

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for the week
of Dec. 23, 2018**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5 p.m. —
† Sam Barker
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† W.J. Carr
By: Mary Carr

Vigil for Nativity of the Lord
Monday 4 p.m. —
† Frankie Carr
By: Mary Carr

10:30 p.m. —
† Trent Policky
By: Leroy & Agnes Policky

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tuesday, 9 a.m. —
St. Stephen
Wednesday — No Mass

St. John
Thursday, 10 a.m. —

Holy Innocents
Friday — No Mass

**Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Saturday 5 p.m. —
† Joe O'Brien
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
People of the parish

Dec. 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3,
15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45



**BETHLEHEM-
EPHRATHAH**

Two Bethlehems are in the Holy Land — one in the north in the territory assigned to the tribe of Zebulun. To distinguish it from the other, more famous town, it was called "Bethlehem-Zebulun." It is mentioned only once — in the Book of Judges. The other town is called "Bethlehem-Judah." It is about 75 miles south of Zebulun and 6 miles south of Jerusalem. Bethlehem means "house of bread" in Hebrew. It was a fertile area known for its wheat fields. Both King David and Jesus were born in Bethlehem-Ephrathah.

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Weekly readings

Monday
2 Samuel 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Luke 1:67-79

Tuesday
Isaiah 9:1-6
Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Wednesday
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday
1 John 1:1-4
John 20:1a, 2-8

Friday
1 John 1:5—2:2
Mathew 2:13-18

Saturday
1 John 2:3-11
Luke 2:22-35

Sunday
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

**Thanks
for your support
and generosity**

Offertory Collection for
Dec. 9 & 16, 2018

Reg. (12-9), \$2,259
Reg. (12-16), \$2,789.31
Backpack Buddies, \$67.20
Needy, \$65
Hurricane, \$200
Immaculate Conception,
\$182

Lay ministers for Dec. 29/30

Altar servers
Sat. —
Sun. — Jennifer Sexton, Luke Guimond, Issac Bienaime

Commentators/Readers
Sat. — B. Gamache, J. Kilby, D. Alexander
Sun. — T. Manning, K. Rock, C. Smith

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sat. — P. Dobes, L. Muraski
Sun. — J. Tolejko, S. Batchelder

Ushers
Sat. — M. King
Sun. — R. Barker, J. Townsend

Gift Bearers
Bratton

Saintly Wisdom

"If you wish to receive mercy,
be merciful before he comes;
forgive whatever has been done against you;
give of your abundance.
Of whose possessions do you give,
if not from his?"
— *St. Augustine* —

Parish Life

Christmas Mass Schedule — St. Elizabeth's Christmas Masses will be at these times:

- 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24 (children's Mass)
- 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24 (music starts at 10 p.m.)
- 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25

No Daily Mass Monday or Wednesday — Daily Mass is canceled this week on Monday (10 a.m.) because the Christmas vigil Masses are later in the day. The Wednesday evening Mass is also canceled this week to give Fr. Dennis a much-needed day off.

Christmas Flowers — This weekend is the deadline for turning in Christmas flower envelopes for those people who would like to remember a loved one. Please be sure to note for each name if it is a memorial or an "in honor of" request. Thank you.



PSR Classes Canceled — Classes for the Parish School of Religion will not meet this weekend or next weekend. Classes resume Sunday, Jan. 6.



'Keep Christ in Christmas' Magnets — The Knights of Columbus are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets after the weekend Masses. The funds raised will be used for charity programs. The cost of each magnet is \$5.



Parish Phone Directories — The 2018 parish telephone directories are available in the vestibule. One per family, please.

Social Action

Food Drive through This Weekend — The Knights of Columbus food drive continues through next weekend. Nonperishable food (no glass, please) may be placed in the collection box in the vestibule. The food collected will be given to ARM (Assistance and Resource Ministries).



Tax Reminders

Charity Donation Deadline for 2018 — Donations to St. Elizabeth Church must be received (or postmarked) no later than Monday, Dec. 31, if you wish to deduct them on your 2018 tax return.

Charity Donation Letter — If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2018 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words "tax letter" on it.

"Be still and know that I am God."