



**“Darkness shall  
not frighten us  
or distress wear  
us out; we will  
go on waiting,  
watching and  
praying until the  
star rises”**

**—Fr. Delp**

Written in prison  
As a member to the  
German Resistance

-- Advent 1944

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

A huge **THANK YOU!** to everyone who helped make this year's **ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION** such a festive and fun event! From the choir to the furniture movers, the readers to the cooks, the kitchen help to the decorators, we couldn't have done it without you! As always, special thanks to our very own St. Nicholas for showing up for the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row! You all make St. Elizabeth a very unique and wonderful parish.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** – Thank you for your support of this fund that assists senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have offered their lives in service and prayer. If you were not prepared to give today, we will continue to take donations over the next few weeks. Thank you!

**WELCOME NEW READERS!** This weekend we are happy to welcome new readers at each Mass. **Katie Loescher** and **Diana Griffith** at 4:00, **Emily Sallee** at 9:00, and **Daniel Heineck** at 11:00. Additional new readers you can expect to see in the coming weeks include **Kendra & Tom Biller**, **Coleen Connolly**, **Joanne Luzietti**, **Carol VanDomelen**, **Kay Weaver**. Thank you all for volunteering. We're thrilled to have you join the team! Additional volunteers in all St E ministries are always welcome.

Speaking of Readers, **the 2019 WORKBOOKS ARE HERE!** All readers should pick up a workbook in the Chapel and initial the sheet next to their name.

If you forgot to bring your **ANGLE TREE GIFT** to church today, please drop it off in the church office ASAP! Thanks to everyone who participated this year. You've helped to make a child's Christmas a lot merrier!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** – Remember a loved one by donating a poinsettia in their name for use in our Christmas altar decorations. A list of people remembered with flowers will be posted on the bulletin board for Christmas. Forms are available on the table in the back. Suggested donation is \$15.00.

**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO MAKE AN ORNAMENT** and participate in our 17-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on the Christmas Tree during the Offertory at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass. Also, **ALL GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO SING IN THE CHOIR** during the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass. Plan to come and join in the fun!



**PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES EARLY DURING ADVENT** for the lighting of the Advent Wreath in the gathering area. It will make Fr. Jim so happy to start on time!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE WARE FAMILY** for once again providing our beautiful Advent Wreath in the tradition of their mother, Jean, who decorated our church for many years.



Today's gospel deals with the Baptist, that herald of an extraordinary event. The evangelist reports John's cry raised in the desert. He describes his mission to us: to prepare the way, to make straight the road. After a long silence during which there have been no more signs or prophets, God speaks anew. The echo of his voice rumbles across the solitudes announcing a decisive turning point in the history of the world. In an ultimate intervention which fulfills and overfills the ancient hopes, God will come.

But how? Will he show his presence like a meteor leaving a fiery trail across the lower reaches of the atmosphere before pursuing its course through the starry night? Will we only catch a glimpse, in the darkness which covers the world? No, for this Word which erupts into time changes all human history: "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." But to see him we must first die to ourselves in conversion. That is John's message.

It is in the midst of the discordant voices of history that God makes himself heard. By its life of justice, the community of believers ceaselessly sounds forth the invitation to humanity's new exodus.

### THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

*Dear St Elizabeth Parishioners,*

*Thank you for another amazingly successful year of supporting the Traveling Crib! The van was filled 3 times with diapers, clothes, blankets, and other baby items that will be graciously received by our clients. Without the support of parishes, we would not be able to walk alongside the women and families to bring them comfort, counseling, and support. It is with your generosity that we are able to impact lives - one diaper at time.*

*Blessing to you this Advent Season.*

*--- Catholic Charities Pregnancy & Parenting Staff*

### TRANSITION PROJECTS CLOTHING DRIVE WILL COMMENCE AGAIN

IN 2019. If you have coats, hats, gloves scarfs, NEW underwear and NEW socks to donate, please hold on to them until January!

### RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT:

Our Lady of the Lake	Tuesday, December 11	7PM
Sacred Heart	Saturday, December 8	10AM
St. Anthony	Tuesday, December 18	7PM
St Cyril	Thursday, December 13	7PM
St John Fisher	Monday, December 17	7PM
St Clare	Wednesday, December 19	7PM



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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass : 4:00 PM  
Sunday : 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
Tuesday-Friday : 8:30 AM

## UPCOMING DATES

Christmas Eve - 4 PM Family Mass & 10 PM Mass (with carols preceding the service beginning at 9:15 PM)  
Christmas Day - Mass at 10 AM (there will be no 8:30 am Mass)  
New Year's Eve - Mass at 4:00 PM (there will be no 8:30 am Mass)  
New Year's Day - Mass at 10 AM

THE WORD AMONG US for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is available in the gathering area along with OTHER ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS. We'll also have a limited number of copies of AT HOME WITH THE WORD -- Regular Print \$8.00 and Large Print \$12.00 -- available next week for purchase.

COLLECTION: Last weekend: \$6460. Simple Supper: \$263 THANK YOU!

## HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- December 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>:

Saturday Wine & Cheese: Elizabeth Duncan & David Barberis

9:00AM: Karl & Barbara Wetzel 11:00AM: Maura & Diarmuid O'Scannlain

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find a substitute. Thank You!

## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Second Sunday of Advent. Baruch 5:1-9/ Psalm 126/ Philippians 1:4-6,8-11/ Luke 3:1-6.  
Monday: Isaiah 35: 1-10/ Psalm 85/ Luke 5: 17-26.  
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11/ Psalm 96/ Matthew 18:12-14.  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Zechariah 2:14-17/ Judith 13:18bcde, 19/ Luke 1:26-38.  
Matthew 11: 28-30.  
Thursday: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr. Isaiah 41: 13-20/ Psalm 145/ Matthew 11: 11-15.  
Friday: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church. Isaiah 48: 17-19/ Psalm 1/ Matthew 11: 16-19.  
Saturday: Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11/ Psalm 80/ Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13.  
Next Sun: Third Sunday of Advent. Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6/ Philippians 4:4-7/ Luke 3:10-18.

