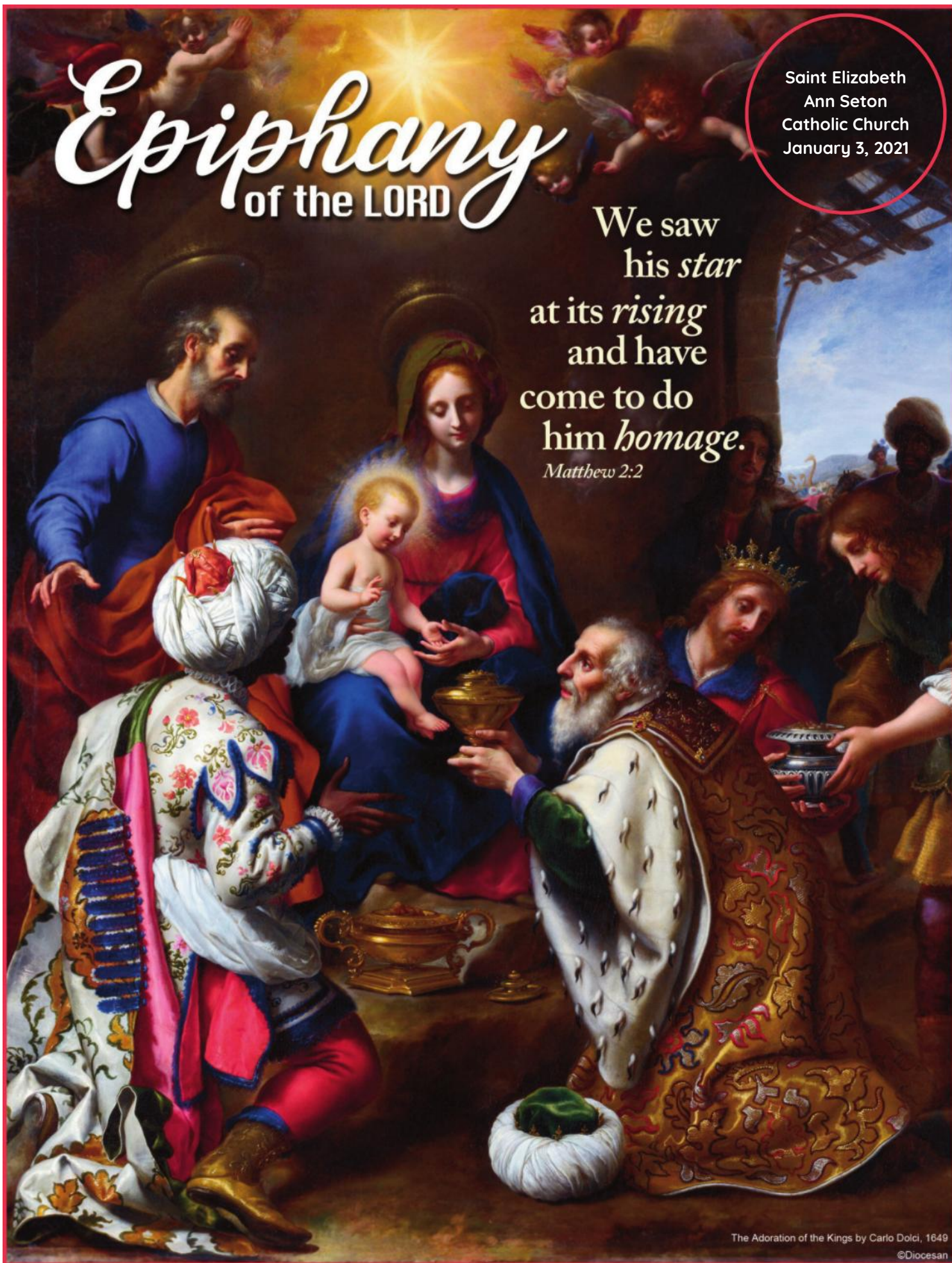


Epiphany of the LORD

Saint Elizabeth
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Catholic Church
January 3, 2021

We saw
his *star*
at its *rising*
and have
come to do
him *homage*.

