



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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Parish Stewardship for 2020-2021

Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 \$3,462.00
 Offertory from December 13 thru December 20. . . . \$3,408.00
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. \$33,199.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged \$21,380.00
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received \$20,600.00

Thank you for continual support to St. Joseph Church

Church Office reopens January 3 at 9:00 a.m.



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



**Mass Schedule
 (from Feast of the Holy Family)**

Vigil of the Epiphany	Saturday, 1/1	5:30 pm
Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, 1/2	9:15 am
Vigil of Baptism of the Lord	Saturday, 1/8	5:30 pm
The Baptism of the Lord	Sunday, 1/9	9:15am

St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

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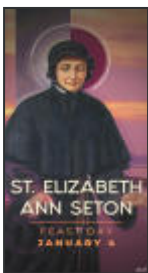
Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Call 814-787-4151 #3



As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us keep in our hearts all the holy innocents in the womb of women around the world.

The Season for Giving — Food Bank.

Non-perishable food donations may be placed in the vestibule in the church or at the church office. **Thank you** for your generous and ongoing donations in your support to the Christian Food Bank. You are helping many others during these struggling times.



Elizabeth Ann Seton, SC (8/28/1774-1/4/1821) was a Catholic religious sister in the United States and an educator known as a founder of the country’s parochial school system. After her death she became the first person born (in what would become the United States) to be canonized by the Catholic Church on September 14, 1975. She also established the first Catholic girls’ school in the nation in Emmitsburg, MD where she also founded the first American congregation of religious sisters, *the Sisters of Charity*.

A Prayer in Saint Elizabeth’s Name . . . Lord God, You blessed Elizabeth Seton with gifts of grace as wife and mother, educator and foundress so that she might spend her life in service to Your people. Through her example and prayers may we learn to express our love for You in love for our fellow men and women. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



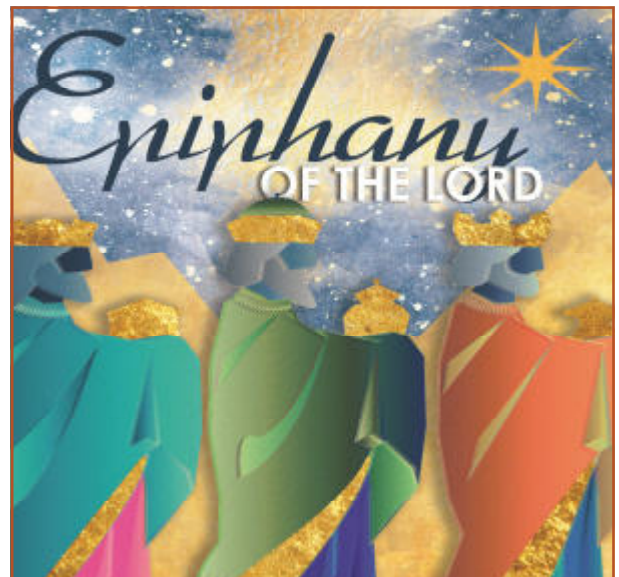
**Epiphany 2022
 Our Journey of Life and Faith**

My brothers and sisters, each year during the Christmas Season we celebrate the wonderful Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word *epiphany* means manifestation (showing forth of glory). The showing forth of glory is, of course, the Baby Jesus, the Newborn King of the Jews.

The wise men often referred to as the *Magi* or *Kings*, were in search of the Newborn King as they follow the star. As our Gospel reads the Magi needed some further directions. So, they stop in Jerusalem and after talking to King Herod, “he sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘go and search diligently for the child.’” (Matthew 2:8)

We all are familiar of what happened next. The Magi entered the house where Jesus, Mary and Joseph were and “offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11b). They made a physical journey of traveling to Bethlehem and a spiritual journey of faith in following the star that led them to the Savior of the World. The Magi then made their journey of life and faith back to their homes in the East where they had undoubtedly shared their wonderful journey experience with others.

My friends, **our journey of life and faith** began and continued at our conception, birth and baptism. We have developed that journey in following the “star of grace and inspiration that led us to learn about our Catholic faith, and especially in receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist—the Mass. It is at the Mass and our participation in the Mass that Jesus’s Epiphany continues to shine forth to us as we receive Him in Holy Communion. Then, like the Magi, our journey of life and faith continues as we travel together on that highway to the Kingdom of God.
 God Bless, Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, January 3, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Sandy Bertini	Cindy	Holy Name of Jesus	1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Nancy and Dean Peters (birthday)	Vicki and Kim Peters	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton	1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 No Mass			Saint John Neumann, Bishop	1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52
Thursday, January 6, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph, Betty and David Gralak	Family	Saint André Bessette, Religious	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22
Friday, January 7, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Kathy Turnbull Jarvey	1972 Classmates	Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest	1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16
Saturday, January 8, 2022 No Mass			Christmas Weekday	1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30
Saturday, January 8, 2022 5:30 p.m.	Mark Auman (wedding anniversary)	Dolores - wife	Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, January 9, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Baptism of the Lord	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Church Hours

St. Joseph Church: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION
Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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