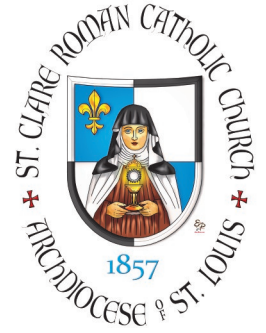


Saint Clare CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Love God, serve God, everything is in that"



January 2nd, The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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PARISH INFORMATION

Fr. Eric Kunz, Pastor

Deacon TJ Wild

Deacon Harvey Dubbs — Retired

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Monday — Friday 8:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Prayer Chain Contacts

Joyce Willis 629-2573 or

Sherry Reed 629-7535

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory. Our Parish serves the needs of this community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss.

If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again soon.
For your convenience, we have blue "Let Us Know" cards in back of church.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are

people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



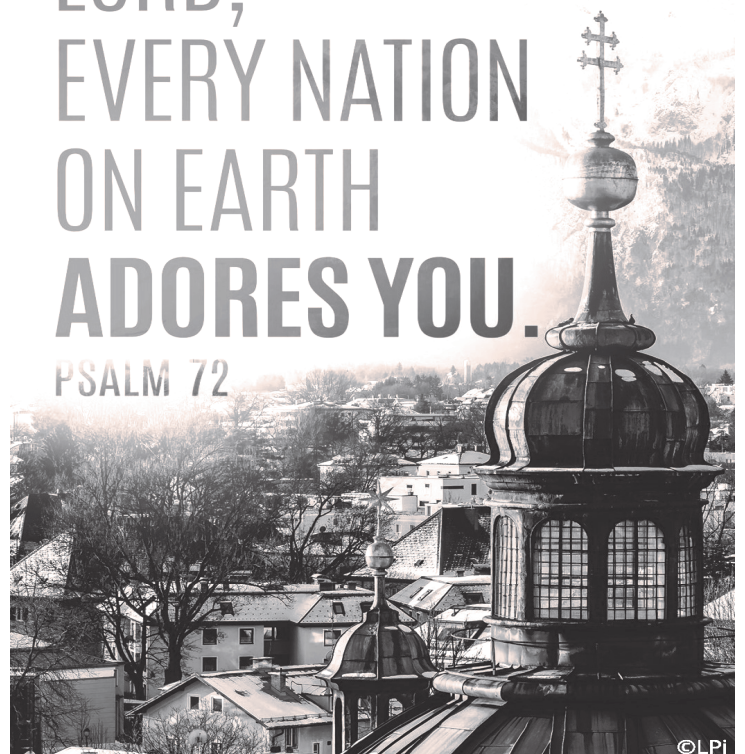
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“And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

— Mt 2:6

LORD,
EVERY NATION
ON EARTH
ADORES YOU.

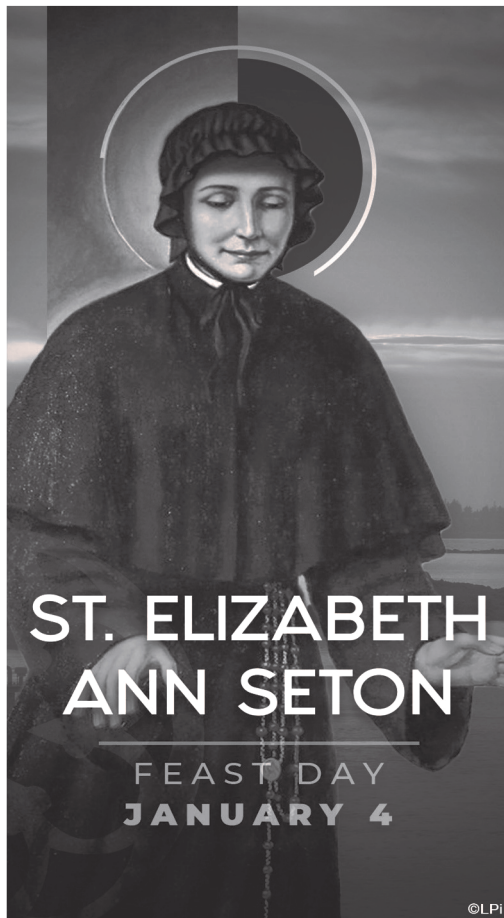
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Welcome to St.

