

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions for Dec. 25, 2022

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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

Wednesday — No Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m. —

† Sam & Betty Jo Barker
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† Ray Siegrist
By: Fran & Rodney Robey



SWADDLING CLOTHES

Until the end of the 19th century, many cultures had a custom of baby swaddling. The infant would be tightly wrapped in narrow strips of cloth most of time. The arms and legs would be bound, preventing movement. Parents did this in the belief that it protected the baby not only from injury but also disease. Some infants might be left in these wrappings for days. Usually, though, the wrappings were removed and changed regularly. The midnight Mass Gospel notes that Jesus was swaddled.

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Weekly readings

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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

Monday

St. Stephen
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday

St. John
1 John 1:1-4
John 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday

Holy Innocents
1 John 1:5—2:2
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday

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

Friday

Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday

1 John 2:18-21
John 1:1-18

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Lay ministers for Dec. 31/Jan. 1

Altar servers

Sat. —
Sun. — Joshua Gouge, Issac Bienaime

Commentators

Sat. — Bob Gamache
Sun. — Tom Manning

Readers

Sat. — Bob Gamache
Sun. — Nick Schicker, Irene Whitehead

Ushers

Sat. — George Bratton, Mike Hupko
Sun. — John Tolejko, George Bratton

Parish Life

No Weekday Mass Wednesday — No Mass will be offered Wednesday this week. Fr. Dennis is taking a few days off. In case of an emergency, please call St. Mary Church at 282-6368 or St. Dominic Church at 288-8101.

Thank you! — Thank you to all who are making the Christmas celebrations at St. Elizabeth special this weekend — the lay ministers, musicians and choral members, those who participated in and helped with the Christmas play and those who decorated the church. Your contributions have been a blessing.

Bereavement — Family members of two parishioners died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

- Michael Gonzales, brother of Joe Gonzales
- Sharon Norris Mooney, wife of Neil Mooney

Social Action.

Advent Food and Baby Item Drive — The annual Advent food drive and baby item drive end this weekend. If you are giving a cash/check donation, checks should be made out to “Knights of Columbus Council 10743,” with either “ARM” or “CC of ET” noted on the memo line.

Education & Formation

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

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.

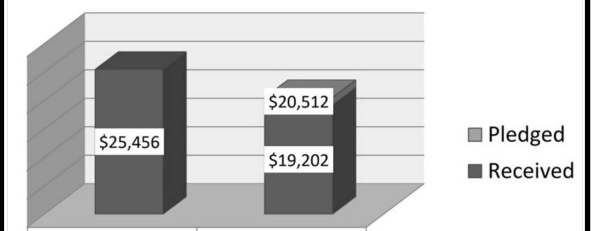
Charity Donation Letter — If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2022 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words “tax letter” on it.

Mailings to Church — Any donations or other communication to be mailed to the church should be mailed to the post office box:

St. Elizabeth Church
P.O. Box 7
Elizabethton, TN 37644

2022 BISHOP'S APPEAL for MINISTRIES

Through November 2022
Annual Parish Goal: \$16,800



Bishop's Appeal 2021 Received
Bishop's Appeal 2022 Progress

Thanks for your support and generosity

In-person Offertory Dec. 18, 2022

Regular, \$2,201
Development \$2,512
Area needy, \$50
Catholic Charities, \$17
Religious retired, \$17
Carr scholarship, \$10