



## From the Diocesan Office of Worship:

Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year.....

1. Christmas is **always** a Holy Day of Obligation, no matter what day of the week it falls on, and it is a distinct obligation from the Sunday obligation.
2. Two obligations, Sunday and Christmas, means two Masses to fulfill them. We should go to both a Sunday Mass and a Christmas Mass on that weekend this year.

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 23, 4 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24, 8:15 am, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24, 11 am, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24, 4 pm, You can attend this Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent **or** for the Christmas Vigil Mass (but not both)

Sunday, December 24, 6:30 pm, Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 24, 9 pm, Christmas Mass

Monday, December 25, 9 am, Christmas Mass

If Christmas is on a Monday, then of course the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) is on a Monday as well.

Since this solemnity is on a Monday in 2018, it is still a Holy Day, but the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated (relaxed).

All are still encouraged to attend Mass on this day.

Christmas  
Schedule...

## WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE: ADVENT AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON



### The Giving Tree:

The Giving Tree located in the foyer is decorated with angels who hold the names of children from the Volunteers of America and Community Support Programs. Each of you is invited to select a name from the tree, sign your name on the sign-up sheet, and return the gifts by December 10. This child's name will not be given to anyone else by either agency. Your generosity will bring smiles to the faces of the many children served by these worthwhile organizations. If you are willing to help with this project or have questions, please contact Claire Bissell at the parish office.



### Our Lady's Ladies Holiday Bake Sale December 2 & 3 after all Masses



### The Christmas Boutique will be held on December 10 for GIFT K-4 through 4th grade in the Burleigh Center between the morning Masses.



### Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17, 9:30 am in the church  
ALL ARE WELCOME



### Advent Communal Penance Service Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 pm



### Christmas Poinsettia Memorials:

Place a donation with the name of your loved one in the collection basket or at the church office. Cost: \$7 each, but any donation welcome. Envelopes are located in the foyer.

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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**Mike Whitehead, Deacon**

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## SACRAMENTS/LITURGY/DEVOTIONS

**MASS: Saturday: 4 pm**

**Sunday: 8:15 am, 11 am** (Nursery: under 3 yrs), **5 pm**

**Holy Days: 7am & 6:30 pm**

### DAILY MASS

**Monday & Wednesday, 7:30 am, Burleigh Center Chapel**

**1st & 3rd Monday, 9:30 am, Oaks of Louisiana**

**1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am, The Glen**

**2nd Tuesday, 9:30 am, Azalea Estates**

ADORATION: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 8 am – 5 pm in the Chapel

RECONCILIATION: 3:30 pm Saturday & by appointment

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION, Sunday, 9:30 am

INFANT BAPTISM: usually at Mass; preparation necessary

MARRIAGE: Six months notice needed for preparation.

CHOIR rehearsal Wednesdays, 6:30 pm/Su 10 am

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

G.I.F.T. RELIGIOUS ED: Sundays 9:30am (4 yrs – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

MS & HS YOUTH GROUPS: Regular Gatherings (see *Youth Page*)

BOY SCOUTS: Mondays, 7pm

MOTHER'S DAY OUT: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9am-2pm

### PARISH FELLOWSHIPS

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY, Sundays, 9:30 am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7 pm

OUR LADY'S LADIES EVENING CIRCLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6 pm

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOC, Mo 6:30 pm (Feed My Lambs 1<sup>st</sup> Su)

ST. ANNE'S DAY CIRCLE, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10 am

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7 pm

### NEIGHBORHOOD FELLOWSHIPS

Ellerbe Road, 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm

Youree, 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm

## PRAYER INTENTIONS



*In Memoriam*

Jake Wilmore (father of James Wilmore)

*Please pray for our sick who are listed on our prayer wall.*

## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PRAYS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: especially:

