

# Church of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

December 20, 2009



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**Office Hours** 8.00 am—Noon

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**Parish Secretary:** Brigitte Illg

**Faith Formation Director:** Mary Mack

**Lord's Day Masses:**

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Weekday & Holy Day Masses**

Please consult the bulletin

**Bulletin deadline:** Tuesday 9:00am

## MEMORIES AND DREAMS

There is an old saying that good gifts come in small packages. This is certainly borne out in today's scriptures. In the first reading the Lord announces that it is from Bethlehem, described as "too small to be among the clans of Judah" (Micah 5:1), that the Messiah would spring forth. In the Gospel story of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, we can only imagine Mary, probably a young teenager, a small woman, bearing within herself the greatest gift the world would ever know. These scriptures have much to say to us as we look forward to opening Christmas gifts over the next few days. Nothing in any package beneath any tree can compare to the gift given to the world two thousand years ago. As we share the joy of Christmas, let us remember the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, who came into this world to save us and set us free.

**Parish Registration:** We welcome new members into St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, a community of faith, hope, and love. We will strive to foster your spiritual growth and hope you will share with the gifts God has given you. Please pick up a registration form in the back of church, or by stopping by the Parish Office and completing the registration form. If you move away, please notify the parish office.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Monday, 8:00am—11pm.  
 Questions call Dave Watercott 763-444-4651 or Deb Lorsung 763-444-9889.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 5:00 pm—5:30 pm

**Rosary:** Tuesday—Friday, 8:05 am

**Communion for the home bound:** If you or someone you love is unable to come to Mass (surgery, homebound, etc) the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be happy to bring Communion to your home. To arrange please call Carol Kahle 763-444-4742.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner for at least 6 months prior to beginning marriage preparation.

**Baptism:** Parish membership, and baptism classes are a prerequisite for having your child baptized at St. Elizabeth. Next classes are Feb. 3, 10, 17, 2010. For more information or to register call (763-444-4035)

**Prayer Request Line:** This prayer line is made up of volunteers who, when called, will pray for your requests daily. Please call Alma Vik 763-434-3060. (All requests are confidential.)

**School of Religion:** St Elizabeth Faith Formation provides Christian formation to children first grade through 10th grade, and adults interested in learning more about our Christian faith. Call the office.

**Music Ministry:** Call Gail Genin 763-444-6376

**Youth Group Leaders:** Grades 6-12, Deb Lorsung 763-444-9889.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children:** During 10:30am Mass on Sundays as listed in the bulletin (ages 3-7) September through May, as published in the bulletin.



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<b>Liturgical Ministers for December 26 – 27, 2009</b>		
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Mass Servers</b>		
	T. Huesman	E. Beaufeaux
	S. Swanson	T. Lenzmeier
<b>Lectors</b>		
C. Bulera	M. Stne	A. Beaufeaux
	R. Dassinger	K. McGeary
<b>E.M.C.</b>		
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	E. Noga	
	S. Peterson	
<b>Greeters</b>		
B&J Bottema	Stine	Simmerman
<b>Hospitality</b>		
	Peterson	Beaufeaux



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- 21 Mon 8:00am Adoration
- 22 Tue 8:30am +Joanne Mau
- 23 Wed 8:30am Greg Kerkes & family
- 24 Thu 4:30pm Carols begin half an hour prior
- 10:30pm Carols begin half an hour prior
- 25 Fri 9:00am Nativity of the Lord/Christmas
- 26 Sat 6:00pm +John Wright
- 27 Sun 8:30am For the Parish
- 27 Sun 10:30am +Joseph Harmon Jr.

**Pray for ...** the sick of our parish, those listed in the book of prayer request. Barb McCarty, Deb Hermanson, Carrie Curtis & family, Bob Morley, Sue Revering, Harold Tompkins, Carrie & Dave Dion & family, Tyler & Stephen Kowalik, Irene Jaros, Tom & Susie Johnson, Lazarz families, Wicht families, Mary Mack, Ryan Mossengen, Sharon Kowalik, Joe Skolte, Michele Schoenecker, Shirley Jonas, Gail Cannon, Chris Bianco, Leo Robillard, the Kostas . Keep in your prayers all those who need our prayers. For our troops, farmers, troubled youth, troubled marriages, end to abortion. For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For those who don't come to the Eucharist Table. For those who went Home.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2009**

O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted. — *Psalm 80:15-16*



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- Sun Dec 20, Reconciliation 7pm
- Mon. Dec 21, Girls Group Bible Study, 6:30
- Tue. Dec 22, Bible Study, 10am  
Adult Choir Practice, 7pm
- Wed. Dec 23, NO Faith Formation  
Choir Practice, 7pm
- Thu. Dec 24, Mass 4:30 and 10:30pm
- Fri. Dec 25, Mass 9am

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. He shall shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — By Christ doing the will of God, namely, offering himself, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Elizabeth speaks to her cousin Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:39-45).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- Friday: Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18[1-5, 9-14]
- Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128

Women's Retreat January **29-31 are the dates for the retreat** many of us go to. This years theme is "Jesus Conquer Fear." The retreat experience is an enjoyable time of renewal and relaxing. The retreat is held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo MN and we are carpooling if interested and have more questions call Faith at 689-0217. Buy your wife/mother a relaxing spiritual weekend.

**Liturgical Ministers for December 24 & 25**

24 – 4:30pm      24 – 10:30pm      25 – 9:00am

**Mass Servers**

Zabinski              Thunstrom              Hermanson

**Lectors**

K. McGeary              A. Reiser              V. Bennett  
M. Stine              M. Reinert              M. Mack

**E.M.C.**

D&A Carpenter      M. Westhoff              I&C Marin  
C. Bulera              B&N Beaufaux              P&J Sayotovich  
M. Sima                                                              R. Cronin

V. Charles  
B&G Morley  
D. Watecott  
J. Engquist

**Greeters**

Perowitz              Moen              Hermanson  
Herbst

Those who are **singing** for the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass are invited to attend the rehearsal on December 23rd at 7pm. If you have questions call Phil Carlson 763-444-5633.

**Youth Group Bake Sale:** The youth group made \$766 form the sale, all profit. A big thank you to Jane and Kevin for donating the baking supplies and for organizing the baking day. Thank you everyone who helped bake and assisted a the tables, and who brought goodies to sell!!

On January 9, 2010 after the 6pm Mass here at St. Elizabeth's, a dinner will follow for all widows and widowers of our parish. During **Mass, a special remembrance** of prayers will be offered for deceased spouses and their families. After Mass a home cooked meal, a time to socialize and prayers will be offered by a group from "Why Catholic." Please register at the office if you plan to attend. 763-444-4035

January 1st is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, Mass at 9am and 7pm