

*Third  
Sunday  
of Advent*

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN  
SETON**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Dedicated December 11, 1977*

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**Holy Mass Schedule**

**Sunday Mass:**

Sunday: 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday: Noon

Thursday: Noon

**Reconciliation:**

At all Masses.

Also by an Appointment.

**11 Hour Adoration:**

First Friday of every month

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**Daily Adoration/ Rosary**

Mon –Sat 11:00 am to noon

Sunday 10:30 [Rosary only]

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018



*Rejoice in the Lord  
Always. I shall say it  
again: rejoice !*

*Phillipians 4:4*



## SVdP Youth News

### Giving Tree

The SVdP Youth Group has invited the residents to a Christmas party here on Thursday, **December 20, at 3:00 pm** At this party, the youth group will give them their presents. The residents and the youth group will have an opportunity to play Bingo and win prizes, eat Christmas goodies, and spend time with each other.

### Due to a change in Centerstone's schedule, please note the time change for the party for the residents of Centerstone

At the last SVdP Youth Group meeting, the youth went next door to Kay Harris's house and sang Christmas carols. They also gave her one of the cards they made signed by each one of them. Kay was thrilled to receive a visit from the youth group. Thanks for all who came out and sang their hearts out!

Afterwards, they came back to the Fellowship Hall, ate snacks and enjoyed each others company while playing pool and Uno.

### Stocking Hung with Care

Just like last year, we will have a Christmas stocking for each child hung in the hall. These stockings will be hung up until Christmas. During this time, parishioners are invited to fill them with goodies. Please check the stockings and if your child's name is not on one, please let Valerie know ASAP so she can make a stocking for your child. **There are 28 stockings hung.**

Each child can pick up their stocking contents on Christmas Eve/Day. Their goodies will be placed in bags labeled with their name.

### Parish Christmas Card Mailbox

The Christmas card mailbox is up! You will find it hanging in the hallway. Each slot is labeled with the last names of each registered parishioner. This mailbox is a perfect way to exchange Christmas cards with each other. You can pick up a complete list of registered parishioners on the table in the vestibule. If your name is not on the mailbox please contact Valerie. If you have not registered but wish to please see Valerie and your name will be added along with your registration to the church.

### Holiday Schedule

There will be no RCIA Wednesday, December 26.

There will be no Mass Thursday, December 27.

The office will be closing at 11:00am on Wednesday, December 19.

The office will be closed from December 24 thru January 1.

### No CCD

There will be no CCD on Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30. The catechists wish their students a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### Wine & Cheese

After Mass Christmas Eve, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for wine & cheese. We will have cookies, and non-alcoholic beverages for the children and anyone who prefers not to have wine. This would be a great time for the children to claim their stockings.

If anyone can help by donating money, wine or cheese this please let Valerie know.

### Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Dec 24 Vigil Mass St Elizabeth's 7:00pm

Dec 25 Morning Mass St Elizabeth's 11:00am

Dec 24 Vigil Mass St Patrick's 5:00pm

Dec 25 Morning Mass St Patrick's 9:00am

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

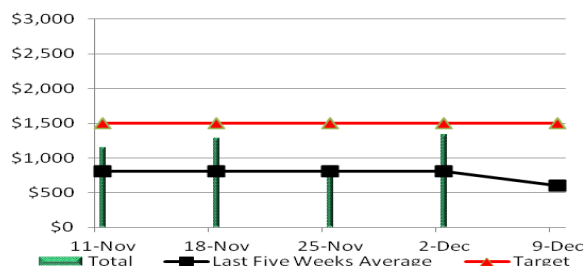
Jan 1 Mass St Elizabeth's 11:00

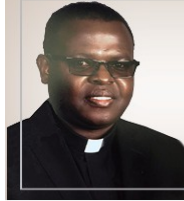
Jan 1 Mass St Patrick's Vigil 7:00pm [Dec 31]  
St Patrick's 9:00am

### Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Weeks Collection: 00

Attendance: no Mass





# From the Pastor's Desk

Father Zack Kirangu  
Parish Administrator

As we prepare to meet Jesus — both as the babe lying in a manger and as the glorious king of the universe — it may be helpful to reflect on the seasons and feasts that the church celebrates each December.

Saturday, Dec. 8, was the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In 1854, Pope Pius IX dogmatically defined what the church had long believed and celebrated: that in the moment of her conception, the Virgin Mary “was preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

As with everything about Mary, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception ultimately points to Jesus, as one of the Mass prayers for the feast makes clear: “O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.”

Wednesday, Dec. 12, was the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, called “Queen of Mexico” and “Patroness of the Americas.” After Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego near Mexico City in 1531, her image is said to have miraculously appeared on his tilma, or cloak. It’s noteworthy that in the image, the Blessed Virgin seems to be pregnant.

That’s appropriate, because in Advent we are, in a sense, journeying with Mary through the final weeks of her pregnancy. And finally, “the time came for her to have her child,” and the God-baby was born in a stable. (Luke 2:6)

Because the Christmas story is not just some feel-good fairy tale about peace, love and hope. It’s about a real thing that really happened — a visible event in history. The Son of God really became a baby boy who really was born in a stable in Bethlehem a little more than 2,000 years ago, and his mother really “wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:7)

And how about those shepherds, who had been out in the fields keeping the night watch over their flock? As the Gospel of Luke tells us, when angels appeared to them to announce that a savior had been born, they were terrified.

But: “[T]hey went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.” (Luke 2:15-18)

We are in much the same position as the shepherds. We have heard the good news, and now the question is: What will we do with it? The shepherds left all they had to worship the newborn Lord. They risked humiliation by sharing the strange message with others. Will we? Do we have the courage to live like the shepherds?

## Did you Receive the Mass Change Notification?

For those who did not receive a text Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9, from Valerie please let her know. If you recently had a cell phone number change or if you don’t have a cell phone and did not receive a notice about this past Sunday’s changes please let Valerie know. This is our source of communication for schedule changes, funerals, prayers needed, fellow parishioner passing

**December 16, 2018** Gift Bearers & Vocation  
Cup: Rye Family



### *Prayer intentions*

Sandra Stephenson, Gene Powell, CD Merkling

Advent, like his cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist



Minister	December 16	December 23	December 24	December 25
Lector I	Carney Brown	Diane Lill	Pam Rye	Bill Resler
Lector II	Landon Arthon	Haydee Perez	Seth Rye	Sue Resler
E.M.H.C	Haydee Perez	Shirene Chesser	Shirene Chesser	Joan Kupiec
E.M.H.C	Joan Kupiec	Bonnie Lill	Haydee Perez	Diane Lill
E.M.H.C.	Sue Resler	Joan Kupiec	Della Hudson or Jenifer Perez	Glenn Hake
Gift Bearer	Rye Family [ Seth]	Rye Family [Wayne]	Brown Family	Lill Family

**December is Dedicated to the Coming of Christ**

<p><b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>  <b>December 16 thru December 23</b>  <b>Sunday:</b> Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lkl 3:10-18  <b>Monday:</b> Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17  <b>Tuesday:</b> Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25  <b>Wednesday:</b> Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25  <b>Thursday:</b> Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-28  <b>Friday:</b> Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  <b>Saturday:</b> 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56  <b>Sunday:</b> Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 kmlalk 1:39-45</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, December 16</b>  Mass 11:00am  + Dakota Cline  By Sandy Long</p> <p><b>Tuesday, December 18</b>  Mass noon  + Michelle Moody  By Sandy long</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 20</b>  Mass noon  + Tracie Long  By Sandy Long</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 23</b>  Mass 11:00am  + Gene Parrish  By Wanda</p>
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