Linden Adams, Dennis, Peter & Timothy Banks, Michael Bargmann, Marc Bradle, Jeffrey Bragg, Rodney Brown, Warren Carroll, Terry Christiansen, Mark Church, Kenneth & Trisha Cobb, Kateline Collier, Jack Delo, Todd Derrick, Michael Farley, Nicholas Godfrey, Randy Green, William & Waverly Hock, David Hume, David, Matthew, & Thomas Jeansonne, Melanie Jones, Aaron & Adam LeBlanc, Andrew Ligon, Alex & Jessica Luyando, Scott Maytan, Somer McFarlain, Jay Mitchell, Sean Murphy, Robert Nordberg, Chris Occhiuzzo, Alex Poimboeuf, Matthew Rambin, TJ Remedés, Joseph Roe, Dana Romero, Tyler Sheets, Beau Skonieczny, Ben Smith, Randy Sorrell, Bradley Stevens, David Stringer, Matthew Titus, Joseph Torma, M. T. Turner, Danny Vento, Zachary Walsh, Scott Wilson, Jonathan Wyche, Josh Yarbrough, Dennis Zabka



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is now on Instagram as @seasshreveport. Be sure to follow us!

## Mission Statement of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

*We gather in praise and worship of the Father, called by our baptism in Christ and living in His Spirit.*

*We become the Body of Christ, sent forth to embody the universal mission of the Catholic Church.*

*Our Christian life calls us to challenge and support persons in their efforts to love and serve the Lord through abiding love of one another, to share joyfully His Word and Sacrament, and to heal and witness the love and peace of His kingdom through generous outreach and selfless service to all, especially the least among us.*



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is now on Facebook. Search for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church – Shreveport. Be sure to Like us!

## What's Up in the Parish

→ **St. Vincent de Paul** meets **Mondays, 6:30 pm** in the Burleigh Center; for more info contact Carl Bigner, 865-5808.

→ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets **Tuesdays, 8 pm** in the Youth House; for more info contact Bob, 393-1400.

→ **Yarn Angels** meet **Wednesdays, 1-3 pm** in the Burleigh Center; they make hats and lap blankets for those in need. Yarn or monetary donations are gratefully accepted. All are welcome! For more info contact Marie Vallillo, 797-9582.

→ **Knights of Columbus** will lead a Rosary in the Chapel on **Mon., Dec. 4, at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome.

→ **Knights of Columbus** will meet **Mon., Dec. 4, 7 pm** in the Burleigh Center for a meeting. For more information call Mike Torma at 773-0815 or email him at [tormathree@gmail.com](mailto:tormathree@gmail.com).

→ **Young at Heart** Christmas gathering is **Wed., Dec. 6, 6:30 pm** at East Ridge Country Club. For more info contact Ray Vallillo, 797-9582.

→ **St. Anne's Circle** will meet **Thur., Dec. 7, 11 am** in the Burleigh Center; All ladies are invited to attend. For more information about our group contact Bobbie Trust at 469-4285.

→ The next meeting of the **Ellerbe Road Neighborhood Group** is **Tues., Dec. 12, 6 pm** at L'Italiano Restaurant in Bossier City. The contact person for this group is Iris Poche' 798-5833.

→ **Our Lady's Ladies** will have their Christmas dinner at the Burleigh Center on **Wed., Dec. 13, at 6 pm**. All ladies of the church are welcome. Dinner is pot luck. Please call 426-6366 to let us know what you are bringing. For more information call Donna Collins 426-6366

→ **Youree Fellowship's** December covered dish gathering will be **Thurs., Dec. 14, 6:30 pm** at the home of Mary Agnes & Larry Rambin( 2061 Pepper Ridge Drive). The hosts/hostesses (Mary Agnes & Larry, Joann & Reid, Dwight) will provide the drinks and main course. Those whose last name begins with the letters A—D may provide desserts; those whose last name begins with the letters E—P may provide appetizers; and those whose last name begins with the letters R—Z may provide veggies or salads. As in past years we will donate canned goods for the SVDP whose representatives will be joining us. RSVP Mary Agnes & Larry 798-6958. For more information contact Ann Weeks 797-3757.

→ **Card Day** sponsored by our Young at Heart, is **Tues., Dec. 19, 10 am** in the Burleigh Center. Bring your lunch. Get your group together and come for fun, fellowship and cards. For more info contact Ruth Saucier, 797-9876.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:** This committee is guided by the Liturgical calendar, church traditions and rituals, and a lot of help from the Holy Spirit. We invite men and women interested in serving in this ministry to contact Kay Lee, 869-4413 ([kayjacklee@aol.com](mailto:kayjacklee@aol.com)) for more information.

