

St. Elizabeth Parish

December 7, 2008
Second Sunday of Advent



St. Elizabeth Church

Main at 75th Street • Kansas City, MO 64114

Parish Staff

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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 7:00 am
Wednesdays 8:30 am (September through May)
Tuesday & Thursday 11:30 am

Reconciliation

Individual Confessions
Saturday: 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Seasonal Communal Penance Services

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm (*And by appointment*)
Office Phone.....523-2405
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Our Mission Statement

St. Elizabeth Catholic Parish answers the call of God to further His kingdom on earth through celebrating the sacred Liturgy and in building community through service.

Preparation for Infant Baptism

Our next Baptismal Preparation session will be Thursday, December 11th, 7:30 to 8:45 pm in the Parish Ministry Center. If you are a registered parishioner and wish to attend this session call Sandi at 816.523.2405.



New to St. Elizabeth Parish? Register on December 11th

We invite all those interested in joining St. Elizabeth parish to join us Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Ministry Center (North East corner of Main and 75th Streets). The registration form is quick and painless and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. You must be a registered parishioner for Sacramental preparation. Come join our faith community and be part of our growing family. To sign up for this session call Sandi Lombardino at the parish office, 816.523.2405. The next registration will be held in January.

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 Vocation—Matrimony**. We meet in Seton Hall Tuesday, December 9th, 7:30 to 9:00 pm.



Greeters Recall

Thanks for sharing your time and talent. Anyone who is interested in welcoming parishioners to Sunday worship call Bill Egelhoff at 816.361.4265.

Breaking Open the Word

Breaking Open the Word (BOW) for children in grades K-2 takes place on Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass. We encourage the children to sit with their parents as Mass begins, and then come forward when Father invites them after the Opening Prayers. The children will then have their own Liturgy of the Word in Seton Hall and return to their parents in the church after the Prayers of the Faithful. Many thanks to the volunteers who make this ministry possible. Contact Eileen Iammartino at 816.523.2405 x3417 or eileeniam.steliz@yahoo.com to learn more about BOW.

The Christmas Trees are Here!

Every Christmas, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Elizabeth helps families in need within our parish boundaries. Each star on the trees has a gift request. Take as many as you wish and return the gifts to the parish office or Church by **Sunday, December 13**. Do not wrap the gifts. Instead, please put the gift(s) in a gift bag or plastic bag. By doing this, the families get to see the gifts, and do the wrapping themselves. Donations of tape and wrapping paper are greatly appreciated.



Gifts not returned by **December 13** will have to be purchased at the last minute and at the expense of the Christmas committee. We ask that you please be prompt in returning the gifts.

Contact Rachele Lawlor at 816.523.2405 with any questions. Thank you for participating in this year's program!

Spotlight On...

Mrs. Riley's seventh grade homeroom has been talking about how our faith intersects with our culture. They have made TV show "grade cards" on how different shows either do or do not reflect the values of our faith. Of the shows watched they decided "Home Improvement" was the best, and "Family Guy" and "South Park" were the worst. They also brought in magazines, books, DVDs, video games and song lyrics to evaluate what kind of messages we're sending to our brains by how we spend our time.

Mrs. Cherra's/Mrs Malone's first grade class has spent the last few weeks learning about Thanksgiving and how the Indians and the Pilgrims shared their first meal together. They are also learning about nocturnal animals. They are reading stories and learning how to write stories, which is a favorite especially with all their imaginations! In math they are counting by 2's and 10's, learning to tell time, and counting money.

Discount Cards

The Catholic Schools Continuous Discount Card offers discounts and special pricing from local businesses such as Waldo Pizza, Sutherland's, Eggct. The cost of the card is \$10 and entitles the cardholder to discounts from now until December 31, 2009. There is no limit to the number of times the card can be used. Cards are available throughout the year in the Parish Office. Proceeds benefit the St. Elizabeth Cub Scout Pack 150. If you would like to purchase a card, please contact Laurie DeLong at 816-309-0623. or e-mail lauriedelong@everestkc.com or Sandi Lombardino in the parish office, 816.523.2405.

