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ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday

8:30AM–12:30PM 1–3:30PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (anticipated) 4:15PM

Sunday 8:15AM, 10:15AM, 6:15PM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:15AM

Wednesday 5:30PM

Confessions heard daily 30 minutes before Mass.

Confessions heard Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00PM.

Children’s Church is held at 10:15AM masses. Children 4 years old up to first communion are invited to participate in their own celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. Simply bring children to the baptistry 10 minutes before mass begins.



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Gary Schexnayder, Pastor

Deacon Nelson Schexnayder, Deacon

Deacon Michael Morrison, Deacon

Deacon Ronald Chauvin, Deacon

Linda Souther

Secretary

Gerrie Baumbouree

Director of Religious Education / Safe Environment

Marc Conque

4:15, 8:15 & 10:15 Music Minister

Michael Grado

10:15 Choir Director

Francis LeBlanc

6:15 Music Minister

Elmary Francis

Bulletin Editor & Bookkeeper

Anne Guidry

Baptism Coordinator

Tonia Harrington

First Communion/ First Penance Coordinator, & Preschool Religious Education

Diane Triche

Welcome & Visitation Minister

Diana Zeringue

Liturgical Coordinator

BAPTISM

Registration during the early stages of pregnancy for the Baptism course is strongly recommended.

CONFIRMATION

All students, including those in Catholic schools, are to register in August of their junior year of high school. Call the office for registration requirements.

FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION

All children, including those in Catholic schools, should be registered at the beginning of their second grade year in order to participate in the sacramental preparation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- First through tenth -graders meet on Tuesday evenings, October-April.
- Vacation Bible School, for children ages 4-10, is held for one week each summer.
- Confirmation students must complete 24 hours of high school religious education prior to their junior year.
- Adults wishing to learn more about their Catholic faith, including those wishing to become members of the Catholic Church, should call the office to speak with Gerrie Baumbouree.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The church can be reserved as much as 18 months before a wedding. In most cases, diocesan policy requires an appointment six months prior to the wedding date. Couples are required to attend a diocesan marriage preparation course. Please view wedding guidelines on the parish web site, under Our Parish.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the office to speak with Diane Triche.

Online Giving



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016



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Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held as follows: **Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30PM, Thursday, December 8 at 7:15AM and 12:05NOON.** Volunteer ministers are needed, sign up in the Welcome Area.

Liturgical Ministers Away Periods All ministers are asked to check their schedules for periods during the months of January and February when you will not be able to serve. The deadline to turn in away periods in **December 12th.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC 5

7:15AM Joe Gresko, M/M Saul Broussard, M/M Lucien Olivier, Shine & Mary Domingue, Charlotte Domingue, Deneige Breaux, Ashton Breaux, Shannon Savoie, Paul & Ina Savoie

TUESDAY, DEC 6

7:15AM E. J. Primeaux (AD), Eraste Primeaux, Evella B. Primeaux, Donald, Christopher Paul (BD), Grace Katherine Paul, Kimberly Paul, Diana Zeringue & fly, M/M Joe Zeringue, Elson Broussard

WEDNESDAY, DEC 7

5:30PM Jules, Irma, Ed, Ann Broussard, Debbie Erath. Jules, Mathilde, Merlin Broussard, Beverly Brown

THURSDAY, DEC 8

7:15AM Sharon Baudoin (BD), Chank & Alona Baudoin, Jim Pollock, E.J. & Inez Camelle, Ronald "Boze" Melancon (AD)

12:05PM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton

FRIDAY, DEC 9

7:15AM Yvonne Hernandez, Bella Hernandez, Gussie Hernandez

SATURDAY, DEC 10

4:15PM Catherine Schexnider, Milton & Bernice Schexnider, Harvey Schexnider & fly., Joseph E. Valentour, Jr., M/M Joseph E. Valentour, Sr., Kristen V. Fauntleroy, Roy, Cora & Paul Gauthier, Norton Zeringue, Jr., John, Agnes & Rena Lemaire, Alozia Benoit, Floyd Speyrer, Fred & Roy Souther, Linda, Elward Ben & Ashton Souther, Laura Delahousaye & girls, Julie & Craig Himel & girls, Werlyn Simon, Shirley Daigle, Joyce Hebert, James Chiasson & fly. Freddie Guidry, Brad Lavergne, Lisa Dupuis, Brian Lavergne

SANCTUARY LAMP: In memory of Harry Chauvin (AD)

SUNDAY, DEC 11

8:15AM Jessica Begnaud (AD), Angelique Sonnier (BD), Louis Dooley, A.G. Domingue, M/M Adlar Hebert & fly., Dr. & Mrs. Glynn Hebert & fly., M/M Albert Guidry & fly., M/M Adles Hebert & fly., M/M Raouel Vincent & fly, Nolan Hargrave, Jr., Winnie Peterson, Nolan Hargrave, Sr.