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Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

St. Clair Community Trust Project

Hosted by Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation

WHAT IF...

- ▶ St. Clair residents could select a specific community project to benefit their community?
- ▶ Residents could select local individuals to lead that project?
- ▶ Residents could choose how JFCAC allocates \$15,000 in seed funding for this project?

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**REGISTER
NOW
\$20
4 YOU**



Learn more and register for January 18, 6 - 7:30 meeting at jfcac.org/communitytrust or call 636-524-4459.

The first 20 residents who register and qualify, will receive a \$20 Casey's Gas card.

Volunteer Facilitators and Note-takers are needed to help ensure Community Trust meetings. Outlier training is provided on Jan. 11. To sign up, visit the website or call a number above.



Jefferson Franklin
COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION

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This project is funded 100% at \$15,000 for two years with federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

*This agreement applies to all 4 Jefferson & Franklin County Community Trust Projects.



2nd Thursday Card Party January 13, 2022

At the Knights of Columbus Hall
204 S. Commercial, St. Clair, MO

\$5.00 to play 1:00 p.m. til ? p.m.

Beverages, Snacks, a dessert, prizes
and a 50/50 drawing.

More info call 636-629-4223

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Other Parish Activities

Parish Breakfast—Sunday, January 16th, **St. Francis Borgia, Washington, MO.** 7:30—11:00am. ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET Adults: \$10 / 6-11 yr old: \$5 Under 6: Free. Cinnamon rolls, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, bone-in ham, hash browns, fresh fruit, biscuits & gravy, coffee, milk & juice.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Everyday Stewardship

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WITH HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY

Lucille Just



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon	1/03	8:00 am	Mass
Tues	1/04	8:00 am	Mass
Wed	1/05	8:00 am	Mass
Thurs	1/06	8:00 am 8:30 - 3:00	Mass Adoration
Fri	1/07	8:00 am	Mass
Sat	1/08	3:30 - 4:15 4:30 pm	Confessions Mass
Sun	1/09	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30



January 1st — January 9th

WEEKEND, JANUARY 1ST & 2ND

SAT. 4:30 PM † DON WILLIS

SUN. 8:00 AM † ART BROCKELMEYER

10:30 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:00 AM † ST. CLARE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:00 AM † DALE PALMER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:00 AM † REV. ROBERT C. LISS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00 AM † DUTCH HOLLENBERG

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7ST

8:00 AM † MICHAEL S PRATT

WEEKEND, JANUARY 8TH & 9TH

SAT. 4:30 PM † LUCILLE JUST

SUN. 8:00 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

10:30 AM † MARY KELLY OLSON

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - JANUARY 8TH & 9TH

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC
1/08 4:30 pm	Mike Boyer	—	Jenny Via	—
1/09 8:00 am	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Chad Horton	—
1/09 10:30 am	Messenger Brothers Myers Children	—	Caleb or Mary Grace Wild	—

1/09 Collection Counters: — Kathy Maupin, Debbie Marshaus, Rita Davis



WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

*May God Provide Health and
Comfort to:*

December

Tom Osterkamp, Nathan Chase, John Vogelgesang,
Gale Cordia, Wendy Peters, Rachael Putnam,
Lloyd DeGuire, Kay Blanke, Loretta Gravagna,
Larry Perkins, Leslie George, Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks,
Rodney Bryan, Patti Smith, Pauline Ware Scheer,
John Evans and Dalton Via.

November

Charlotte Hagedorn, Coach Perry, Bernard Unnerstall,
Jerome Ritter, Tony DeMoor, Mary Suntrup, Hugo Vaden,
Carol Krassinger, Andrea Moore, Loraine Shaw,
Jennifer Harter, Joann Haynes, and Gordon Monk.