Pastor's Thoughts

From the
Pastor's Desk

There seems to be an on-going problem with hearing and being able to understand me in church. I apologize for this difficulty and will keep trying to work on it. I have never had this problem before coming to St. Elizabeth's but will keep working on it. So far I have 1) upgraded our speaker system with \$17,000 in new speakers for the church; 2) started writing my sermons which I have never done previously because it seems people are able to understand me better when I read than speak the message, 3) I have taken a few speech lessons from our very own Josephine Mulhern, a speech teacher; 4) We had someone from the microphone system out last week to tweak the system and turn up the back speakers a bit. I know that listening and paying attention is a decision and an effort and I appreciate people wanting to hear. I take it as a serious responsibility to communicate clearly. Otherwise I am just wasting people's time and I have conscience problems with that. Thank you for the feedback when you cannot understand me. God bless you in your efforts.

We are in the process of forming a parish council that should be up and running by the first of the year.

It has been said there is need for stronger leadership for the parish from me. Knowing there are different styles of leadership, I have been laid back because I believe in the process of several people having better insight and wisdom than any one person. However, I do plan to step forward more and take a stronger lead.

I appreciate everyone's response and interest in our parish and willingness to participate. God bless you.

Fr. Bruce

Tax-Free IRA Gifts Extended

Did you know that federal law again 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. The distribution applies even to the "required minimum distribution (rmd)" that taxpayers are required to take before the end of the year. This provision was just recently renewed to cover the period starting January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. For the details, contact your legal or financial adviser—or Greg Vranicar at the Office of Stewardship & development, 816.746.1858 ext. 529 or vranicar@diocesekcsj.org.



Tailgate 2008

The Big 12 Football Championship
December 6, 6:30 - 11:00 pm
Seton Hall @ St. Elizabeth Church

**This is a fundraiser and food drive for
St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.
Please Bring canned food to the event.**

The St Elizabeth's and St. Peter's Knights of Columbus invite you to an evening of great BBQ and Football.

Eat: Award Winning BBQ Buffet \$8 adults \$4 kids

Watch: The Big Game on numerous large projection screens

Food: Buffet includes Brisket, Pulled Pork, Slaw, Beans, Hotdogs, and Chips.
Adult Beverages Available

Advance Tickets will be sold online at www.kofc14163.org/big12.html or after Sunday masses November 23rd @ St. E's & St. Peters.

Tickets also Sold at the Door

Questions call Matt 816.853.8175

Our Parishioners and Loved Ones in the Military

We remember in our prayers the following loved ones of our parish family who serve in the military:

Zach Thomas, nephew of John & Rose Robarge; Robert Sowders, son of Jackie Sowders; Jacob P. Hardman, cousin of Manion Kuhns; Tony Mischler, son of Lynn & David Kelly; Joseph Bugler, nephew of Grace Ebner; Vincent C. Orlando, grandson of Louis & Betty Weber; Joe Sweat, nephew of Mary Sweat; Jeff and Joe Clairmont, nephew of Louis Clairmont; Nicholas Arnold, cousin of the Antoinette Ishmael family; Jason Kurtenbach, grandson of Anne Kurtenbach; Chris Bahr, cousin of Sherry Roschitz; Stephen Sparks, grandson of Mary Ann Sparks; Colonel Robert Schmitt, son of Teresa Kirschbaum; Peter Maxon, nephew of Jane and Frank McGuire; Major Phillip Stauffacher, brother of Peter Stauffacher; Matthew Derks, nephew of Dan and Alice Brock.

Please notify the parish office when loved ones return, so we may recognize the event with joy and thanksgiving.

Readings for the Week of December 7, 2008

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rove 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions: Week of December 8, 2008

Monday Immaculate Conception
 7:00 am Marjorie Mandl
 Requested by Mrs. Helen Mahurn
 11:30 am Mary & Marie Blossom
 6:00 pm Anthony Tran
 Requested by the Tran Family

Tuesday
 7:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the
 Bowman/Willson Families
 Requested by Velman Bowman
 11:30 am Mary Glavin
 Requested by Patty Tobin

Wednesday
 7:00 am Rev. Emmett Summers
 8:30 am Anthony Tran
 Requested by the Tran Family

Thursday
 7:00 am Vivienne Hasenyager
 Requested by Ed Hasenyager
 11:30 am Mary Alice McDermott
 Requested by Tripoli Group

Friday
 7:00 am Teresa Neenan
 Requested by Joe Neenan

Saturday
 4:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Hiebl/
 Metz/Studer Families
 Requested by Janet Hiebl