## What's Up Elsewhere

⊗ **Catholic Women's League** will meet at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, hosted by the ladies of St. Ann's Church, Stonewall, on **Tues., Dec. 5, 9:30 am**. Cost of the luncheon is \$6. Canned goods and used clothing gifts will be collected for charities. "White Elephant" and plant gifts are needed for the usual sale. Bring a new unwrapped toy to be donated to Toys for Tots. Contact Pat Larson, 686-4136, for further info.

⊗ **There will be a Society of St. Vincent de Paul Orientation and Training on Sat., Dec. 9; 8:30am (sign-in); Program 9am – 1pm** at the St. Joseph Family Life Center, Shreveport. **WHO IS INVITED:** Anyone interested in learning more about the Society; new Vincentians who joined this past year, any Vincentian especially those who have not attended an Orientation; members of parish High School Youth groups, clergy or parish staff. You do not need to be a current member to attend. **FEE:** Free of charge. Lunch, snacks, and resource materials will be provided. Please RSVP to: Jim Beadles, [lsugameday@att.net](mailto:lsugameday@att.net), or 470-9694

Parents – all volunteers who work with kids must attend diocesan Protecting God's Children for Adults as a part of our safe environment program. Thanks to all who have taken the class or have signed up. The Protecting God's Children class is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm at the Catholic Center, 3500 Fairfield Avenue. They tell you to plan for it to last 3 hours. You will need to bring your driver's license. To register for the class, go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and click "Registration" on the left hand side of the page. Then select "Begin the registration process." When it asks you to select your Archdiocese/Diocese/Religious Org, please choose Shreveport Diocese. Then you will be prompted to create a username and password, and to select a date that you plan to attend the training. When it asks for your ministry site, please put St. Elizabeth Ann Seton! Upcoming Training Date Wednesday December 13, 6 pm at the Catholic Center.

The Diocese of Shreveport has set up an anonymous and completely confidential phone line for you to report instances of known or suspected misuse of parish, school or diocesan assets including fraud, excessive waste or fiscal abuse. The telephone number is (318) 219-7222. This line goes directly to a voicemail that is addressed only to Bishop Duca. Should you need to call this number to report incidents of fiscal abuse, be assured that Bishop Duca will act on the information in a confidential manner to make positive changes. This new phone line is being established now in order to increase our commitment to being transparent in our financial affairs and to maintain the "good practices" proposed by our insurance company to insure a responsible level of accountability. It is not being established in response to any suspected problem present in any parish or Diocesan facility.

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Claire Bissell, 798-1887, ext. 116 or [clairebissell@bellsouth.net](mailto:clairebissell@bellsouth.net)

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### High School Monday Evening Meetings

High School Monday evening Meetings continue from 6:30-8 pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom. Amy Dean is the facilitator. For more information contact Claire Bissell.

### High School Youth Fridays in Faith

HS youth gather on Friday evenings from 6-9 pm in the Burleigh Center kitchen to Eat, Play and Pray. To sign up to provide a meal, please contact Mrs. Amy Dean, [deanandcrew@aol.com](mailto:deanandcrew@aol.com), 455-0606.

### High School Retreat:

Mark your calendars now for the High School Retreat, which will take place January 14-16, 2018. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to get away from all the many distractions of everyday life and spend some time with the Lord and with others who wish to do the same. Amy, Cameron, Trey and Courtenay Dean will lead the kids in prayer, games, activities, and also attend Mass. Parent drivers are needed to make this event a success. Permission slips are available from Claire Bissell or Amy Dean. For more information please contact Claire at [clairebissell@bellsouth.net](mailto:clairebissell@bellsouth.net) or Amy Dean at 455-0606 or [deanandcrew@aol.com](mailto:deanandcrew@aol.com)

### Ernest Felterman Scholarship Announced

Applications are now available for the \$1000 Ernest Felterman scholarship to be awarded annually through St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to a deserving graduating senior student who might otherwise struggle with college expenses. Anyone who might not be getting a lot of other scholarships and who would benefit from a helping hand to attend college is particularly encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to a student who has been involved in the parish. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2018. For more information or for an application, please contact Cathy Cobb in the church office.