October

Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter)
John Wilinski, Paul Freeman, Leona Collins, Jennifer Schafer,
James Charboneau, Sandi Stahl,
Kim Overschmidt Schroeder, Josh Garrett,
Terry Shadrick, Sgt. Ian Ives, Mark Hoffmeister,
Lori Mayer, and Sandy Stecher.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Please remember in your prayers
the following military personnel:

*Captain Gionna Casatelli — US Army,
SGT Ian Ives — US Army,
SGT Drew Alsop — US Army, Erin Arent — US Navy,
Jeff Arent — U.S. Marines, SGT Jamie Bucher — USAF,
Jason Burton — US Navy,
Scott Daugherty, Coty DeClue — USAF,
SGT Cameron Earley — US Army,
SGT Tyler Earley — US Army,
Clay Fisher — US Marines,
James Taylor Gragg — USAF, SPC Tyler Grogan — US Army,
Matthew Martin — US Navy, Logan Moore — USAF,
Monty Perkins, And Andrew Snodgrass — US Navy.
MSgt Jeffrey Haynes—USAF*

***“...They prostrated themselves and did him
homage. Then they opened their treasures and
offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”
—(MATTHEW 2:11)***

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

STEWARDSHIP

Week of December 19th

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,685.00
Loose Collection	137.00
Total Money For Operating Capital	\$ 2,822.00

Restricted Funds

Christmas Flowers	10.00
Immaculate Conception	385.00
Seminary	70.00
Catholic Services	373.00
Christmas Offering	45.00
Total	\$ 883.00

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: \$ 10,934.23

December Collection Goal: \$ 14,500.00

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!

**Information for week of Dec. 26th not
available at time of submission for printing.**



Dynamic Catholic, Alive! — Welcoming and Hospitality

Two key components of Evangelization are being welcoming and providing radical hospitality. The Gospel today provides a great example of both welcoming and hospitality. The wise men traveled a very long distance to show welcome and hospitality to the “newborn King of the Jews.” They provided generous gifts and gave Him homage. Mary and Joseph welcomed the strangers and presented a beautiful example of radical hospitality. Mary and Joseph were probably still extremely tired from their own journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and from the anxiety of giving birth to a baby in a manger. However, they realized they were called to share Jesus with others and they did. How do you show welcoming and radical hospitality? When was the last time you shared Jesus with others?

ST. CLARE PARISH SCRIP ORDER

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Amt: _____

Vendor Name	Profit	Scrip \$	QTY	Total \$
Restaurants/Food Items				
APPLEBEE'S	8%	\$25		
BOB EVANS	10%	\$10		
BURGER KING	4%	\$10		
CHEESECAKE FACTORY	5%	\$25		
CRACKER BARREL	8%	\$25		
DOMINO'S PIZZA	8%	\$25		
JACK IN THE BOX	4%	\$10		
PANERA - St Louis Bread Co.	8%	\$25		
PIZZA HUT	8%	\$10		
RED LOBSTER/OLD FASHIONED HICKORY	8%	\$25		
SH-OP N SAVE	4%	\$25		
STARBUCKS	7%	\$25		
STEAK & SHAK	8%	\$10		
TACO BELL	5%	\$10		
Automotive				
EXXON/MOBIL	1.50%	\$250		
SH-EL	2%	\$50		
BP	1.50%	\$100		
Shopping				
ACE HARDWARE	4%	\$25		
AMAZON	2.50%	\$25		
BEST BUY	4%	\$25		
DICK'S SPORTING GOOD	8%	\$25		
JC PENNEYS	5%	\$25		
JOANNS FABRIC & CRAFT	6%	\$25		
KOHL'S	4%	\$25		
MARSHALL'S	7%	\$25		
MICHAEL'S	5%	\$25		
PAYLESS SHOES	18%	\$20		
PETSMART	5%	\$25		
ROSS DRESS FOR LESS	8%	\$25		
SEARS	4%	\$25		
SHOE CAR VIVAL	5%	\$25		
T.J. MAXX/MARSHED TOMCIGERS	7%	\$25		
TARGET	2.50%	\$25		
TOYS R US	3%	\$20		
ULTA	4%	\$25		

Walmart \$25

BP Gas \$50.

We have in stock:

If you would like to order scrip not listed above, please write your order below:

SCRIP NAME	SCRIP \$	QTY	TOTAL \$
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