Matthew 2:2



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 The people of Saint Elizabeth Ann
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**MASS, RECONCILIATION AND
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
 THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021**

**Monday, January 4 ~ Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann
 Seton, Religious**

9:00 am † Agnes Sobasky

**Tuesday, January 5 ~ Memorial of Saint John Neumann,
 Bishop**

8:15 am † Mark H. Hellinger

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 6:00 pm

6:00 pm † Greg Lopshire

Wednesday, January 6 ~ Saint André Bessette, Religious

9:00 am † Ray Jones

6:00 pm † Elizabeth Hanlon

6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 8:30 pm

**Thursday, January 7 ~ Saint Raymond of Penyafort,
 Priest**

8:15 am † Grace Mastrangelo

Friday, January 8

6:30 am BFS (SI)

9:00 am † Maryann St. Renault

Saturday, January 9

9:00 am † Tom Casaburo

9:30 am Reconciliation until 10:30 am

9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 10:30 am

4:30 pm † Collins Redmond

Sunday, January 10 ~ Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am CAS (SI)

9:45 am For the People of the Parish

11:30 am † Deceased Members of the Cozad Family

5:30 pm † Charlie Colligan

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17;

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b;

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9;

Mk 1:7-11

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DAVE



**Blessed New Year
2021**

May 2021 find us growing closer to God and following His Way as a people, Nation and World. God bless our Parish, Families and all of our community.



**Honoring Mary
- Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

Holy Mass this New Year's:
New Year's Eve: 4 pm, 6 pm.
New Year's Day: 8 am, 10 am.

Thanks for Christmas Greetings!

Fr. Stephen, Fr. Lawrence, Deacon Ben Landrigan, Seminarian David Langford and I wish to thank those who have sent us Christmas cards, greetings and special gifts. God bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.



**Share the Message
- "Blessed Christmas"**

As the Christmas Season continues, I encourage all to share the message of God offering us His Son as the greatest of all Gifts:

- When you write an e-mail....end it with "BC" (for Blessed Christmas)
- When you answer the phone: "Blessed Christmas"
- Change your voicemail to "Blessed Christmas, Jesus is born"
- Keep Christmas lights shining bright!

Beautiful Parish Church!

God bless all who helped decorate the Sanctuary and main Church for the Christmas Season.

**Angel Giving Tree
- Outreach to many in Need**

GOD BLESS ALL WHO HELPED WITH THIS YEAR'S ANGEL GIVING TREE!! Over \$14,000 was collected which brought food, medical supplies and Christmas gifts to many Families of our Parish. Special thanks to Maria Victoria and Jenn Engquist who helped spearhead this yearly outreach.



**Low Sensory Mass
- This Wednesday evening**

Once a month for the past several months we have been offering a "low sensory" Mass on Sunday afternoon. Due to the pandemic we are moving this Mass to the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. All of the Parish is invited. This Mass is "low sensory" with dimmed lights, no bells and a quieter setting. Join us this Wednesday.

Fr. Lawrence has Moved

- Fr. Lawrence who has been helping us out since June, has been assigned to the Parish in Pierceton, IN, due to the death of Fr. Chuck Herman. Let's keep Fr. Lawrence in our prayers as he takes on this new responsibility, along with a prayer offered for the Eternal good of Fr. Herman.



**Focusing on the Unborn Child
- the month of January**

May we offer a prayer for the Moms and Dads who are with child within the womb.



**The Star
Shines Bright
- Feast of the Epiphany**

May we remember that God's

intent with the Star of Bethlehem was to call all people to discover the Christ Child. May we help share this message and Truth!

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

**Read TODAY'S CATHOLIC
- December 20, 2020
- www.todayscatholic.org**

"Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good." NOTE: IT'S A FULL PAGE ARTICLE. I encourage all to take the time to read as the Astra Zeneca vaccine (yet to be approved by FDA) appears to be more morally compromised than the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines.