Parents, if you are not getting emails about these events, please contact me at [clairebissell@bellsouth.net](mailto:clairebissell@bellsouth.net) or 798-1887 to stay in the know! Some of these events are being organized after the bulletin deadline, so watch your email inbox for details! If you are interested in volunteering to help with MS or HS youth events, please contact Claire Bissell or Mrs. Amy Dean, 455-0606; [deanandcrew@aol.com](mailto:deanandcrew@aol.com).



**LSUS Campus Ministry:** If you are a student at LSUS, please send Cathy Cobb your contact information so we can keep you informed of what's up. Go to Facebook and befriend LSUS Catholic or follow us on Instagram @lsuscatholic to stay up on all the latest.



### Monthly Service Opportunity For Middle School and High School Youth and their Families

Monthly Service Opportunity  
Saturday, December 9, 2-3 pm  
Azalea Estates

We will visit and play games with the residents.  
All Youth and families are encouraged to attend.

### Confirmation News – Mark your calendar

- 8th grade parent meeting January 28 at 9:30 am
- Service of Commitment, January 28 at 5 pm Mass
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat March 10, 2018
- No 8th Grade GIFT, March 11
- Confirmation will be at the 4 pm Mass on Saturday April 14, 2018

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Claire Bissell, Coordinator; 798-1887, ext. 116 or [clairebissell@bellsouth.net](mailto:clairebissell@bellsouth.net)

## Baptismal Prep

If you are expecting or if your baby has already been born and you are seeking baptism for your child, please call Cathy Cobb in the parish office to set up an appointment for a baptismal preparation session.



## CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

We are making plans now for our annual Christmas boutique for our GIFT kids. Those of you whose kids have participated in years past know that this very lovely tradition allows our youngest kids to choose “gifts” for their parents and/or grandparents from a selection of donations. These gifts are often very gently used items from one another’s homes, such as Christmas decorations, note pads, mugs, that sort of thing. We are asking for your help. Here’s how:

**\*\*\*GIFT ITEMS:** We need donations of items for the boutique – please only bring up the sort of items that a child would be happy to give to his or her parent. These can be gently used items from your home! Only the K4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade participate in the boutique, so it need not be an expensive type of item, but I do ask that it be clean and unbroken. We don’t have enough storage space or volunteers to deal with everyone purging their attic!!!!

**\*\*\*GIFT BAGS AND TISSUE PAPER:** We need donations of inexpensive gift bags and tissue paper. (No rolls of gift paper – gift bags only please!)

**\*\*\*SET UP VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers for 2 hours the day before the boutique to set out the items on the tables in the Burleigh Center. This would probably be from 10 am to noon on Saturday December 9.

**\*\*\*BOUTIQUE VOLUNTEERS:** We need about 10 volunteers to help from 9:30 am to 11 am on Sunday December 10. Volunteers help the children select gifts and then wrap the gifts. The children are so proud to take these gifts home to their parents!

**\*\*\*CLEAN UP HELP:** We also will need a few volunteers to help clean up and take any remaining items to be donated. Clean up will take only a few minutes. Any remaining items will be donated to a worthy cause.

The boutique is a wonderful experience of God’s loving grace for our dear children, and a sweet memory for parents and kids. If you are able to help in any of the ways listed above, please contact Kristy Dye at 318-797-7087 or [dye.kristy@yahoo.com](mailto:dye.kristy@yahoo.com).

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Children’s Liturgy of the Word continues at the 11 am Masses. This ministry is designed to help young children to learn to listen, reflect and respond to God’s Word. To volunteer to help with this ministry, contact Claire Bissell.

