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V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
CATHOLIC CHURCH
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2025

Mass Intentions– Dec, 22 - Dec, 28

Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

6:30 am † Frieda Schoesser

8:15 am † Connie & Howard Johnson

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

8:15 am † Brock Rittenhouse

6:00 pm Louisa Hierholzer (Living)

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

6:30 am † Julie Maurer

8:15 am † Thomas J. Seculoff

4:00 pm † Michal Josef Meissner

4:00 pm Pro Populo

6:30 pm † Michael Onulak

11:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Cucinelli

Thursday - The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:5, 9-14

9:00 am † Helen & Reppard Starnes

11:00 am † Nancy Dowling

Friday - Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

6:30 am † Carl Furstenberg

8:15 am † Helen Starnes

Saturday - Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

8:00 am † Living and Deceased Beckman Family - Special Intention

4:30 pm Muhler family (Special Intention)

Sunday - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:00 am † Mary "Julie" Julia Maurer

9:45 am † Suzie Peterson

11:30 am † Dr William Gillig

Pro Populo

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Nathan J. Bojrab, DDS

Morning Prayer:

Every Saturday morning at 7:45 am. Come and join the universal church in prayer and learn the beauty of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Confession Times:

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Tuesday and Wednesday in either the 24 hour Chapel or the main Church, and most Saturday mornings at 8:45 am - 9:45 am.

Saint Vincent de Paul:

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\$ 49,667.46

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\$

109.26

FR. TERRY'S COLUMN



A lot is happening in our lives. This time is always a little fretful, with unexpected things coming up, some good and some not, but all attempting to create a sense of urgency and perhaps even panic within us. A lot is happening in the parish too. But I'm not going to talk about that. You can see it in the rest of the bulletin as we do every week. Today I want to help you slow down.

The fourth candle of the Advent wreath is lit. We are in the final days of preparation for the great celebration of Christmas. Do not rush ahead of these days. Let the anticipation be an opportunity for us to experience the years and even centuries of longing that was felt in the hearts of the Lord's faithful people. The Jewish people kept the law season after season, generation after generation, and hoped for the fulfillment of Moses' words that the Lord would send a prophet like himself to deliver them - the "Anointed One," the Messiah.

Our Lord spoke of them to His disciples in the following words: "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." (Luke 10:23-24) Prophets and kings died before this day of the Anointed One, an era that we so easily take for granted because it was fulfilled long before our own stories began.

Perhaps we can get a better glimpse of what their longing was like by tapping into our own deeper hopes and desires. What are the greatest griefs of your heart? What fears do you wish were taken away forever? What dreams do you have for a world that is weary with sin? Can you imagine a peace that is enduring and true? A world without poverty, without sickness, without broken relationships. "The Lord will destroy death forever." (Isaiah) What a gift it will be. One day that dream will come true, under the reign of Christ the King. As we await His second coming with joyful hope and longing, we can understand more closely the hope of the Old Testament. Then Christmas finds its true center: in the small child wrapped in swaddling clothes and held in Mary's arms – the Messiah who is the beginning of our dreams come true.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

NO SCHOOL, CHRISTMAS BREAK ALL WEEK

9:00 am Mary, Martha Prayer Group
3:00 PM Christmas Decorating

Fr. Solanus
Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass

Church
Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 24TH, 25TH & 26TH

6:30 am Mass
6:30 am Men's Group
8:15 am Mass
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
11:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Church
Mother Teresa
Church
Church
School Gym
Church
Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25-MERRY CHRISTMAS

9:00 am Christmas Mass
11:00 am Christmas Mass
Building Closed after the 11:00 am Mass

Church
Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 - BUILDING CLOSED AFTER MASS

6:30 am Mass
8:15 am Mass

Church
Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:30 pm Mass

Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 am Mass
9:45 am Mass
11:30 am Mass
12:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Small Faith-Krish
5:30 pm Mass
School Sports

Church
Church
Church
Church
Library
Church
School Gym

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HELP NEEDED

We are looking for additional help in
cleaning purificators.

