

St. Elizabeth Parish

November 30, 2008
First Sunday of Advent



St. Elizabeth Church

Main at 75th Street • Kansas City, MO 64114

Parish Staff

Rev. Terry Bruce, *Pastor*.....ext. 3403
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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
Rectory523-2155
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School Office523-7100

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.



Marriage Preparation

Marriage Preparation at St. Elizabeth is a 9-12 month process. Your journey towards the Sacrament of Marriage begins at an orientation session. Our next offering will be held Saturday, December 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 am in the school library. Registered parishioners who wish to attend this session or who have questions about marriage preparation should contact Sandi in the parish office 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—Holy Orders**. We meet in Seton Hall Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

The RCIA class will participate in a day of reflection on **Saturday, December 6th** in Seton Hall. All class members are asked to bring a pot-luck entrée, vegetable, or dessert for lunch from 12:00-1:00 pm, followed by a retreat from 1:00 –4:15 pm and celebration of the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Welcoming of Candidates at the 4:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth.



Dinner for Eight Christmas Potluck

Our Christmas dinner will be on Sunday, December 7th at 6:30 pm in Seton Hall. Please bring the following according to your last name: A-F -potatoes or rice; G-K -vegetable; L-R - salad; S-T - dessert; and W- appetizer. RSVP by December 3rd to Jeanne Schmidt 816.942.0444.

Hospitality in Time of Need

Thanks to all who help with the wonderful ministry that serves those in need. Thanks to our November volunteer's. We couldn't have done it without you!

The names of the volunteer s for the month of December are below.

FOOD COORDINATORS:

Shauna Fletcher

Vallie Hogan

FOOD PREPARERS:

Mary Beth Hodes, Lisa Kratofil, Sue Moon, Jeanne Lancey, Janie Lankford, Kathy McShane, Liz Muleski, Diane Shatto, Marie Ferrell and 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 News

As we prepare for our Parish Mission with Fr. Michael Mulhearn, please note that the Friendship Club will host a luncheon on Thursday, December 18th immediately following the 11:30 am Mass in Seton Hall. All are welcome to come and visit with Fr. Mulhearn and one another, plus enjoy a simple lunch with the members of the Friendship club. The cost is \$5 per person. Please call Joanie McLaughlin @ 816.361.0913 to make your reservation.

10 Minutes That Could Save Your Life

Do you have high blood pressure? Are you more than 30 pounds overweight? Are you male? If yes, YOU may want to consider being screened for abdominal aortic aneurysm risk. Life Line Screening screens the abdominal aorta for aneurysms as warning signs are vague and if ruptured, they are 80-94% fatal. St. Elizabeth is hosting a screening on Thursday, December 11th. Call 1.800.324.1851 for more information or to pre-register. The cost of this screening is \$45 or receive all four vascular tests for only \$139. The complete Wellness Package plus blood (all 8 tests) is just \$219. Other discount packages are also available.



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

HOLIDAY SALE

December 6 & 7

The St. Elizabeth CPTA will host its Holiday Sale in Seton Hall on December 6 after the 4:30 pm Mass and on December 7 from 8 am to Noon. Products featured include: Scrapbooking products, Jewelry, Photo Stationary Cards, Cappuccino and Hot Chocolate, Reindeer Dust, Advent Candle Sets, Kitchen and Household items, Original Artwork, Aromatherapy Lotions and Candles, Luminary Kits, St. E's Cookbooks, Catholic Discount Cards, Spirit Items, Scrip Cards and more. The St. E's 8th Grade Class will also host a Bake Sale. Please join us and celebrate the holiday season. Complimentary Coffee and Donuts will be provided on Sunday.

Lessons and Carols

Usher in the holiday season by attending "Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" performed by Rockhurst University choruses at 7:00 pm, Saturday, December 6th, St. Francis Xavier Church. The concert includes seasonal music, scriptural readings representing the Christmas story, and carols sung by the Choruses and audience. Following the concert, the choruses will lead the audience in a candlelight procession to a complimentary reception in Massman Hall on the Rockhurst campus.

Admission is free, but please bring either an unwrapped child's toy, a grooming product or a non-perishable food for families in need. Register your attendance by calling 816.501.4828

Men's Prayer Group

The 6:00 am Tuesday Men's Prayer Group thanks all you dear ones, who have and continue to write in your request for prayers and share your deepest concerns for others as our mothers and sisters are all one family. May our times continue to be present in your hearts as we end this year. We pray for a blessing of thanksgiving during the coming holiday. May we see each day as a true "Christ-must" in our songs and prayers and our communion with others.

-Men's Prayer Group

Let us know...

Hospitals do not call the parishes when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital. This is due to issues of confidentiality. If the patient gives permission to the admitting office, to the Chaplain or nurse in the hospital to call the patient's parish then the hospital may call. Therefore, it is important for the family or close friends to notify the Parish Ministry Center if you, a member of your family, or any parishioner is sick or admitted to the hospital.