## November—January Calendar

Nov. 19	No GIFT, Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 23	Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 26	9:30 am, GIFT, PGC, 7th grade
Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent 9:30 am, GIFT, PGC, 8th grade
Dec. 8	Family Faith Formation Sunday
Dec. 10	Immaculate Conception Holy Day 9:30 am, GIFT Christmas Boutique Turn in Giving Tree Presents
Dec. 17	9:30 am, GIFT Children’s Christmas Pageant Noon, Catechist Christmas Luncheon
24	No GIFT, Christmas Eve
Dec. 31	No GIFT
Jan. 7	9:30 am, GIFT
Jan. 14-16	High School Retreat
Jan. 15	No GIFT, MLK Holiday
Jan 21	9:30 am, GIFT 9:30 am, 2nd grade parent meeting in Burleigh Center
Jan. 27	10 am, First Reconciliation for 2nd grade children
Jan. 28	9:30 am, GIFT 9:30 am, Confirmation parent meeting in the Church Sanctuary 5 pm, Service of Commitment for 8th graders 6 pm, Annual Feast Day Celebration

**Note: GIFT religious education classes begin promptly at 9:30 am-10:45 am!**

## First Communion News – Mark your calendar

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent meeting, January 21, 9:30 am
- First Reconciliation, Saturday, January 27, 10 am - Noon
- May Crowning, May 6, 10:45 am, led by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Last Day of GIFT, Parish Picnic, May 6, 2018
- First Communion, Saturday, May 12, 2018, 4 pm Mass

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17,  
9:30 AM  
IN THE CHURCH  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# LITURGY

Larry Meier, Music Director: 798-1887, extension 115 or musicseas@bellsouth.net

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY VIGIL, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 5:30 PM

Bring a loaf of bread (homemade or bakery) to be blessed and shared with your St. Elizabeth Ann Seton brothers and sisters. Make the right connection: a life of giving thanks with a "Eucharist."



## December Musical Notes

*Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has done marvelous deeds. Psalm 98:1*

♫ **Saturday 4 pm Mass:** If you are interested in joining the Contemporary Ensemble for the Saturday evening Mass, please contact Suzan Atkins through the church office or meet with her following the Saturday evening Mass. Rehearsal for the 4 pm ensemble is 2:45 pm on Saturday. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome!

### ♫ **11 am Mass Music Ministry Practice:**

11 am Mass Music Ministry Practice: The Music Ministry for this Mass practices every Sunday morning at 10 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome and please call Larry at 798-1887 for more information

♫ **Orchestra:** Strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion; practice at 10 am on Sundays in the church.

### ♫ **Cantors (High School & Adults)**

If you are interested in becoming a Cantor for Masses please call Larry in the office.

Call Larry in the church office if you are interested in joining the music ministry.



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, December 1  
8 am – 5 pm

Chapel in the Burleigh Center  
Benediction is at 5 pm

Sign up in the foyer



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
Sunday, December 3  
after the 11 am Mass

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass times:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 4 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7 am & 6:30 pm

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30 pm

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Tues., Dec. 5, 6:30 pm	St. Jude
Wed., Dec. 6, 6 pm	Mary, Queen of Peace
Wed., Dec. 6, 6:30 pm	St. Pius
Mon., Dec. 11, 5 pm	Holy Trinity
Mon., Dec. 11, 6 pm	Cathedral of St. John Berchmans
Wed., Dec. 13, 6:30 pm	St. Joseph
Thurs., Dec. 14, 6:30 pm	Blessed Sacrament
Sat., Dec. 16, 10 am	Christ the King
Mon., Dec. 18, 6:30 pm	St. Mary of the Pines
<b>Tues., Dec. 19, 6:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>
Wed., Dec. 20, 6:30 pm	Sacred Heart

# WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

*Gavin, Kelli, Hadley & Payton Cobbs  
Taylor Reeves  
Kevin & Linda Wolfe*

## BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

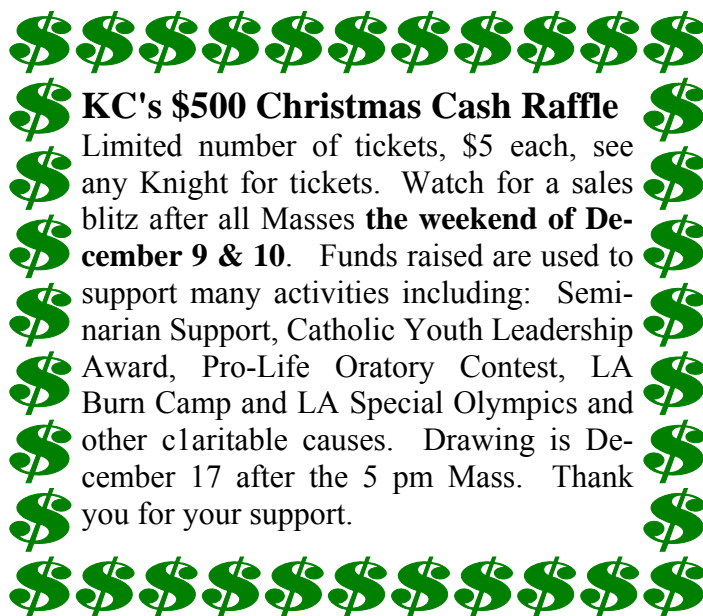
*Spencer Brando Crews, November 5, 2017*

