

# SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Dedicated December 11, 1977*

**755 Highway 49, Tennessee Ridge, Tennessee 37178**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

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**Holy Mass Schedule**

**Sunday Mass:**

Sunday: 11:30 am

**Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday: Noon

Thursday: Noon

**Reconciliation:**

Before all Masses.

Also by an Appointment.

**11 Hour Adoration:**

First Friday of every month

7 am to 6pm

**Daily Adoration/ Rosary**

Mon – Sat 11:00 am to noon

Sunday 10:45



## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**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.

*Father Michael and Valerie wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Joyful New*

**CHRISTMAS BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT (2 Cor 5:7)**

**"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him." —Matthew 1:24**

Joseph believed that Mary was pregnant not because of sexual relations, but by the Holy Spirit (Mt 1:20). He believed this because of God's grace given him in a dream about an angel bearing the message of the virgin-conception (Mt 1:20). Many people would consider Joseph one of the biggest fools ever, but we recognize him as one of the greatest men of faith in history.

To not divorce himself from the first Christmas (see Mt 1:19), Joseph needed great faith — a faith that would move much more than mountains (see Mt 17:20). The Lord gave him this super-faith. Like Joseph, to receive Christ this Christmas season, we will also need the gift of faith. Possibly, we will require great faith. We need the Advent gift of faith before we can receive the gift of Jesus' Christmas coming.

Ask the Lord for a greater gift of faith (Lk 17:5). In these next few days, read, pray, and study the teachings of the Church and the Bible. This will help you hear God and grow in faith (Rm 10:17). The Lord wants your faith in Him to become stronger and deeper than ever. Let Him gift you with great and greater faith.

**Mass of Reconciliation and Confessions Afterwards**

Come join us for a Mass of Reconciliation on December 20, at 6:00pm. Confessions will follow. Father Chris from Immaculate Conception and Father Michael will be here to hear confessions .

Please bring a finger food to share with the priests and each other.  
There will not be a noon Mass.

**CORRECTION: the calendar has the time of this Mass at noon but it is at 6:00pm.**

**Stockings for Children of the Parish**



The stockings will be hung up until Christmas. Children are welcome to take them home on Christmas Eve or after. If you are out of town, the office will hold the stocking for your child/children until you return.  
The stockings are found across the hall from the Mailbox



**Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule**

<u>Dec 24 Vigil Mass</u>	St Patrick's 5:00pm
<u>Dec 24 Vigil Mass</u>	St Elizabeth's 7:00pm
<u>Dec 24 Midnight Mass</u>	St Patrick's
<u>Dec 25 Morning Mass</u>	St Patrick's 9:00am
<u>Dec 25 Morning Mass</u>	St Elizabeth's 11:30am

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

<u>Dec 31 Vigil Mass</u>	St Patrick's 5:00pm
<u>Jan 1 Mass</u>	St Patrick's 9:00am
<u>Jan 1 Mass</u>	St Elizabeth's 11:30



**Centerstone Christmas Party**

The party is set for Monday, Dec 19 at 2:00 at Centerstone. Please make plans to help deliver the gifts to the residents and then stay and watch them open them up. Children are more than welcome!! We normally stay for about an hour. We will meet at the church at 1:45.

**Centerstone has asked us to come at 2:00 instead of 1:30**

Attn Youth: if there are any members of Scouts or Beta Club. This is a great opportunity to get more service hours.

There will be no CCD the next two Sundays, December 25 and January 1. We will meet again on Sunday, January 8. Have a Blessed Christmas!

**Father Michael Out of Town**

Father Michael will be leaving Monday, December 26 and returning Saturday, December 31. Father will be on a retreat during that week. Please pray that he has a safe trip and an spiritually enriched retreat.

**There will be no weekday Masses for that week.**

**Decorate the Church and Pizza Party**

The date set to decorate the church is Thursday 22, after the noon Mass. The decorating will begin around 12:45 and will finish with pizza afterwards. We ask, however, that anyone who is able to help out come in plenty of time to help decorate and so we can get an accurate head count in order to order the pizza early.

**Annual Quartet Christmas Concert**

The Quartet will have its annual Christmas Concert and Sing-a-long on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Fort Donelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 420 Church Street, Dover. Dan Dill, our Seder Meal cantor, has been a member of The Quartet for years. They would love to have us join them in celebrating the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. FMI, call Bonnie Lill, 931-232-7548.

The office is closed Friday, December 23 and Monday December 26.

A parishioner has generously donated a shower seat /bench for anyone who needs one. The shower seat is the furnace room. Please help yourself.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 18**  
Mass 11:30am

+Lela Traugher

**Tuesday, December 20**

Mass 6:00  
Wanda Parrish

**Thursday December 22**

Mass noon  
Wanda Parrish

**Saturday, December 24**

Mass 7:00  
  
Children of the Parish

**Sunday, December 25**

Mass 11:30am

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**December 18 thru Dec 25**

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14  
Rom 1:1-7  
M 1:18-24

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a  
Lk 15-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14  
Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14  
Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28  
Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** Is 62:1-5  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Mt 1:1-25

**Sunday:** Is 52:7-10  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Dec 18, 2016</b>	<b>Dec 24, 16</b>	<b>Dec 25, 2016</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Diane Lill</b>	<b>Bill Resler</b>	<b>Bonnie Lill</b>
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<b>E.M.H.C</b>	<b>Joan Kupiec</b>	<b>Sue Resler</b>	<b>Haydee Perez</b>
<b>Gift Bearer</b>	<b>Walker Family</b>	<b>Arthon Family</b>	

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

<b>Last Weeks Collection:</b>	\$ 767.70
<b>Needed Each Week</b>	\$ 803.00
<b>For the Week: under Budget</b>	\$ 35.30
<b>Year to date: over Budget</b>	\$ 869.00

**DECEMBER IS DEICATED TO THE COMING OF CHRIST**

**ALL OF OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS**

For health and recovery of our parish family: Rosalie Boyd, Dorothy Pezzi, Bob Eberle, CD Merkling, Charlie & Ann Schaeffer, Ali Gomez, Marlene Edwards, Michiko Eberle, Iris Browning, Michelle Burney, Wanda Parrish,

For all of our Other Prayer Intentions: Dolores Chesser, Kay Harris, Jimmy Lee, 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, Tony Kelleher, Wanda Rye, Jorge Ruiz, Jose Galaviz, Jacob Thiboutot, Ronnie Bryant.

For the repose of the soul of: Bonnie Snyder, Billy Dee Ross, Joan Erwin, Louisa Murga, Ronnie Kreger, , Nina Finley, Gordon Schaezner, Ryan Arthon, David Backsray, Hazel Laxton, Fred Finley, Angus Crissinger, Colleen Martin, Tina Smith, Valerie Maisch, Bo Greenwood, Donald Williams, Lynn Hannah

For our members at Signature Health Care: Llewellyn Jebellion, Marguerite Barnhart, Bobby Waller, Patty Harrell, Connie Keith.

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