating this scholarship contest again in the spring! Pictured from left to right are: Mike DiScala, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Viktor Glowacki, Amelia Lehman, Pete Allen, Natalia Kleinrichert, Elizabeth Smuts, Alex Lee, Zavier Mejia, and Michael Northup. Not pictured is Grace Speith. Congratulations to all the students who wrote essays!

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

| | |
|---|---|
| **Monday, December 5** | |
| 7:00 am St. Paul Street Evangelization | Conf. Room |
| 9:30 am Mary, Martha Prayer Group | Fr. Solanus |
| 1:00 pm Rosary Making Prayer Group | Library |
| 6:00 pm Grade 1-6 Family Catechesis Parent/Student Mtg. | Café |
| 6:00 pm Youth Formation Grades 7 | All Classrooms |
| 6:00 pm RCIA | Mother Teresa |
| 6:00 pm Children's Choir | Church |
| 7:00 pm Pro-Life Meeting | Father Solanus |
| **Tuesday, December 6** | |
| 9:00 am MOMs Group | Mother Teresa |
| 6:30 pm Fraternus in the Gym | School Gym |
| 6:30 pm Fidelis Meets | Youth Room |
| 6:30 pm Fraternus Meets | Café |
| 6:30 pm Small Faith Community | Library |
| 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus | Parish Hall |
| **Wednesday, December 7** | |
| 6:30 am Men's Group | Mother Teresa |
| 11:30 am Best Years Club | Parish Hall |
| **6:00 pm Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception** | **Church** |
| 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | Music Room |
| **Thursday, December 8** | |
| **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses - 6:30am, 8 am, 12 noon & 6 pm** | |
| 7:00 pm Cub Scouts | Music Room |
| **Friday, December 9** | |
| 9:00 am Homeschool Event | Parish Hall |
| **Saturday, December 10** | |
| 7:00 am St. Paul Street Evangelization come & See | Parish Hall |
| 11:00 am Con-Validation Ceremony | Church |
| 5:00 pm Parents' Night Out Babysitting | Nursery |
| **Sunday, December 11** | |
| **Knights of Columbus Coffee & Donuts after the 8 & 9:45 am Masses** | |
| 9:45 am Children's Liturgy of the Word | Church |
| 12:30 pm Baptisms | Church |
| 12:45 or 4:00 pm Confirmation Student/Sponsor Mtg. #2 | Café |
| 1:00 pm School Musical Practice | School Gym |
| 4:00 pm 7 & 8 Youth Formation Classes | All Classrooms |

# SAVE THE DATE



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