*Received into Full Communion of the  
Catholic Church through the Sacra-  
ments of Confirmation and Eucharist  
on October 21, 2017:  
Kateline Nicole Collier*

## Family Faith Formation

**Sunday, December 3, 9:30 am**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will begin our First Sunday of Advent with **Family Faith Formation Sunday**. All Families in our GIFT Program are invited to attend a religious education session that is designed to include the entire family. During this session the children will meet in their regular GIFT class with their teachers where they will be learning about the meaning of Advent. Meanwhile, parents will be meeting in the Burleigh Center where you too will be learning about the meaning of Advent and ideas for preparing your families for the Advent season. After 30 minutes the children will join us in the Burleigh Center for a time of sharing and family activities. Your entire family will leave this session with a renewed anticipation of the Advent season and ways to truly enjoy this time together as a family. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend fun Family activity.



## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Dec. 9 & 10**

National Retirement Fund for Religious

**Dec. 24 & 25**

Diocesan Infirm Priests' Fund

Please be generous

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton STEWARDSHIP

for month ending September, 2017

September    Year to Date  
(from 7/1/17)

<b>INCOME</b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
Reg Support	\$78,971	\$69,216	\$236,912	227,656
Improvement Fund	9,896	8,775	\$ 29,688	29,583

Special Collections:

Catholic University of America, \$3105

Hurricane Relief, Harvey, \$6,665

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

•**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study:** Our scripture study/faith sharing group meets every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Burleigh Center Library. Newcomers are welcome.

•**RCIA, Sundays, 9:30 am** in the Burleigh Center; For more info contact Deacon Mike Whitehead, 525-7705.

•**Sunday morning Adult Formation, 9:30 am** in the Burleigh Center! The First Three Hundred Years of the Church: What Does it Mean to Be A Follower of Christ? When Christ ascended into heaven, his followers had to make their way in a world in which their leader had just been put to death, but with a clearly stated mission which included "Making Disciples of All Nations." (Matt 28:18-20) What did they do? What did they believe their baptism into Christ meant for their lives and the lives of their communities? How did it shape the very beliefs and practices we hold 2000 years later? Join us as we explore the early developments in Christ's Church, the persecutions and the triumphs of the early followers of Christ. For more info contact Michelle Brown at [mbrownjd@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbrownjd@bellsouth.net).

•Deacon Jack Lynch will be offering a class on Catholic Church Apologetics **Tuesdays, 6:30 pm** and running for 7 weeks. The focus of the class will be the contributions the Church has made in building and establishing the Western Civilization. Some time will be spent exposing errant accusations leveled at the Church by her critics. The main book we will be using for the class is titled **How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization** by Dr. Thomas Woods. It is available as a Kindle ebook for \$1.13 on Amazon while the paperback runs around \$15. Material from other sources will also be used to present a balanced perspective on the impact of Catholic thought and creativity on our Western culture.

•**Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9:30 am** in the Burleigh Center. All are welcome. Facilitator: Cathy Cobb

### **Enroll in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Automatic Withdrawal Program for contributions**

It's easy! The Automatic Withdrawal Program is a complement to our existing envelope contribution program. It allows St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to offer parishioners a safe and secure option to schedule financial contributions. Parishioners will love the control they have over their donations: determining when and where and how much they contribute to various funds. Pick up the necessary form from the church office.

### **WILLS**

### **INCLUDE ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLAN**

Bequests to the Congregation of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church make it possible to undertake special projects and new initiatives that our regular income and annual gifts cannot cover. Every gift, large or small, helps to put St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on a firm financial footing for the future.