If interested, please contact
Ben Wedler at

bwedler@seasfw.org

Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 20 - 21 SUB REQUEST ***

SATURDAY DEC. 20 4:30 PM	LECTORS Andrew Hufford Greg Wirtner	EMHC Von Bultemeyer Jade Bultemeyer Will Hougendobler Duane Hougendobler Debbe Geary Saly Smith Carol Savieo Keith Hood Mark Clay Dennis Barylski	SERVERS Sammie Spoltman Hudson Kartholl Jonah Krish Oliver Krish	USHER Tom Jurczak Michael Barnett	WELCOME Wendy Flotow
SUNDAY DEC. 21 8:00 AM	Jim Taper DeWayne Wenzel	Arlis LaMaster Tom Edwards Michelle Brown Rick Nill Julie Nill Kathy Walker Brian Hill Dan Kartholl Cheryl Kartholl Chie Valcarcel	Andrew Landrigan Thomas Landrigan Luke Beckler Jack Landrigan	Jerry Berghoff Rich Burton	Marilee Just-Ta
SUNDAY DEC. 21 9:45 AM	Tom Niezer Kent Mick	Jessica Lommatszsch Tom Quigley Beth Quigley Doree Bush Kathryn Bloomfield David T Jones Janeen Close Jason Close Judy Farkas Trisha Trout	Solina Sorg Thomas Sorg Evelyn Wedler Coleman Bishop	Benedict Nnodi Jill Harris	Mel Shade ***
SUNDAY DEC. 21 11:30 AM	Troy Cozad Jane Francis	Jim Drohan Jack Dunifon Dave Francis Nicole Knoth Mary Kay Pequignot Ann Cozad Jennifer Vincent Julie Bender Julie Christenson Angie Profitt	Camille Kohrman Luke Shanks Eli Becker Enrique Smith	Bob Hoppe NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
SUNDAY DEC. 21 5:30 PM	Ellen Paxton NOT FILLED	Amy Biesiada Noah Paxton Kelley Doyle Melissa Dempsey NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ainsley Cash Norah Ramy Caitlin Chase NOT FILLED	Mary Barritt NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED

DECEMBER 21, 2025 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THERE MAY BE INCENSE AT MASSES NEXT WEEK

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE					SUB REQUEST ***	
WEDNESDAY	LECTORS	EMHC	SERVERS	USHER	WELCOME	
DEC. 24 4:00 PM	Michelle Stronczek Jyotsna Mascarenhas	Sarah King Jessica Lommatzsch Nancy Gamble Debby Williams Elaine Pontillo Von Bultemeyer Jade Bultemeyer Mark Clay Carolyn Adgalanis Deb Densel	Julian Garcia Veronica Garcia Thomas Smuts Vincent Smuts Elizabeth Brinker	Doug Stronczek Eddie Stronczek Rodney Schroeder *** Sue Iannucilli NOT FILLED		
WEDNESDAY DEC. 24 6:30 PM	Dan Landrigan Doree Bush	Rick Nill *** Julie Nill *** Carmen Reed Cathie Bledsoe Tom Edwards *** Michelle Brown Julie Christenson Beth Quigley Tom Quigley Judy Farkas	Abram Knoth Emma Mitchell Aaron Peat Noah Peat Jade Bodenschatz	Bryan Smith Steve Conte	Diana Smith	
WEDNESDAY DEC. 24 11:00 PM	Armie Aves Jonathan Feola	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Rich Burton Chris Arnold *** Mel Shade Ashley Meehan *** NOT FILLED Nicole Knoth Ann Cozad Mary Kay Pequignot	TEMPLARS TEMPLARS TEMPLARS TEMPLARS TEMPLARS	Mike O'Keefe NOT FILLED	Chie Valcarcel	

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 25					SUB REQUEST ***	
SATURDAY	LECTORS	EMOC	SERVERS	USHER	WELCOME	
DEC. 25 9:00 AM	Ella Funk *** NOT FILLED	Kelley Doyle Ashley Meehan Amy Biesiada Melissa Dempsey Arlis LaMaster NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Jake Landrigan Tim Landrigan John Paul Landrigan Will Landrigan	John Mrugala*** Mary Barritt	Paul Counterman	
SUNDAY DEC. 25 11:00 AM	Jenny Andorfer Randy Warner	Brian Hill *** David T Jones *** Keith Hood*** Jack Dunifon Cathie Bledsoe NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Xavier Shanks Lila Shanks Tim Mrugala Luke Shanks Kevin Nazareth	Jerry Berghoff Benedict Nnodi	Darren & Kelly Renier ***	



DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND
SYNOD 2026
SPREADING THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE

A time to prayerfully reflect on the vibrancy of our diocese and parish and clarify the mission of the Church.

ALL PARISIONERS 16 YEARS OLD AND OLDER

How to Participate:

- ◆ Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and clarity
- ◆ Use the Reflection Booklet for guided reflection on the topics being examined
- ◆ Attend one of the Parish Consultation Sessions listed below
- ◆ Continue to pray for our parish and diocese

Dates for Parish Consultations:

- ◆ Monday, January 19 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- ◆ Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 am to 10:30 am
- ◆ Saturday, January 24 at 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm

MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

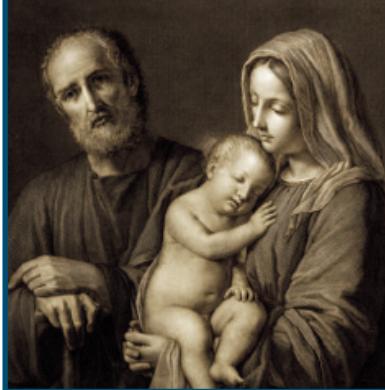
- ◆ Notetakers and Facilitators (*description on website*)
- ◆ Attend one of the following training sessions:
 - Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 am to 10:00 am
 - Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

*Reflection booklets can be picked up from one of the tables at the church entrances
Each person participating should have their own book*

To volunteer or download the reflection booklet go to www.seasfw.org/synod or snap the QR code



Consecration to the Holy Family



How to prepare

In preparation for a Consecration to the Holy Family, your family should not only decide to dedicate itself to the Holy Family's intercession but also acknowledge that the family is sacred. The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example.

