

# St. Elizabeth

January 4, 2026 2025 The Epiphany  
of the Lord

# Ann Seton Catholic Church

## The Epiphany of the Lord



“And you, Bethlenem, 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.”  
Mt2:6

### 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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#### PASTOR

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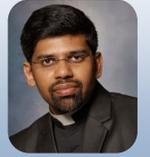
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## Reflection from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany comes from a Greek term meaning "manifestation" or "revealing." On this feast, the Church rejoices because God reveals His Son, Jesus Christ, not only to the people of Israel but to the whole world. The visit of the Magi from the East proclaims this great truth: Jesus is Savior of all nations, cultures, and peoples.

Guided by a star, the Magi set out on a long and uncertain journey in search of the newborn King. Their story reminds us that faith is a journey of seeking and trust. They were attentive to God's signs, courageous in leaving behind their comfort, and persistent even when they encountered confusion and danger. When they finally reached Bethlehem, they did not find a powerful ruler, but a humble child with Mary His mother. Yet they recognized in Him the presence of God and bowed down in worship.

The gifts they offered—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—are rich in meaning. Gold honors Jesus as King, frankincense proclaims His divinity, and myrrh points to His suffering and death for our salvation. These gifts invite us to reflect on what we offer Christ today. Epiphany calls us to give not only material gifts, but our faith, our time, our love, and our willingness to follow God's will.

In contrast to the Magi, King Herod was troubled by the news of Jesus' birth. Rather than rejoicing, he felt threatened. Epiphany challenges us to ask ourselves whether we truly welcome Christ into every area of our lives or whether we resist Him when He asks us to change.

As we celebrate this feast, we also welcome the New Year 2026. Like the Magi standing at the beginning of their journey, we stand at the threshold of a new year. We do not know all that lies ahead, but we trust that Christ, the Light of the world, goes before us. The Gospel tells us that after encountering Jesus, the Magi returned home "by another way." A true encounter with Christ always leads to transformation.

May this Epiphany help us begin 2026 with renewed faith, deeper trust, and hearts open to God's guiding light.

Prayer



Lord Jesus, Light revealed to all nations, shine upon our lives and guide us in this new year. Help us to seek You faithfully, worship You humbly, and follow You courageously. May our parish and our homes reflect Your light, so that others may come to know Your love and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Christmas Time at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



# 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, Jan 4, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners**

**11:00am Rosary/Confession**

**11:30am Mass**

**Mon, Jan 5, Kathleen Joiner+**

**10:30am Mass**

**11:00am Rosary/Confession**

**Thurs, Jan 8 Kathleen Joiner+**

**10:30am Mass**

**11:00am Rosary/confession**

### St Francis of Assisi

**Sun Jan 4, St Francis of Assisi Parishioners**

**8:00am Rosary**

**8:30am Mass**

**Wed, Jan 7, Beverly & John Zorn+**

**5:00pm Rosary/Confession**

**5:30pm Mass**

**Fri, Jan 9,**

**9:00am Mass**

**9:30am Rosary/Confession**

**Sat, Jan 10,**

**5:00pm Rosary/Confession**

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

**Sun, Jan 11, St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners**

**8:00am Rosary/Confession**

**8:30 am Mass**

## WEEK IN A GLANCE

January 4th after the Mass, we would like to take down the Christmas Decorations.

Please stay and help!

Thank you!

Jan 6th OCIA(RCIA ) at 4:30pm



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 4th Take down Christmas decorations after Mass

Jan 11th Potluck Sunday  
Bring a dish to share.



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*World Marriage Day*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
WITH BISHOP SPALDING

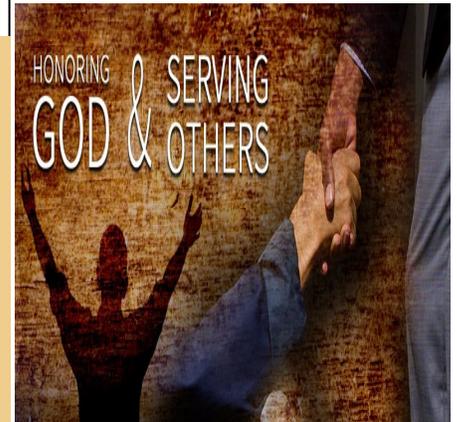
For Couples Celebrating any Wedding Anniversary (Special Recognition for 25, 50, 60+ years)

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

CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION  
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RECEPTION FOLLOWING MASS

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Visit [nashvillefaithformation.com](http://nashvillefaithformation.com)  
or call the Marriage and Family Life Office  
615-645-9752



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 has given us!

# Liturgical Ministers

Minister	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1
Lector	Tom Vorholt	Seth Rye	Diane Lill	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler
E.M.H.C	Bonnie Lill	Bill Resler	Connie Vorholt	Janet Hake	David Hingingbottom
E.M.H.C	Bill Resler	Sue Resler	Janet Hake	Glenn Hake	Diane Lill
Gift Bearer	Arthon	Covington	DelGandio	Eberle	Hake
Money Counters	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovan	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker
Greeters	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Dec 21-28

- Sunday Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt2:1-12 Epiphany
- Monday 1Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt4:12-17,23-25
- Tuesday 1Jn 4:7-10/Mk6:34-44
- Wednesday 1Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday 1Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk4:14-22
- Friday 1Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday 1Jn 5:14-21/Jn3:22-30
- Sunday Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt3:13-17 Baptism of our lord

## Prayer Intentions

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



**Thank you for your support!**  
Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Week's Collection: Online **\$566.32**  
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