## CHRISTIAN INITIATION: JOIN US!

There are many wonderful aspects of the Catholic Church. One thing we always do well is celebrate. We are indeed a joyful people. This past month, the Christian Initiation ministry was able to celebrate the men and women engaged in our process with the Rite of Welcoming.

Over the years, I'm sure you have been able to witness this holy and sacred ritual. It is a way for our inquirers to say, "yes, I want to continue my faith journey with the Catholic Church." During this rite, each person is literally signed with the cross to signify they want to continue to deepen their commitment to discipleship.

The Rite of Welcoming is the first of three rites in our church. The Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election will come at a later date for those in our Christian Initiation process.

Here is more good news: It's not too late to join our group. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, you can begin your RCIA faith journey with us at any time. So, there is no time like the present. We meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Burleigh Center next to the church. Please join us. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Deacon Mike Whitehead, Christian Initiation Coordinator*

### SAINT OF THE MONTH SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8

A feast called Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century, it received its present name – the Immaculate Conception. In the eighteenth century it became a Feast of the Universal Church, and is now recognized as a Solemnity (a formal observance).

In 1954, Pope Pius IX proclaimed "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by singular grace and privilege granted by the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved from all stain of Original Sin".

This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from Original Sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

The Holy Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. The incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of obligation. *Karen Tucker, Lay Ecclesial Minister*

## SVdP October Report Card:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is blessed to be able to help those in need including:

- paid electric bills for a total of six families, three with young children;
- made a referral to a client needing medicines to the Northwest Louisiana Interfaith Pharmacy;
- provided food to four families and three senior citizens on limited incomes;
- paid partial rent for a single mother with reduced work hours;
- paid partial rent and gas bill for individual recently faced with an unexpected surgery;

We thankfully acknowledge the generosity of the Boy Scout Troop 10 and Cub Scout Pack 16 for doing so much to replenish our food pantry and many others. They collected over 12,000 lbs. of non-perishable food for the Christian Service Program, Grace Memorial Homeless Program, St. Catherine Food Pantry, Christ the King, Egypt Hill Baptist Church, Common Ground, and of course SVdP at SEAS!

Call Carl Bigner at 865-5808 for more information.

### SEAS SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPONSORS

## FEED MY LAMBS

weekend of December 2-3

*All donations are most gratefully accepted, however, this month we are most in need of:*

☒ MONETARY DONATIONS

☒ HARDY SOUPS

☒ CANNED MEATS

☒ GRITS

☒ CANNED FRUITS (no sugar)

*(PLEASE AVOID HIGHLY PERISHABLE, SPICY OR EXOTIC FOODS)*



## Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus are collecting gently used Children's Coats. The used coats, along with one dozen new coats, will be donated to local law enforcement to be distributed to needy children that they encounter within our community. Please bring your outgrown coats to your GIFT classes to donate. All donations are appreciated!



**Meals on Wheels Delivery Drivers needed:** Thanks to our Meals on Wheels volunteers, 13 seniors receive a hot meal and a friendly hello every Monday through Thursday morning. If you are interested in serving as a substitute delivery driver, call Claire Bissell. The route takes less than an hour, and then you are on your way, secure in the knowledge that you have nourished the bodies and spirits of “the least among us.”

**HOPE CONNECTIONS:**

Thanks to everyone who has helped deliver meals for the homeless clients at Hope Connections. The 2nd Monday of each month, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton volunteers to deliver a nutritious meal, delicious baked brownies, and a refreshing beverage to homeless clients. Volunteers from 13 area churches are collaborating to ensure that these meals are delivered every weeknight of the month to the HOPE Connections. Our next scheduled meal delivery day is **Monday, December 11**. For more information on how you can contribute to this deeply Eucharistic ministry, contact Cynthia Cordaro who has been organizing our meals (687-5278).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**



*All donations are most gratefully accepted, however, this month we are most in need of:*

- ★ DIAPER RASH OINTMENT
- ★ DIAPERS, SIZES 4, 5
- ★ PULL UPS, BOYS, GIRLS SIZE 2/3; SIZE 4/5
- ★ SOCKS, 18 MONTHS—4 YEARS, BOYS & GIRLS
- ★ LOTION/BODY WASH
- ★ CAR SEATS: BOOSTERS, BABY SWINGS
- ★ HIGH CHAIRS
- ★ MONETARY DONATIONS