St. Joseph being Honored

- This past December 8th, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to St. Joseph. May we focus on this great servant of God.

Eucharistic Exposition

Tuesday: 9 am - 6 pm
Wednesday: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

**When does Christmas Season end?
—Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**



Here is a glimpse of our new Altar of Repose...more to come soon!



Last day of school before Christmas break...pajama day and Santa's helpers greeting all the kids. Oh, what fun it is!



EVANGELIZATION GONE WRONG

One of my new favorite Christmas movies is the most recent animated remake of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. In one particular scene, the Grinch is strolling through the festive Christmas town when he gets bombarded by carolers, literally. They follow him around and as he tries to hide. They circle him and slowly crawl in, all while the singing about our Savior Jesus. He is clearly having an anxiety attack, but this does not deter them. They have one goal in mind, making him just like them.

This is NOT what evangelization is, and yet sometimes it is how we view it, or why we hate the idea of sharing our faith with others. Those “evangelists” we think of, cornering people to accept God as Lord and Savior, certainly do not encourage us to evangelize the world. Sometimes we are even tempted to say, well this is just MY Faith and I don’t want to push it on others. This is also NOT what Jesus calls us to do. At the end of our lives we will ultimately end up in either Heaven or Hell. It is our call to help others to Heaven, and we may even be held personally responsible for those we did not reach out to who end up in Hell.

So what is evangelization? It is nothing more than listening and sharing the faith. It is not pushy and should never cause others anxiety, although it can be challenging. It can start as simply as asking the other person what they do believe in and LISTENING intently before we ever begin to share with them our own story. After all, how do we even know what they need to hear if we don’t first listen? If we find ourselves doing all the talking while the other person is slowly but surely trying to creep away, I guarantee you what you are doing isn’t truly evangelizing.

Inviting someone to Church, giving them a free Rosary or Miraculous Medal (both available at the Information Table) with instructions on what they are, and sharing our own faith lives are good ways to encourage someone to want to learn more. But without a desire to know more, we can’t force them to care. We are called

to plant the seeds always and pray for them, but we aren’t always the ones called to cultivate the harvest. It is more important to spread the love of Christ and share a personal relationship with our God than to educate someone on all the nitty gritty of our Catholic Faith or morality. There is a place and a time for it, but this isn’t how evangelization begins. We must be more interested in the person we are talking to than what we have to say or about winning an argument.

If you care about saving souls from Hell, you must evangelize. But we must also be careful that what we are doing is truly evangelizing and not pushing someone farther away from God. Remember, we are the body of Christ and we are to represent Him in all that we do. Like it or not, our actions can have eternal consequences, even more so our choice not to act all. In fact, the phrase, “Preach the Gospel at all times and use words when necessary,” was never actually said by St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was an avid preacher and would be the first to tell us that we can’t use the lazy way out by saying nothing. But be not afraid, as it should be the Holy Spirit Himself who guides us. All we can do is ultimately radiate His glory and love. This Christmas, share Christ with all you meet, and yes use words, but in the right way and manner.

-Trisha Trout



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of

**Thomas Jackson and
Sandra Wiegman**

Who recently passed away.
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-St. John Chrysostom



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Trivia Answer:
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traditional part of Christmas festivities



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The reunion committee is currently looking for all classmates addresses, phone numbers and emails. Please contact Colleen Ley with your information at cell # 260-403-3366 or home # 260-435-1704 or email me at tree53@aol.com. We will begin sending out “Save the Date” information this month. Thank you.

KINGDOM BUILDERS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s new ministry Kingdom Builders is in need of a gently used laptop, preferably with Windows 10, that you might be willing to donate. If you have one to donate or are in need of more information, please contact Rob Slocum at 432-0268 or rslocum@seasfw.org. Thank you.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

What parade in Pasadena, California has been held every year in January since 1890?

Please send answer to sogg@seasfw.org.
Answers can be found in next weeks bulletin under Sponsor of the Week.

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