Also, a reminder that Fr. Bruce is available and willing to give you the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. If you plan to go into the hospital, please contact the parish office. He can anoint you before you go, or anytime as you need.

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; Phillip Stauffacher, brother of Peter Stauffacher.

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

Readings for the Week of November 30, 2008

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mass Intentions: Week of December 1, 2008

Monday
 7:00 am Elizabeth Ann Purcell
 Requested by Kerm and Ellen Fendler

Tuesday
 7:00 am Belle Neenan
 Requested by Joe Neenan
 11:30 am Arnold Haake
 Requested by the Haake Family

Wednesday
 7:00 am Ed Stockbauer
 Requested by Kay Stockbauer
 8:30 am Elva Kreidler
 Requested by the Moen Family

Thursday
 7:00 am Clifford/Ahearn Families
 Requested by the Terrence Glynn Family
 11:30 am Mary Alice McDermott
 Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Barney Maguire

Friday
 7:00 am Rev. Emmett Summers

Saturday
 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth Parish Family

Sunday
 7:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Baar/
 Ernst/Hauser Families
 Requested by Dorothy Hauser
 10:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the
 Campbell/Peterson Families

Altar Cleaners for November

Mary Grantham, Loretto Hayes, Janice McMahon

Vocations Cross Exchange

November 23 John and Paula Jackson
 November 30 Bridget Burns Family
 December 7 Jeanne Ritz Family

Liturgical Ministries —December 6-7, 2008

4:30 pm Servers: Molly Sparks, Zach Casper,
 Janie Sparks
 Lectors: Dan Fish, Steve Williamson
 EME: Bob Kelly, Joyce Fish, Dan Fish,
 Michael Schaefer, Diana Burdett

7:30 am Server: Mike Gabhart
 Lectors: Neil Spearman, Doug Kinney
 EME: Regina Albright, Loretto Hayes,
 Bob Johnston, Bun Murphy,
 Kris Zondca

10:00 am Servers: Grant Gotschall, Charlie
 Gotschall, Natalie Ismert
 Lectors: Sheryl Parham-Ford, Beth Cressey
 EME: Vince Harris, Sheryl Parham-Ford,
 Jeff Randolph, Anne Randolph,
 Mary Reichert, Steve Sears,
 Mary Sears

Weekday Servers:
 December 1-5 Nate Meysenburg, Emily Burke
 December 8-12 Billy Purpura, Alex Seese

Support our Seminarians

The 16th annual "Support our Seminarians" Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2009. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food and bidding on extraordinary items! SOS will be held at the Marriott Allis Plaza, 12th and Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO. The ticket price is \$150 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the oral auction, contact: Martha Hodes 913.649.9013 or mmmh66@sbcglobal.net.

Please Pray for all the Sick:

Bernadine Hiebl, Beth Finn, Dolph Schaefer, Judith Mayanja, Peter Rogge, 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 McGillycuddy, Robert Bryant, Donald Ritchie, Helen Maggard, Marilyn, Marc Saviano, Sam Saviano, David Ryffe, Kathleen Matthews, Clay Morgan and Clarence Wiedel.

Please pray for our hospitalized:

Maureen Bassing, James McCormack and Kathy Burdolski.

Welcome Home:
St. Elizabeth Parish Mission
December 15-18, 2008 ~ 7:00 pm

Fr. Michael Mulhearn, CM - Presider

Who do you miss?

Who has “dropped out” of St. Elizabeth Parish?

Who would you like to “welcome home?”

The parish staff would like to reach out to those people, by sending them an invitation to attend the Parish Mission. This weekend, there will be a written survey in the pews asking you for the names (and addresses, if known) of those you miss and want to see back here at St. Elizabeth.

Q *How are Jesus and discipleship portrayed in Mark, the Gospel used in Lectionary Year B which begins this Sunday?*

A Mark's community understood Jesus as one sent from God to battle the forces of evil. After his baptism, Jesus, driven to the desert, confronts and defeats the evil one. Upon his return, Jesus sets out to defeat the evil powers by curing the sick, driving out demons, and restoring people to their families and communities. The powers of evil strike back at Jesus, creating controversy, rejection, and opposition that ultimately lead to Jesus' death.

Jesus calls disciples, teaching them what discipleship entails. Mark's Jesus clearly conveys that discipleship entails hardships, persecution, rejection, suffering and even the possibility of death. The disciples find it difficult to comprehend who Jesus is and what following him demands. Mark pictures the disciples as slow to understand and hesitant to carry out the demands of discipleship.

Mark's Gospel presents blind Bartimaeus as the model of discipleship. In Mark 10:46-52, Bartimaeus shouts to Jesus to have pity of him. While the disciples turn him away, Jesus requests that Bartimaeus be brought to him. Jesus inquires what Bartimaeus wants, who responds, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus cures him immediately, and Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the road of discipleship.

According to Mark, Bartimaeus models what true discipleship entails, namely our continual striving to see and understand who Jesus is and our desire to follow him no matter where it leads.

Reflect on how you will strive to see, understand and follow Jesus during this new year of grace.