*For more information or to volunteer, contact Betty Mirts, 797-3247.*

**Vocation View**

*Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary.*

**Diocese of Shreveport Catholic Schools**

- Cathedral of St. John Berchmans Catholic School  
Mrs. Jennifer Deason, Principal  
221-6005
- St. Joseph School  
Dr. Judith McGimsey, Principal  
865-3585
- Loyola College Prep  
Mr. John LeBlanc, Principal  
221-2675



**Fall Fest**

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this year's Fall Fest such a big success. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Amy Dean and her family, who shared their organizational talents and incredible imagination to make this event a huge success. Our Confirmation students along with numerous high school students worked cheerfully and diligently to set up all the games, staff each station, and clean up afterwards. The Knights of Columbus, under the leadership of Mike Torma and chef Peter Hawboldt, cooked lots of delicious hamburgers and hot dogs! The Ellerbe Road Neighborhood Group hosted a cookie decorating table. Members of St. Anne's Circle and Our Lady's Ladies as well as numerous parishioners donated baked goods for our popular cake walk. The Youree Drive Neighborhood Group put together little goodie bags for our fishing game. Our GIFT parents and many other parishioners brought baked goods and candy to use as prizes for our games. Many thanks to 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechists Amy Dean and Debora Ligon who coordinated the various booths and student volunteers. Thanks to all who made donations to the Knights to cover the cost of the food. The Knights also sponsored a Soccer Challenge which allowed the children to designate their winnings to one of three charities; Seminarians, St. Vincent de Paul or Support our Troops. Thank you to all who participated!

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Calendar of Events, December, 2017

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Mass Sat. Vigil 4pm; Sun. 8:15am, 11am, 5pm**  
 Sundays: 9:30am, GIFT, Religious Educations Sessions, RCIA  
 HS Youth Mondays, 6:30 pm; Fridays, 6 pm  
 Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 am—2 pm, Mother's Day Out

## COMING UP IN JANUARY

27, 10 am, First Reconciliation  
 28, 6 pm, Feast Day Celebration

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 First Sunday of Advent Feed My Lambs Noon, Sacrament of the Sick; OLL Bake Sale	4 6:30 pm, SVDP 7 pm, Knights of Columbus	5 9:30 am, Catholic Women's League 6:30 pm, Bible Study 8 pm, AA	6 9:30 am, Bible Study 1 pm, Yam Angels 4:15 pm, Youth Choir 6:30 pm, Young at Heart 6:30 pm, Adult Choir	7 10 am, St. Anne's 4 pm, Immaculate Conception Anticipated Mass	8 <b>Immaculate Conception Holy Day</b> Mass Times: 7 am & 6:30 pm	9 <b>Immaculate Conception Holy Day</b> Mass Times: 7 am & 6:30 pm
10 9:30 am, Christmas Boutique K of C ticket sale	11 6:30 pm, SVDP Meals for the Homeless	12 6 pm, Ellerbe 6:30 pm, Bible Study 8 pm, AA	13 9:30 am, Bible Study 1 pm, Yam Angels 4:15 pm, Youth Choir 6 pm, Our Lady's Ladies :30 pm, Adult Choir	14 6:30 pm, Youree	15	16
17 9:30 am, Christmas Program Noon, Catechist lunch	18 6:30 pm, SVDP	19 10 am, Card Day 6:30 pm, SEAS Advent Penance Service 8 pm, AA	20 9:30 am, Bible Study 1 pm, Yam Angels 4:15 pm, Youth Choir 6:30 pm, Adult Choir	21	22	23
24 <b>Mass times: See the bulletin front page for details</b>	25 Christmas Day Mass, 9:30 am	26 6:30 pm, Bible Study 8 pm, AA	27 9:30 am, Bible Study 1 pm, Yam Angels 4:15 pm, Youth Choir 6:30 pm, Adult Choir	28	29	30
31 No GIFT						

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 am, Mondays & Wednesdays, Burleigh Ctr Chapel  
 9:30 am, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Oaks of Louisiana  
 9:30 am, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, The Glen  
 9:30 am, 2nd Tuesday, Azalea Estates