10:15AM Pearl Olivier, Wilbert Lavergne & fly, John L. Leblanc, Annabelle L. Leblanc, Joann Delhomme, Rene D. Delhomme, Sr., Rene D. Delhomme, Jr., Ro Foley

6:15PM Diana Viator, Sharon Yvonne Borel, Beverly & Daniel Borel

B=Birthday, WA=Wedding Anniv., AD=Anniv. of Death



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"Food for the Journey"

a monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out their faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for December is **Rev. C. William "Billy" Massie**, Associate Pastor of St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Lafayette. **"Food for the Journey"** will be held on **Tuesday, December 6**, at Wyndham Garden, 1801 W. Pinhook Road, beginning at 12:00NOON. An optional lunch buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30AM. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed"- **please bring a friend!** Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron (654-8682).

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
DEC 4 Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection Second Sunday of Advent	5	6 5:30AM TMIY Meeting, FC	7 6:15PM RCIA, MB 6:30PM Choir Practice, A 5:30PM Anticipated Mass Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8 Parish Offices Closed 7:15AM & 12:05NOON Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10 3:30PM Confession
11 Third Sunday of Advent	12	13 5:30AM TMIY Meeting, FC	14 6:15PM RCIA, MB 6:30PM Choir Practice, C 6:30PM Baptism Session for Parents, A	15	16	17 3:30PM Confession

PARISH DATE

- 4 BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND SECOND COLLECTION** At all Masses this weekend.
- 8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Thursday, December 8.
- 14 BAPTISM SESSION FOR PARENTS** Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30PM in the Annex.

SUN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:15 AM)

TUES ADORATION (7:45AM til Wed 4:00PM)

TUES ALANON (7:00 PM) AA (8:00 PM)

WED ROSARY GROUP (10:00 AM)

**EARLY
BULLETIN
REMITTANCE**



Due to the upcoming holiday season, the bulletin company is requesting early remittance of some of our parish bulletins. We ask that you submit all Mass intentions, bulletin announcements and all upcoming events to the office as soon as possible to guarantee it a place in the bulletin.

“The Choice Wine”



From the founder of That Man Is You, Steve Bollman, the Choice Wine is a similar program designed to help couples develop their marriages into truly a Love for Christ. St Elizabeth Seton, along with Our Lady of Wisdom will be offering this program on Saturday evenings from 6:00 - 8:30PM at John Paul The Great Academy starting on January 14, 2017. More information to follow on the weekend of December 17th and 18th here at St Elizabeth Seton. For more information contact Jeffrey Miller at 337-962-4757 or Mandy Comeaux at 337-224-6094

Pastoral Care Volunteers – UHC

Pastoral Care Volunteers are needed at **University Hospital and Clinics** (formerly “UMC”). If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to volunteer to help visit patients, please contact Father Richard Kalinowski, SVD, in the Pastoral Care Office (261-6454). Please leave a message with your name and telephone number clearly stated and Father Richard will contact you.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

Again, we will be taking donations for Christmas flowers and decorations. Christmas Flower envelopes are available if you would like to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one you would like remembered. The flowers are a costly part of the decor used to make our Church the beautiful place it is to worship at Christmas. Simply take an envelope, fill in the name of the person for whom the donation is for and place it in the collection basket or drop it by the office. **Please print names clearly on the envelopes.** These names will appear in the bulletin of December 25 and will be remembered at the Masses. **The deadline to turn in your envelopes is December 15.**



GIVING TREE



Our annual “**Giving Tree**” is up in the Welcome Area of the Church. Parishioners are asked to pick an ornament from the tree, purchase a gift or gift card, then return the wrapped gift with the ornament attached by **Wednesday, December 14**. The gifts will then be delivered to their designated locations. As usual, we thank you in advance for your participation in putting a smile on a deserving person’s face.

PASTOR'S CORNER

December 3 - 4, 2016



The Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis in Lent of 2015 for the Catholic Church which began on December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and which ended on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016 had so many blessings: expected and unexpected. In the Pope's Letter proclaiming the Year of Mercy, he gave many suggestions and practical ideas of implementing the theme of the mercy of the heavenly Father in prayer and meditation; in the celebration of the Sacraments; in devotions; in greater use of and in appreciation of the Word of God in our daily lives as well as in our community prayer; in activities reaching out to the poor, the needy and the marginalized in the Church and in our society. Pope Francis also encouraged local dioceses and Churches to be creative in celebrating the Year of Mercy.

