

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

*“May the most just, the most high, the most amiable will of God be
ever loved, adored, and accomplished.”*

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.

Two New Eras

Two men unroll parchment scrolls. Each reads his to his people. In each case, their proclamations signal the beginning of a vast new era. One man is Ezra the scribe, and the other is Jesus of Nazareth. Four centuries separate their readings.

Let's look.

We find Ezra in the First Reading. He is in Jerusalem after the return of the Jewish exiles from captivity in Babylon. What is the "captivity in Babylon," you ask? Perhaps it will help to have more of the story. Ancient Israel was captured by the Babylonian empire 586 years before Christ. The Babylonians took Jerusalem itself. They demolished the great temple built by Solomon himself many centuries before and they deported all productive citizens to Babylon, leaving peasants to run the holy city—if they could.

After fifty years or so of their captivity, Persia (now Iran) came into possession of Babylon. Cyrus the Great was then king, and he let the captives in Babylon go!

Many had switched their faith by this time, in favor of foreign gods and customs, but the remainder, perhaps 5000 or so, made ready to return home. By this time a lot of them had never even seen Jerusalem. Great caravans took place. Ezra—priest, scribe and teacher—led one of them on the four-month journey across the desert.

They arrived to find Jerusalem a ruined city with widespread moral decay.

Reconstruction of an urban center is immensely difficult, as we know from our own day. Ezra worked long and hard to bring back the ecclesiastical and civil fiber of Jerusalem and the nation. At last a new temple was finished in 516 BC, and the ruined city walls had been rebuilt.

At this point Ezra stood up on a high wooden platform built for the occasion—so he could be heard and seen—and he "read plainly" from the scroll that held "the book of the law." He started reading at daybreak and continued until midday!

Not only did they have their city again, but also they had heard the Word of God again, and finally there was again a temple where they could worship. Their new era had begun!

Four centuries later we find Jesus of Nazareth making a similar return. He is going back to Galilee, the region where he grew up (Gospel). He has been baptized and has spent time in the desert. His trip is now "in the power of the Spirit," Luke says, and it takes him to his home town of Nazareth. Like Ezra, he takes up a scroll, this one containing the book of Isaiah—much of which, coincidentally, had been written during the "Jewish exile."

He reads the passage, which says that the Spirit of the Lord has sent him to "bring glad tidings to the poor, ... to let the oppressed go free," to proclaim a time of favor from the Lord (Is 61: 1-2). This is what Ezra had done in the First Reading, but Jesus' mission is much, much more. A far greater new era has begun.

He sits down now, at the same level as the people. He says almost casually, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

His mission is to rebuild their hearts, not just their city, to return them to God, their real home. Would they accept this startling new epoch?

Will we?

With Lent fast approaching, here is a way: Maybe it's time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program Best Lent Ever®. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new bestseller Rediscover Jesus as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way. The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are having surgery this month.

Charlie Schaeffer –January 12

Sue Resler—January 18

Michiko Eberle January 19

Crystal Gallentine January 25

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarksville, Tn Invites you to join us for:
Our Journey to and through Lent!**

*A Retreat Presented by:
Fr. Steve Wolf
A retreat everyone should experience!*

*January 30, 2016 in the Social Hall of the Family Life Center.
9:15 AM until 1:30 PM*

For our early birds, we will begin with the 8:00 AM Mass. There will be an opportunity for Confession following Mass. The rest of us will begin about 8:45 with a continental breakfast.

Lunch is brown bag, so bring your own. We will provide drinks with breakfast and lunch, and will also have desserts available for you to enjoy with your lunch.

Child care will be provided on the church grounds.

Registration is \$10 per person (pay the day of the retreat)

To Register: no later than Jan 22- Contact any ICCCW member, call the church office at 931/645-6275, or contact Selene Anderson direct at 931/278-3418 or smtanderson@gmail.com

Seder Meal is approaching!

Our Seder Meal, the celebration of the Passover supper much as Jesus celebrated it, will take place on Thursday, March 17, at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall. The event is free, but if anyone could donate ahead of time to help defray the costs, it would be appreciated! Please put any donations in a separate envelope marked Seder Meal, or give them to Valerie or Bonnie Lill. Please prayerfully consider attending the event, and if possible, helping in some way. It's a wonderful way to enter into the mystery of the cross and resurrection! For more information, call Bonnie Lill at 931-232-7548, or Valerie at 931-721-3769 during office hours. More details will be forthcoming. Thanks!

Presentation Ministries

Presentation Ministries is the group that we receive the pamphlets "One Bread One body" from. This group is located in Cincinnati OH. Besides the One Bread One Body pamphlets they send to many people, they offer classes, retreats, and many ways to learn of our faith. All of their employees are volunteers, they only ask for donations for the One Bread One Body but since postage is going up, they are asking if we can help their mission. For the next weeks, Jan 24 and Jan 31, if you would like to make a donation you can give it to Valerie or place an envelope in the collection basket marked Ministries or OBOB. Please make checks out to presentation ministries. I encourage you to check out their website www.presentationministires.com

Thanks to everyone who donated their time, money and goodies for last week's bake sale. The Youth Group brought in 125.00. We are getting closer to our goal.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan 24

Mass 11:30am

Ethel Thomas

Tuesday, Jan 26

Mass noon

Gene Powell

Thursday, Jan 28

Mass noon

Crystal Gallentine

Sunday, Jan 31

Mass 11:30am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 24 thru Jan 31

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6
1 Cor 12:12-30
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday: Acts 22:3-16
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 2:1-7a, 10-17
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Lk 4:21-30

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Ministers	Jan 24, 2015	Jan 31, 2015
Lector	Crystal Gallentine	Diane Lill
E.M.H.C	Joan Kupiec	Bonnie Lill
E.M.H.C	Bill Resler	Joan Kupiec
Gift Bearer	Garcia Family	Gomez Family

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Weeks Collection: \$ 680.00
Needed Each Week \$ 779.00
For the Week: under Budget \$ 99.00
Year to date: over Budget \$ 1290.35

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, Michiko Eberle, Sue Resler, Crystal Gallentine**
 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, Marcella Arrington.**

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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