

# Church of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

December 25, 2011



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**Faith Formation Director:** Mary Mack

**Youth Ministry:** Anne Beaufaux

**Lord's Day Masses:**

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Weekday & Holy Day Masses**

Please consult the bulletin

## THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

**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 Sept 28, Oct 5, 12. 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 Mary Mack 763-444-4371. (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 Fran Jacobson 763-444-6381.

**Youth Ministry Leaders:** Grades 6-12, Brian & Anne Beaufaux 763-444-8425.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday 9am or (the Friday the week prior, when there is a holiday.) Deadlines Christmas Dec. 16, New Year. Dec 22nd.



Weekly offering figures were not available at the time of publication.

Please remember St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church when writing or changing your will

**Liturgical Ministers for December 31 & January 1, 2011**

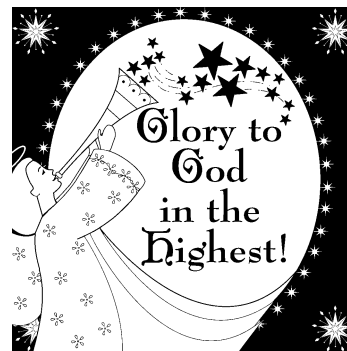
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Hermanson	Stine/Carpenter	Beaufaux
<b><u>Hospitality</u></b>		Beaufaux

**Pray for ...** the sick of our parish, those listed in the book of prayer request. Keep in your prayers all those who need our prayers. Lynn Abrahamson, Carl Beavers, Bill Bottema, Ben Lombards, Pat Smith, George Jr. Schommer, Ron Wicht, Joe Mau, John Rousen, Shirley Capps, Mike Westhoff. 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.



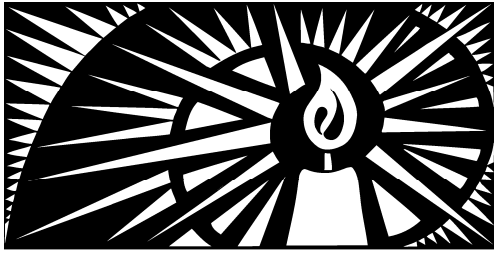
**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

26 Mon	8:00am	NO Adoration
27 Tue	8:30am	+Virgil Marshall
28 Wed	8:30am	Veronica Wagner
29 Thu	8:30am	Elsie Kerkes
30 Fri	8:30am	John & Diane Kerkes
31 Sat	6:00pm	Paul & Kris Kerkes & family
01 Sun	8:30am	For the Parish
	10:30am	+Craig Mertz



**The Nativity of the Lord  
December 25, 2011**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalms** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
- Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Monday: St. Stephen
- Tuesday: St. John
- Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
- Thursday: St. Thomas Becket
- Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Saturday: St. Sylvester I

**Knights of Columbus** please pick up your fishing contest tickets. They are in the gathering area.

**The parish office** will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year.

**Confirmation Required Evening Net Retreat** Friday, Jan 20th from 4-9pm. Mark your calendars. This is for all 9th and 10th grade students and fulfills the USCCB guidelines.



- Mon Dec 26, NO Adoration
- Wed. Dec 28, NO Quilting,  
NO Faith Formation

**Eucharistic Adoration** there will be NO Adoration December 26th. Also, adorers needed for the following hours. 10am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm 4pm and 5pm. Call Dave Watercott at 763-444-4651 if you can commit to an hour.

**Silent Retreats:** Christ the King Retreat Center, 621 First Avenue South, Buffalo, MN. 55313: 763-682-1394: www.kingshouse.com Retreats begin Friday night at 7pm and conclude Sunday at 12:45pm.

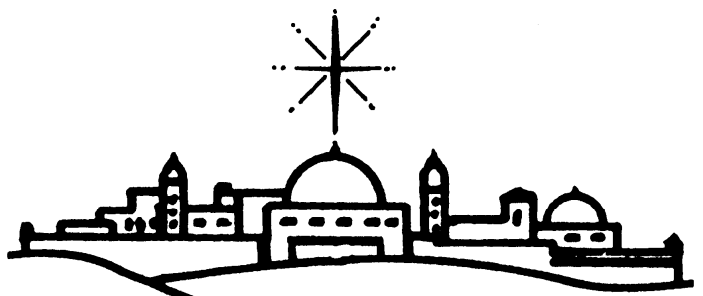
-For Men January 13-15, The theme is Renew My Heart.  
-For Women, January 27-29th. The theme is Renew My Heart (If you have questions you may also call Mary Mack 763-444-4371)

-For Men, Holy Week Retreat, January 20-22  
-For Married Couples, March 9-11, The theme is Renew My Heart.

**Isanti Seniors** (60+) are encouraged to come together at the Isanti Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. Come and share in the laughter, friendships and fun and occasional entertainment available for you, including a nutritious meal served at noon. Suggested contributions is \$ 3.50, guests under 60 is \$ 7.00. Reservations can be made by calling Catholic Charities Senior Dining at 689-4691. You can call the same number if you would like to order Meals-on-Wheels. Pass this on and invite a friend.

The **Guild annual Food Drive** will be from January 2 to February 5th. "We make a living by what we get and a life by what we give" anonymous.

**Donation Truck: The Salvation Army** will have a donation truck in our parking lot Saturday January 14, from 9am to 3pm.



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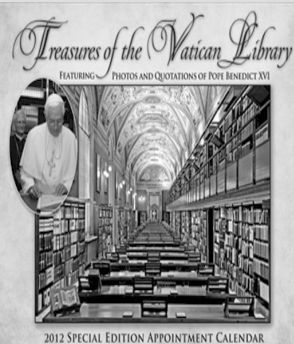
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