

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



All parishioners are welcome to join us and support those who are actively seeking a better understanding of the Catholic Faith. The topic this week is: **Sacraments of Healing**. We meet in Seton Hall Tuesday, November 24, 7:30—9:00 pm.

## New to St. Elizabeth Parish? Register on December 17

We invite all those interested in joining St. Elizabeth parish to join us Thursday, December 17 at 6:30pm in the Parish Ministry Center (northeast corner of Main and 75th Streets). The registration form is quick and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. You must be a registered parishioner for sacramental preparation. To sign up for this session call Sandi Lombardino at the parish office, 816.523.2405.

## Preparation for Infant Baptism

Our next Baptismal Preparation session will be Thursday, December 17 - 7:30 to 8:45pm in the Parish Ministry Center. If you are a registered parishioner and wish to attend this session call Sandi at 816.523.2405.



## Youth Ministry Events

Sunday, December 6,  
7pm at St. Peter's—Youth Group: "Advent."

Tuesday, December 8,  
7:30pm at St. Peter's:  
Theology of the Body—"Without Shame."

Wednesday, December 9,  
7pm at St. Peter's:  
Mission Trip Prep.

Sunday, December 13,  
7pm at St. Elizabeth's PMC:  
NCYC Follow-up Meeting.

Monday, December 21,  
11am, Bowling at Ward Parkway Lanes  
General permission slip: [www.stpetersparishkcmo.org](http://www.stpetersparishkcmo.org)  
Click on "Youth Ministry." Cost \$10.

Tuesday, December 22  
7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's PMC:  
Theology of the Body—  
"Hope and Redemption in Christ."

Contact Margaret Haik at the Parish Ministry Center, 816.523.2405, with any question.

## Homily Focus Group

**What it is:** St. Elizabeth parishioners meet for an hour and reflect on the Sunday Readings in the current liturgical cycle. This is done by looking at how the Scriptures apply to concrete situations in our lives and in the world. Reflections will assist the priest to prepare a homily that is suited to the needs of the community. In addition to this, the exercise will help one to grow in deeper appreciation of Scripture and prepare one to better hear the readings proclaimed at Mass. Several parishioners have already been involved in this and have enjoyed it very much. I myself have found it very helpful and enriching to my own spiritual life.

**When it is:** There are several dates I have set aside for the remainder of the year. The meetings will be from 7 pm to 8 pm on the following days.

**Thursday, December 3**

Second Sunday in Advent - Year C

**Wednesday, December 9**

Third Sunday in Advent - Year C

**Wednesday, December 16**

Fourth Sunday in Advent - Year C

**Where it is:** In the PMC conference room.

I hope to have approximately 7 people at each meeting. You can sign up for as many or as few as you would like. First come first serve.

Please call me at 816.300.0755 or email me at [fr.christian.malewski@gmail.com](mailto:fr.christian.malewski@gmail.com) to reserve a spot or for any questions.

## Breaking Open the Word

There will be no Breaking Open the Word next Sunday, November 29 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. BOW will resume on December 6th. We are always in need of leaders of this worthwhile ministry. Contact Eileen Iammartino at 816.523.2405 for more information about BOW.

## Tax-Free IRA Gifts Extended

Did you know that federal law still allows tax-free charitable distributions from your IRA? Charitable taxpayers who are 70 and one-half or older can direct "qualified charitable distributions" from their fund administrator directly to the charities of their choice, including one's parish, school or favorite ministry.

Anyone with an IRA who is 70 and one-half years old or older at the time of the distribution should explore this possibility. This provision was renewed to cover the period through December 31, 2009. For the details, contact your legal or financial advisor or Greg Vranicar at 816.756.1858 x 529.

## The Gospel of John

Fr. Bill Bauman will teach a 7 session course on The Gospel of John. The first two sessions are in Advent-Wednesday evenings December 2 and December 9, 7 pm in the narthex of Christ the King Church (85th and Wornall Road). No cost. No registration needed. Just come and bring your bible. The remaining sessions will be on 3 Wednesdays of January and 2 Wednesdays of Lent (March). Learn the Gospel of John thoroughly. Read every word of it. It is personal and inspiring and a great help in prayer,

### Hospitality in Time of Need

Thanks to all who help with this wonderful ministry that serves those in need. Thanks to our November volunteers. What a great job you all did this month.

The names of the volunteers for the month of December are:

#### FOOD COORDINATOR:

Shauna Fletcher, Vallie Hogan

#### FOOD PREPARERS:

Mary Beth Hodes, Lisa Kratofil, Sue Moon, Jeanne Lancey, Janie Lankford, Kathy McShane, Liz Muleski, Diane Shatto, Maria Ferrell, Sue Rhodes

If you are going to be out of town or unavailable please notify Sandi, 816.523.2405, in the parish office.

