

St. Elizabeth

December 28, 2025 The Holy
Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Ann Seton Catholic Church



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 10:30 am
11:00 am Rosary/
Confession

Thursday, 10:30am
11:00 am Rosary/
Confession

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday, 11:30am

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:00am-11:00am.

Tuesday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Thurs 9:00 am—2:00 pm

OUR CLERGY

12TH BISHOP OF NASHVILLE

Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding,
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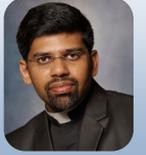
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Reflection from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

On this Feast of the Holy Family, the Gospel presents to us a family on the move—a family that listens, trusts, and acts according to God's will. Joseph is warned in a dream, and without hesitation he rises in the night, takes Mary and the Child, and flees to Egypt. The Holy Family experiences fear, displacement, uncertainty, and exile. Yet in the midst of all this, they remain united, faithful, and obedient to God. Their home is not defined by a place, but by love, trust, and God's abiding presence among them.

The Holy Family reminds us that holiness is lived out in ordinary and sometimes difficult circumstances. Jesus grows up not in comfort or security, but in a family that faces danger and hardship. Mary treasures God's plan in her heart, and Joseph quietly protects and provides. They teach us that strong families are built not on perfection, but on faith, sacrifice, patience, and mutual care. In a world where family life is often challenged, the Holy Family stands before us as a powerful model of perseverance, courage, and deep trust in God.

As we celebrate this feast, we are also on the threshold of a New Year—2026. A new year invites us to look back with gratitude and to move forward with hope. Like the Holy Family, we may not know exactly what lies ahead. There may be moments of uncertainty, change, or even fear. Yet today's Gospel assures us that God goes before us. When we listen to His voice and place our trust in Him, He guides our steps, even through unexpected paths.

The move to Nazareth marked a new beginning for the Holy Family. It was there that Jesus would grow "in wisdom and stature," in the quiet rhythm of daily life. As we begin 2026, we too are called to make our homes places where faith is nurtured, forgiveness is practiced, and love is lived out each day. May this new year strengthen our families, renew our parish community, and draw us closer to Christ.

We also look ahead to January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and the beginning of the New Year. It is fitting that the Church invites us to start the year under Mary's loving care. She is not only the Mother of Jesus, but our Mother as well, always leading us to her Son. On this solemnity, we also observe the World Day of Peace, praying that God's peace may dwell in our hearts, our families, and our world.

Let us entrust the coming year to the intercession of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, asking them to walk with us, protect our families, and help us remain faithful to God's will.

New Year Prayer



Loving God, as we enter this New Year 2026, we place our lives, our families, and our parish in Your hands.

Bless our homes with peace, our hearts with faith, and our days with Your guidance. When we face uncertainty, give us trust; when we face challenges, give us strength; and in all things, help us to seek Your will. May the Holy Family watch over us and lead us ever closer to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI

Pastor

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Tennessee Ridge, Tn. 37178

PARISH STAFF

Secretary Linda Allen

Tues: 9:00– 1:00

Thurs: 9:00-2:00

Book Keeper Tin Williams

Monday 8:00-11:00am

**Wednesday 8:30-2:30
(SFOA)**

MASS INTENTIONS

St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Sun, Dec 28, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners

11:00am Adoration/Rosary

11:30am Mass

Mon, Dec 29, Tom Vorholt

10:30am Mass

11:00am Rosary/Confession

Thurs, Jan 1 The Solemnity of Mary

11:00am Adoration

11:30am Mass

St Francis of Assisi

Sun Dec 28, St Francis of Assisi Parishioners

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass

Wed, Dec 31, The Solemnity of Mary Vigil Richard Thearin +

6:30pm Mass

7:30pm Adoration

Thurs, Jan 1, The Solemnity of Mary

8:00am Adoration

8:30am Mass

Sat, Jan 3, Fr. Jorian Weigel +

5:00pm Rosary

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sun, Jan 4, St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

8:00am Rosary

8:30 am Mass

WEEK IN A GLANCE

January 1st The Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

Adoration at 11:00am-11:30am– Mass at 11:30am. Holy Day of Obligation



January 4th after the Mass, we would like to take down the Christmas Decorations. Please stay and help! Thank you

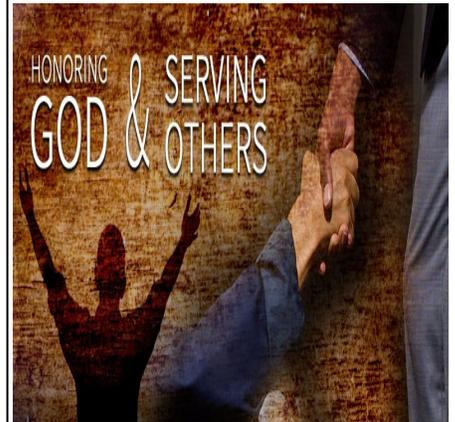
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan 2nd No First Friday Adoration/Mass

“We are thankful to the generous donor who has given \$7,000 to the church for our parish hall tile project.”

We will start the parish fellowship hall tile project very soon.

Thank you to everyone who helped put up the Christmas Decorations. Our Church looks Beautiful!



Dear Families of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, As you are considering making a New Years Resolution, Why not consider joining a ministry. What a wonderful gift you can give of oneself to the Lord and to your church Family. You can be a Lector, Eucharist Minister, Sacristan, Altar server, Greeter, etc. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex. Praise the Lord for all he as given us!

DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

World Marriage Day

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP SPALDING

For Couples Celebrating any Wedding Anniversary (Special Recognition for 25, 50, 60+ years)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 2:30 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION 2015 WEST END AVE.

RECEPTION FOLLOWING MASS

RSVP: Visit nashvillefaithformation.com or call the Marriage and Family Life Office 615-645-9752

Liturgical Ministers

Minister	Dec 28	Jan 1	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18
Lector	Sue Resler	Bill Resler	Tom Vorholt	Seth Rye	Diane Lill
E.M.H.C	Diane Lill	Gregg Lill	Bonnie Lill	Bill Resler	Connie Vorholt
E.M.H.C	Gregg Lill	Bonnie Lill	Bill Resler	Sue Resler	Janet Hake
Gift Bearer	Williams	Zwolak	Arthon	Covington	DelGandio
Money Counters	Arthon/Jurgovan	NA	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovan	Lill/Walker
Greeters	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Dec 21-28

- Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15,19-23
- Monday 1Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday 1Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday 1Jn 2:28-21/Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday Nm 6:22-27/Gal4:4-7/Lk2:16-21(Sol of Mary)
- Friday 1Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday 1 Jn 2:29-36/Jn 1:29-34
- Sunday Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt2:1-12 Epiphany

Prayer Intentions

Henry Garrett, Tammy Arthon, Gregg Lill, Dale Edwards, Ken Simpson, Frank Visconi, Robin Frederick Laws and Sue Resler.



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