Four suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the sacrament of reconciliation.
3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON - BAPTISMS

Cade Patrick Landrigan

Child of

Brian & Nichole Landrigan

Holden Michael Blomeke

Child of

Steven & Tracey Blomeke

New Year New Opportunities!

If you've been thinking about how to become involved in an organization that will utilize you're gifts and talents, provide help and assistance to neighbors in need, and enable you to live your faith life through corporal works of mercy—then please consider St Vincent de Paul. Three SVdP opportunities currently looking for volunteers: Service Saturdays (committee that plans & coordinates volunteer events approximately 6-7 times per year where students can receive service hours and St Elizabeth parishioners & families can all volunteer together) Home Visits and Assistance (either answering calls thru our Helpline or visiting neighbors, assessing needs, and providing needed assistance) Upcoming Parish & School Food Drive: "Soup-er Bowl" (coordinates challenges in school and promotes parish wide collection of soups, canned veggies, noodles, rice, broth, & crackers to win the Vince DePaul Trophy)



Hablas espanol?

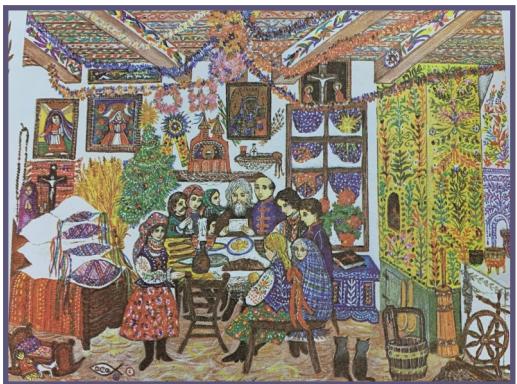
Ayudamos a ayudar a los otros.

Do you speak Spanish? Help us Help Others. The SEAS St Vincent DePaul Conference has a need of someone who speaks Spanish to help with both our call-in Help Line and Neighbor visits/Assistance program. For more information or to volunteer, please email SVdP@seasfw.org or call 260-399-9092.



If any of these interest you, please contact us at SVdP@seasfw.org for more information and details.

OPLATEK IS BACK



Christmas wafer is a Catholic Christmas tradition celebrated in Poland, Lithuania, Moravia, and

Slovakia. The custom is traditionally observed during Kūčios in Lithuania and Wigilia in Poland on December 24.

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

As we near the end of the year, many of you will be making final donations for tax purposes. Please note that to qualify for the current tax year (2025), your donation must be received in the office before **7am on Monday, January 5** and be dated for no later than 12/31/2025. Any donation received after this date (even if dated for 12/31/2025) will be counted as a 2026 donation for tax purposes. All envelopes dropped in the basket for January 3 & 4 will count as 2026 donations as per IRS regulations.

Save The Date



The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle fundraiser for the purpose of meeting the needs of at-risk children and their families in our community. Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on January 17 and 18. Your spare change can make a difference! To learn more visit: christchildsociedadfw.org.

Baby Bottle
Fundraiser 2026



Healing Service
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 26th at 7:00PM

“His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick.” Mt. 14:14

No burden or care too small, He bore them all.
Bring to Him your ailments; physical, emotional and spiritual. Bring Him your pain, fears and addictions. Surrender it all!

Live Worship Music



Upcoming SOUP-er Bowl needs you!

Volunteers are needed to help us coordinate the upcoming St. Elizabeth Food Pantry “Soup-er Bowl” food drive. We are syncing with the College Football Bowls (Go Hoosiers) and the NFL Super Bowl. Volunteers are needed to coordinate challenges in school and/or youth groups (Winning classroom or youth group will win the Vince DePaul Trophy) and to promote parish wide collection of soups, canned veggies, canned meat, noodles, rice, broth & crackers.

If this interests you, please contact us at SVDP@seasfw.org for more information and details.



Knights of Columbus Raffle

Father Solanus Casey Knights of Columbus, Council 11276

With the Christmas Season upon us, this could be a perfect opportunity to purchase a ticket as a Christmas gift. Imagine the joy of winning!



The

Knights of Columbus Raffle has weekly Drawings for \$150. Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold and each ticket has 52 chances to win!

Proceeds will benefit the Knights Women's Care Center, Seminarians, and Special Olympics

Merry Christmas!

from
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School



"For today in the city of David a saviour has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." Luke 2:11