Sunday
 7:30 am St. Elizabeth Parish Family
 10:00 am Herman & Mary Schultz
 Requested by Herman & Donna Schultz

Altar Cleaners for December

Mary Dunham - Sue Miller - Kris Zondca

Vocations Cross Exchange

November 30 Bridget Burns Family
 December 7 Jeanne Ritz Family

Liturgical Ministries —December 13/14, 2008

4:30 pm Servers: Daniel Craig, Ryan Burns,
 Hayle Brown
Lectors: Patrick Tuohey, Teresa Schwartz
EME: Bob Kelly, Joyce Fish, Dan Fish,
 Michael Schaefer, Diana Burdett
7:30 am Server: Bob Johnston
Lectors: Bernie Van Arsdale, Joe Reichert
EME: Regina Albright, Loretto Hayes,
 Bob Johnston, Bun Murphy,
 Kris Zondca
10:00 am Servers: Erin Rasmussen, Lauren Lanter,
 Nate Meysenburg
Lectors: Peter Brown, Joel Jones
EME: Vince Harris, Sheryl Parham-Ford,
 Jeff Randolph, Anne Randolph,
 Mary Reichert, Steve Sears,
 Mary Sears

Weekday Servers:
December 8-12 Billy Purpura, Alex Seese
December 15-19 Manion Kuhn, Janie Sparks

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8th,
 Solemnity of the
 Immaculate Conception
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 is a Holy Day of Obligation.
 We will have Masses celebrated
 at 7 and 11:30 am and 6:00 pm. The
 parish office and school will be closed.



Please Pray for all the Sick:

Bernadine Hiebl, Beth Finn, Dolph Schaefer, Judith
 Mayanja, Jana Moynihan, Becky Nash, Paul Lark,
 Virginia Haake, Lois G., Mary K., Susan H., Doris
 Schworer, Regina Steinbacher, Marie Metz, Steve
 O'Halloran, Kitty Schultz, Tony Nguyen, Pete Egan,
 Fairy Palmer, Kathleen Cassidy, Irene Hartl,
 Rosemary Schmeltz, Liam McGillicuddy, Robert
 Bryant, Marilyn, Marc Saviano, Sam Saviano, David
 Ryffe, Kathleen Matthews, Clay Morgan, Clarence
 Wiedel, Jacque Curry and Hank Maggard.

Please pray for our hospitalized:

Kathy Burdolski

**Welcome Home
Our Parish Mission
December 15-18, 2008**

**DON'T MISS ANY OF THIS EXCITING TIME
FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!**

What is a Mission?

Our Mission is much like a parish retreat. It will be held over 4 nights beginning December 15.

Liturgies begin at 7pm each night.

- Our mission is being led by Fr. Michael Mulhearn, a Vincentian priest.
- The heart of all Vincentian missions is the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- The mission talk is, in essence, an extended homily that incorporates our theme in each liturgy celebrated during the Mission. Fr. Mulhearn will be presider and homilist for each and every liturgy during our Mission week. Essential to our evening celebration during the mission is our social gathering that immediately follows our evening liturgies. It is a time for fellowship among parishioners, as well as a good time for people to make appointments with Fr. Mulhearn.

- **Parish Mass Schedule during the Mission -**

December 13 & 14 - Saturday and Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent - Regular Mass schedule.

Fr. Mulhearn will preside and preach at all Masses

Monday, December 15

NO 7am Mass!

- **7pm Celebration of the Eucharist**
Social Hour in Seton Hall following Mass

Tuesday, December 16

NO 7am Mass!

- **11:30am Mass - Presider - Fr. Mulhearn**

- **7pm Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Social Hour in Seton Hall following Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 17

NO 7am Mass!

- **8:30am Mass for School**

- **7pm Celebration of the Eucharist**

Social Hour in Seton Hall following evening Mass

Thursday, December 18

NO 7am Mass!

- **11:30am Celebration of the Eucharist and Communal Anointing of the Sick**

Lunch in Seton Hall - time for visiting with Fr. Mulhearn

- **7pm Concert and Reflection**

A Collection for the Mission will be taken up this night!

Social Hour following Concert in Seton Hall.

Friday, December 19

7am Mass resumes. Regular Parish Schedule resumes