### Friendship Club

Don't forget that our king size quilt will be raffled off Saturday, December 5th at the "Big Twelve" championship football game that will be televised in Seton Hall. The Knights of Columbus will be providing dinner and ample ways to watch the game!

### Stewardship Expressions

Countries around the world dedicate special days to expressing thanks for blessings. God gifts each person through His loving generosity each day. Be particularly observant and reflective of the blessing you have in life. Pray for those less fortunate. Put your faith into action through caring words and gestures of outreach and service, being especially mindful of the two greatest commandments—to love God, and to love our neighbors.



The parish office will be closed  
Thursday, November 26 &  
Friday, November 27 in  
celebration of Thanksgiving Day.

We will have one mass celebrated at  
10am on Thursday, November 26.

To the parishioners of St. Elizabeth,  
Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day.  
-St. Elizabeth Parish Staff

### Campaign for Human Development

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The CCHD makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's collection. Thank you for your generosity.

## BBQ Party



**December 5th, 6:00 - 11:00 pm**  
**Seton Hall @ St. Elizabeth Church**  
**The Big XII Football Championship**

\$10 adults \$6 kids or \$8 adults \$4 kids with can food donations

**Food Drive for the**  
**St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.**  
**Please Bring canned food to the event.**

Questions <http://www.stekc.org/big12.htm> or call Matt 816.853.8175

## Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37  
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### Mass for the Intentions for the Week

November 23, 2009

#### Monday

7:00 am Tom Redmond  
 Requested by Sandi Lombardino

#### Tuesday

7:00 am Kathy Burdolski  
 Requested by Joie, Maria & Angela Meyers  
 11:30 am Warren Kurtenbach  
 Requested by Anne Kurtenbach

#### Wednesday

7:00 am Virginia Nauman  
 Requested by Anna Nauman, Brett Williams & Dawn Becherd  
 8:30 am Andy Calia  
 Requested by The Calia Family

### THANKSGIVING DAY

#### Thursday

10:00 am James Garnett  
 Requested by Janet Garnett



#### Friday

7:00 am Alice Brock  
 Requested by Darleen Stoll

#### Saturday

4:30 pm Pat Tate  
 Requested by Bill Tate

#### Sunday

7:30 am St. Elizabeth Parish Family  
 10:00 am In Celebration of Chuck & Peggy Gosslin's  
 50th Wedding Anniversary  
 Requested by Toni Walters

### Church Cleaners for December

Mary Grantham/Loretto Hayes/Janice McMahon

## Liturgical Ministers — November 28/29, 2009

**4:30 pm** Servers: Adam Brown, Luke Brown, Chloe Barrett  
 Lectors: Toni Walters, Diana Burdett  
 EME: Lorene Faulconer, Toni Walters, Sonya Salazar, Julie Tapko, Mark Tapko

**7:30 am** Server: Kathy Ronan O'Toole  
 Lectors: Virginia Lawless, Michael Schaefer  
 EME: Sue Rhodes, Loretto Hayes, Bob Johnston, Bun Murphy, Kris Zondca

**10:00 am** Servers: Remi McDonald, Alex Seese, Andy Ritz  
 Lectors: George Koppe, Dan Fish  
 EME: Sherry Roschitz, Beth Cressey, Phil Murphy, Peter Stauffacher, Steve Sears, Mary Sears, Jeff Blasi

**Weekday Servers:**  
 November 23-27 Allison Quinn, Michael Hart



### Vocations Cross Exchange

November 15—Everett and Sara Lanter  
 November 22— Andy and Dana Vohs

## Please Pray for all the Sick:

Pease call back to let us know when your loved one is out of harm's way...816.523.2405.

Bernadine Hiebl, Jana Moynihan, Paul Lark, Virginia Haake, Lois G., Mary K., Susan H., Doris Schworer, Regina Steinbacher, Maria Metz, Steve O'Halloran, Pete Egan, Fairy Palmer, Kathleen Cassidy, Liam Mcgillicuddy, Marilyn, Kathleen Matthews, Clarence Wiedel, Mary Jo and David Ryffe, Anne Quinly, Jacque Curry, Lucas Nedelco, Marc Saviano, Donna Dilks, Ernie Hastings, Dolph and Kathee Schaefer; John and Virginia Baska, Ann Ruisinger, Teresa Kirschbaum and Kaiya Delgado.

## Please pray for those hospitalized:

David Ryffe and Manuel Medina

## Please pray for those who have died and the consolation of their families:

Betty Baker