

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville



Mass intentions
for
Dec. 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Marguerite Phillips
By: Cathy Champon

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Wednesday, noon —

† Daniel Paul
By: Fr. Dennis

Saturday (Christmas vigil), 4 p.m. —

† Bill Koelbel
By: Joan Koelbel

10:30 p.m. —

† Trent Policky
By: Leroy & Agnes Policky

Sunday (Christmas), 9 a.m. —

† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Thanks
for your
support
and
generosity

In-person Offertory
Dec. 11, 2022

Regular, \$3,008
Religious retired, \$505
Development \$180
Catholic Charities, \$65

Online Offertory

November, \$4,309



JOSEPH'S DIVORCE

Laws were severe against premarital sex and adultery in Biblical times. If a man discovered that his fiancée was pregnant by another man, he had the right to denounce his wife. She could be sentenced to death by stoning. The husband-to-be would cast the first rock. Joseph discovers Mary's pregnancy and is shamed. He is a righteous man — a strict observer of Jewish Law. He is also a compassionate person and decides to arrange a no-fault separation, without admitting or denying paternity of the child. This will save Mary's life. God intervenes to state that Jesus has no human father. Joseph's faith leads him to accept.

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Weekly readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Monday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday

Isaiah 7:10-14
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday

Song of Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45

Thursday

1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56

Friday

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Luke 1:57-66

Saturday

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

Christmas

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



Lay ministers for Dec. 24/25

Altar servers

4 p.m. Sat. — Issac Bienaime
10:30 p.m. Sat. — Carl Johnson
Sun. — Issac Bienaime, Joshua Gouge

Commentators

4 p.m. Sat. — Steve Hummel
10:30 p.m. Sat. — Tom Manning
Sun. — John Tolejko

Readers

4 p.m. Sat. — Katie Taylor, Amanda Boyer
10:30 p.m. Sat. — Cheryl White
Sun. — Rick Kortze, Mercedes Burke

Ushers

4 p.m. Sat. — J.J. Regan, Mike Hupko
10:30 p.m. Sat. — George Bratton
Sun. — Jimmy Townsend, George Bratton

Parish Life

Parish Movie Night



The youth group is sponsoring a parish movie night (with popcorn and pizza) this Sunday in the basement. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with the 90-minute family Christmas movie to begin at 5 p.m.

The movie to be shown is "The Perfect Gift."

Christmas Mass Schedule

— St. Elizabeth's Christmas Masses will be at these times next weekend:

- 4 p.m. Saturday, family Mass (Children in the play please arrive at 3:30 p.m.)
- 10:30 p.m. Saturday (Music starts at 10 p.m.)
- 9 a.m. Sunday

Christmas Eve Family Mass Practice

— Children who plan to be in the play at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve family Mass are to meet in the church after Parish School of Religion classes this Sunday for a short practice.

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.



Education & Formation

Parish School of Religion — Classes for the Parish School of Religion are cancelled next Sunday as well as the following Sunday (Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) Classes will resume on Jan. 8.

Social Action.

Advent Food and Baby Item Drive — The annual Advent food drive and baby items collection continue through next weekend. The food collected (must be non-perishable) and cash donations will be given to Assistance and Resource Ministries (ARM). Baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, blankets, formula, etc., and any money) will be given to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. If you are giving a cash/check donation, please put it in an envelope and mark it as either ARM or CC of ET. Checks should be made out to "Knights of Columbus Council 10743," with either "ARM" or "CC of ET" noted on the memo line.

Tax Reminders

Charity Donation Deadline for 2022

— Donations to St. Elizabeth Church must be received (or postmarked) no later than Saturday, Dec. 31, if you wish to deduct them on your 2022 tax return.

Charity Donation Letter

— If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2022 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words "tax letter" on it.