

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Sunday: 11:30 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: Noon

Thursday: Noon

Reconciliation:

Weekdays before Tuesday and
Thursday Mass.

Also by an Appointment.

12 Hour Adoration:

First Friday of every month
7am to 7pm

Daily Adoration/ Rosary

Mon – Sat 11:00 am to noon
Sunday 10:45

The Epiphany

New to the Parish? Welcome! To register as a parishioner of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, please contact the office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Church law directs that Catholics receive marriage preparation and be married in the Church. Please contact the office at least four months prior to the wedding. Advent and lent are penitential Seasons: weddings are discouraged during these seasons.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism should take place A.S.A.P. following birth. Expectant parents should contact the office for baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone in danger of death or the elderly should receive this sacrament. Anyone anticipating a surgery or a stay in the hospital should request the sacrament before surgery.

Religious Education Classes [CCD]: Is available for Grades Pre-K-10 10:00 am on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.



Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Feast day of St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday, January 4, is the feast day of St Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Patron saint of in-laws problems, against death of children, grief, widows, deaths of parents, and opposition of Church authorities. She is also the patron saint of homeschooling.



Birth: August 28, 1774 Death : January 4, 1821

Beatified By: by Pope John XXIII on March 17 Canonized by Pope Paul VI on September 14, 1975

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first American to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church (September 14, 1975). She established the first Catholic school in the country at Emmitsburg, Maryland. She also founded the first American congregation of Religious Sisters, the Sisters of Charity, there.

Prayers from St Elizabeth Ann Seton: **We must pray without ceasing, in every occurrence and employment of our lives— that prayer which is rather a habit of lifting up the heart to God as in a constant communication with Him.**

O My God! Forgive what I have been, correct what I am, and direct what I shall be. From break of day I seek Thee, till the end of night. All is solitary where You are not, and where You are is full of Joy!

YEAR OF MERCY LETTER FROM BISHOP CHOBY

My Dear People of God,

In his decree inaugurating the Jubilee Year devoted to the theme of mercy, Pope Francis urges us to contemplate the face of Jesus in order to discover the mercy of God the Father made manifest.

In reflecting on this, the Holy Father speaks of the wonder of God’s mercy revealed in the mystery of the Incarnation. We rejoice in the love of God echoed in the life of our Lord, beginning with His birth.

The example of Mary, the Lord’s mother, teaches us how to receive this great gift of mercy revealed in and through Jesus. “She reflected upon these things in her heart.”

The shepherds and wise men demonstrate a willingness to seek out the one proclaimed by angels and heralded by a star. They came to behold the wonder of God incarnate.

During this Christmas season we continue to celebrate the Father’s loving mercy as revealed to us in the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. Guided by His spirit, we pray for the grace not only to seek God’s mercy in our lives, but to be instruments of that loving mercy for one another. May God’s gift of mercy bring us joy and peace at Christmas and all year through.

Wishing you every blessing, I am Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend David R. Choby
Bishop of Nashville

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan 3,
Mass 11:30am
+ Veronica Swafford
By Dolores Chesser

Tuesday, Jan 5
Mass noon
+ Veronica Swafford
By Dolores Chesser

Thursday, Jan 7
Mass noon
The parishioners of
SEAS

Sunday, Jan 10
Mass 11:30am

**READINGS FOR THE
WEEK**

Jan 3 thru Jan 10

Sunday: Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11
Ti 2:11-14,3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16,21-22

The Mass at the nursing home will be Monday, January 4 at 3:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Youth Group will be having their annual bake sale after Mass Sunday, January 17. Please help out by donating a baked item and purchasing an item.

Please check to see if you have any Christmas cards in the Christmas card mail box located in the hallway.

The office will be closed Monday, January 4.

The Poinsettias in the church are in memory of :

Father Charlie Ney	Father Rick Wilson
Colleen Martin	Harvey and Margaret West
Ray and Tina Koeing	John Conwell Sr
John Conwell Jr	

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Ministers	Jan 3 , 2015	Jan 10, 2015
Lector	Diane Lill	Sue Resler
E.M.H.C	Sue Resler	Diane Lill
E.M.H.C	Bill Resler	Bill Resler
Gift Bearer	Brown Family	Burney Family

Our Gifts to the Lord

Christmas Collection	\$ 556.00
Last Weeks Collection:	\$ 303.00
Needed Each Week	\$ 779.00
For the Week: under Budget	\$ 476.00
Year to date: over Budget	\$ 1041.00

JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

ALL OF OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

For health and recovery of our parish family: **Rosalie Boyd, Dorothy Pezzi, Bob Eberle, CD Merklng, Charlie Schaeffer, Charlene Lipscomb, Ali Gomez, Ann Schaeffer, Wanda Parrish, Marlene Edwards, .**

For all of our Other Prayer Intentions: **Christopher Simpson, Ben Atchley, Laura Hancock, Becky Calinger, Jesse Singleton, Aaron Hilbun, Katsue Stidum, Dolores Chesser, Carolyn Beechum, Lynn Hannah, Kay Harris, Jimmy Lee, Violet Flores, Karen Jabkowski, Juanita Gray, Gary Zumbro, Gerri Warden, Chris McNabb, Anita Kentner, Naomi Sakaguchi, Joe Henicle, David & Carrie Hall, Vicky Shamberger, Jean Mapes, Codi Walker, Deann Miracle, Gene Powell, Joshua Bolton, Callie Jo, Jennifer Gonzales, Judy Grace, Connie Bunio, Fred Finley, Valerie Maisch, Tony Kelleher, Wanda Rye, Jorge Ruiz, Jose Galaviz.**

For the repose of the soul of: **Bonnie Snyder, Billy Dee Ross, Joan Erwin, Will Westerman, Louisa Murga, Ronnie Kreger, Jim Tragessor, Nina Finley, Rita Deharde, Gordon Schaezner, Ryan Arthon, David Backskey, Hazel Laxton, Fred Finnley, angus Crissinger, Colleen Martin, Tina Smith**

For our members at Signature Health Care: **Donald Williams, Llewellynn Jebellion, Marguerite Barnhart, Bobby Waller, Patty Harrell,**
 For the members of our armed services on active duty especially: **Nichell Sauls, Hillary MacLachlan, Jameson Andro, Austin Joiner, Nick Chesser.**

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In Memory of

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