For me, one of the most unexpected, most creative and one of the most inspiring celebrations of the Year of Mercy was the Jubilee of the Word Marathon in St. Martinsville from Thursday, November 17, beginning at 6AM until Sunday, November 20, at 8PM. Father Michael Champagne and the Community of Jesus Crucified organized, scheduled and carried out the reading of the Bible from the first verse of the Book of Genesis all the way through to the last chapter and the last verse of the Book of Revelation. I was honored and blessed to participate in reading from the First Book of Samuel and being present for the reading of 1 and 2 Corinthians Sunday afternoon, November 20. What an awesome accomplishment and what a truly magnificent undertaking the Jubilee of the Word Marathon turned out to be!! My highest compliments and my greatest personal appreciation to Father Michael Champagne, the Community of Jesus Crucified, to the several hundred people who were involved in any way. Over two hundred and fifty people took turns reading from the Word of God! Wow!! The event of the Jubilee of the Word Marathon had some deep personal effects in the lives of believers like me and thousands of others and gave some truly effective witness to the community at large. When I will think of the Year of Mercy, probably the first memory I will have is that I was privileged to participate in such a faith filled and uplifting public expression of our faith in God and in the power of the living Word of the Bible. God bless Father Champagne abundantly!

Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation for us who are Catholics. We honor Mary the Mother of the Lord Jesus as pure and sinless from the moment of her conception in her mother's womb. When the angel Gabriel visited Mary in the Annunciation she said to Mary that she was full of grace and the Lord was with her. (Luke 1: 26-38) It was at the Annunciation that the young humble virgin Mary gave her 'yes' to the providence of God and accepted her role in the life of the Messiah and became his Mother. Mary's entire life reflected perfectly her union with the will of the Lord. Mary's life was in obedience with the guidance of the Spirit and she gave glory to the Father in all her actions. Mary, our Mother, deserves our admiration, our gratitude and our imitation. The Mass schedule will be as follows: Wednesday, December 7, at 5:30PM; Thursday, December 8, at 7:15AM and at 12:05NOON. Do your best to attend Mass here at St. Elizabeth Seton or at some other Church, depending on your personal schedule. 'Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.'

Next weekend, December 10-11, there will be a special collection for the Retired Fund for Religious. This annual collection is sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to provide help for the elderly Nuns and Brothers who have served the Catholic Church in the United States so generously and so faithfully as teachers, nurses, church workers and leaders. I was blessed to have Religious Sisters teach me in grammar school. They are such a blessing to my life. There are envelopes for this collection at the doors of the Church as well as in the envelopes you receive at home. Thank you for your support of this worthy collection. May the Lord bless you and your families.

My love, prayers, best wishes and gratitude to you and to your loved ones, for who you are, for all you do for the Lord and for all you do for the good of St. Elizabeth Seton Church Parish. As we prepare for the way of the Lord, may the Lord teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and to hold firm to the things of heaven.

SHALOM! Fr. Gary

Homework for the week of December 4 - December 10
Luke 1:26-38

Online Giving

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church is pleased to announce that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offertory donations. Electronic giving is convenient so that when travelling, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.setonchurch.org and locate the **Online Giving** button located on the Home Page.

Or, you can use the QR code on the front of this bulletin on your smart phone!

If you choose this method of electronic giving, and you receive envelopes, please call the office (235-1483) to cancel the mailing of envelopes!

American Indian Prayer

O great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me!

I am small and weak; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my friends, but to fight my greatest enemy - myself. Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes. So when life fades, as the fading sunset, may my spirit come to you without shame.

Red Cloud Indian School
Pine Ridge, S. Dakota

A Special Mass for Survivors of Violence

will be held this **Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 2:00PM** at the Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Drive. Bishop Michael Jarrell will be the celebrant. All are invited to the Mass and reception that follows.

Angola Bus Trip Scheduled

The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Justice and Peace will sponsor a **Bus Trip to Angola State Penitentiary, next Sunday, December 11, 2016**. The bus will leave from St. Paul's Catholic Church at 7:30AM. This bus trip is to give individuals a chance to visit with family members who are in jail. **Please reserve your seat early.** Contact the Office of Justice & Peace at 261-5545 for more information. **Please note the following rules:** Bring a current pictured Louisiana issued driver's license or current I.D. Your name must be on the inmates visiting list, if over 14 years of age. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No shorts, sleeveless shirts or T-Shirt (no exceptions). Ladies no purses, wallets only, and no blue jeans. This is made possible by the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette, no fee charged.

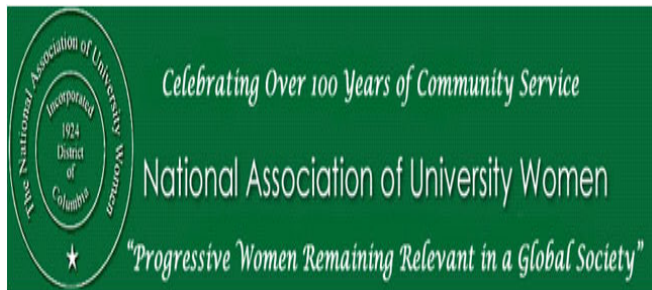


Volunteers are needed for Lafayette General Health at: Lafayette General Medical Center, Lafayette General Southwest, and University Hospital and Clinics. We would like to give you an opportunity to give back to your community while experiencing the joy and satisfaction of serving others through our extensive volunteer program. We have positions in Pastoral Care, Information desks, greeters, clerical assistants, and many more. For more information call Monica Guidry, Volunteer Manager at (337) 289-7130 or email moguidry@lgh.org.



ANNUAL CHILD SMILE PROJECT

The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Justice and Peace is hosting its Annual Child Smile Project for children whose parent (s) are incarcerated. Imagine the joy you can bring to a child who suffers separation from a parent due to incarceration. You, your family, or organization can take part in this heart-warming project by simply purchasing a gift for a child ages infant - teenager (boy or girl), placing in a gift bag or sturdy gift box. Please do not wrap the gift. Attach a label indicating Boy or Girl and age group. **Deliver the gift to the Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Justice and Peace, 1408 Carmel Drive, no later than December 5th.** Please refrain from donating: second hand items, toy weapons, clothes, candy or food, liquids such as shampoo or lotion or bubble bath, breakable items such as mirrors, or any item which could be a potential choking hazard for the recipient. For more information or gift ideas, please call 261-5545 or email SBernard@diolaf.org.



The National Association of University Women will sponsor a "Health, Reading and Resource Fair" in the Northgate Mall, 1800 NE Evangeline Thruway on **Saturday, December 10th, from 10AM - 2PM.** The National Association of University Women is a service organization whose focus is on women, youth, and the disadvantaged. The purpose of the Lafayette Branch is to promote and conduct educational activities designed to provide community outreach services. We advocate health and wellness by providing resources and educational information to the community by partnering with other agencies to promote healthy living, eliminate health disparities, and increase quality and years of healthy life.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

2016 Parish Advent Missions

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
145 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Lafayette**

"Faithful, Fearless, Fruitful"

**December 5, 6, 7
7:00PM**

Presenters: Rev. Charles Smith, SVD;
Rev. Roy Lee, Ph.D.; Rev. Chester Smith, SVD

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
232 St. DePorres Street, Broussard**

**"Living Our Faith in Today's World - Making
the Journey"**

**December 12, 13, 14
7:00 - 8:00PM**

Presenter: Rev Urey Patrick Mark, SVD
Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR

All are encouraged to pray for our Seminarians as they study to become faith-filled followers and leaders of Christ. Below is a list of those to pray for this week:

- * Monday, December 5th - Benefactors/Seminary Faculty
- * Tuesday, December 6th - Mathew Ardoin
- * Wednesday, December 7th - Reed Bellingham
- * Thursday, December 8th - Donald Bernard
- * Friday, December 9th - Bro. John Joseph, CJC
- * Saturday, December 10th - Joseph Boustany
- * Sunday, December 11th - Brice Cambre

Prayer: O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit God forever and ever. Amen.

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Saturday/Sunday, December 4/5** - Building and Maintenance Fund Second Collection at all Masses.
- * **Tuesday, December 6** - "That Man Is You" at 5:30AM in the Family Center.
- * **Tuesday, December 6** - Religious Education Classes held in the Family Center at their regularly scheduled times.
- * **Wednesday, December 7** - RCIA classes held at 6:15PM in the Ministries Building.
- * **Thursday, December 8** - Parish Offices Closed in observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass Schedule is: Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30PM and Thursday, December 8 at 7:15AM and 5:30PM.
- * **Wednesday, December 14** - Baptism Session for Parents at 6:30PM in the Annex.

Homework for the week of December 4 - 10
Luke 1:26-38

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

- Rev. James Field, Copyright @ J.S. Paluch Co.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

All are encouraged to pray for the priests who work in the Diocese of Lafayette each day. Every day there is a specific intention for one of our priests for special consideration; the specific **intentions this week are:**

- * Monday, December 5th - Rev. Gene Tremie
- * Tuesday, December 6th - Rev. Stephen Ugwu
- * Wednesday, December 7th - Rev. John Vessels, SJ
- * Thursday, December 8th - Rev. Jason Vidrine
- * Friday, December 9th - Rev. Richard Vidrine
- * Saturday, December 10th - Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF
- * Sunday, December 11th - Rev. Thomas Vu

Prayer: Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEKLY DONATION

November 27, 2016

Offertory:	\$11,685.50
St. Vincent dePaul:	645.00
Other Donations:	667.00
Total Donations:	\$12,997.50

Thank you for your generosity.