

SUNDAY BULLETIN DECEMBER 29, 2024
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Tuesday, December 31 —Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 31—Holy Day Vigil Mass

5:00 PM—Bob Smith+

Wednesday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

6:00 PM—People of the Parish

Thursday, January 2—Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:30 AM—Margaret E. Veatch+

Friday, January 3—Holy Name of Jesus First Friday

8:15 AM—Abby Quinn Boies+

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 4—Saturday of Our Lady

7:30 AM—Fr. Michael Joseph Walker+

5:00 PM—Deanna Luetticke+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, January 5—Epiphany of The Lord

8:00 AM— People of the Parish

10:00 AM—In Thanksgiving

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Scripture Readings

Feast of the Holy Family

I Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

I John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“BLESSED ARE THEY WHO DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”

THIS WEEK’S SAINTS

December 31: Pope St. Sylvester I

A great store of legends has grown up around the man who was pope at this most important time, but very little can be established historically. We know for sure that his papacy lasted from 314 until his death in 335. Reading between the lines of history, we are assured that only a very strong and wise man could have preserved the essential independence of the Church in the face of the overpowering figure of the Emperor Constantine. In general, the bishops remained loyal to the Holy See, and at times expressed apologies to Sylvester for undertaking important ecclesiastical projects at the urging of Constantine.

January 2: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen were among the most devoted defenders of the faith in the fourth century. Both were bishops and both are now saints and doctors of the Church. These two men met while studying in Caesarea Cappadocia.

At the time that Saints Gregory and Basil lived, the Church was suffering from Arianism, a heresy that denied the divinity of Christ. Arianism created deep divisions among both bishops and the faithful. The clear teaching and brave episcopal leadership of Saints Basil and Gregory helped the Church to heal, to eradicate this heresy, and to restore unity of faith in the East. But not all warmly welcomed their efforts. They both suffered greatly. From the emperor, many bishops, and other clergy and laity, they received many abuses, calumnies, physical attacks, and threats. Through it all, they remained faithful to their preaching and calm and focused in their resolve, restoring a deeper and more ancient unity to Christ’s faithful. Today, their voluminous writings are among the most inspiring, insightful, and convincing teachings of the early Church, particularly as they pertain to Christ’s divinity and the Most Holy Trinity.

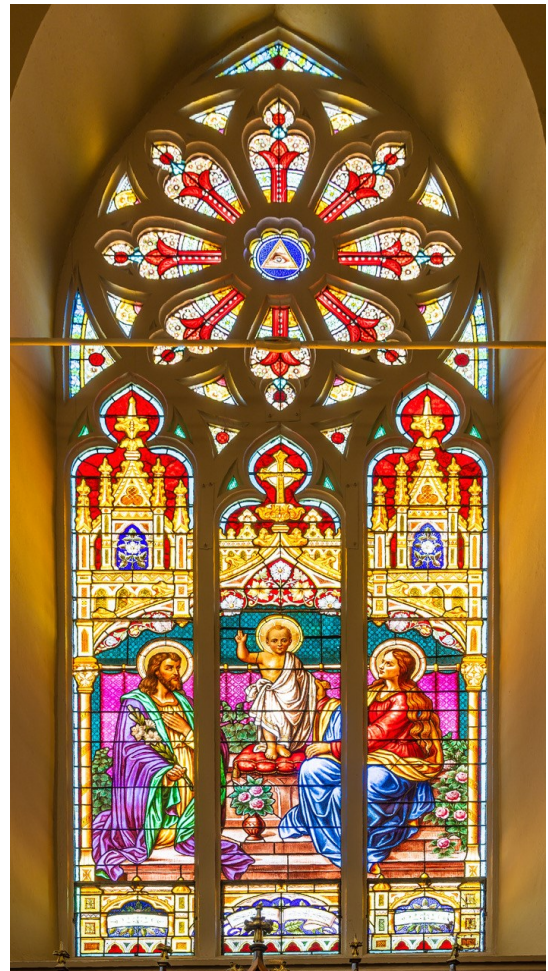
January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others.

At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support.

While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975).



SUNDAY BULLETIN- FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

| KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES JANUARY 4-5 | | |
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| Mass Time | Position | Knight(s) |
| Sat. 5pm | Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 | Evan Randolph Graham Randolph |
| Sun. 8am | Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 | Alex Widner Gabe Widner |
| Sun. 10am | M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch | Jameson Marshall Dominic Robinson AJ Warren Eli Gratton Ivan Dickerson Burke Beetsma Jack Cooper |

| LECTOR SCHEDULE JANUARY 5 | |
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| Mass Time | Lector |
| Sun. 8am | Mary Mathew |
| Sun. 10am | Brenda Fellhoelter |



Weekly Offering

*December 22
Offeratory \$
Property Maint \$
Birthright \$*

Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events. Sunday Bulletins are also published on the website stcolumbanchurch.com [facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/)

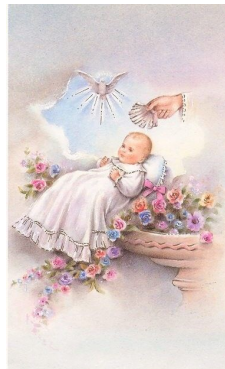
CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR THE 2025 CONFIRMATION are held every Sunday after 10:00 Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION PREP

If your child is in second grade, does not attend Bishop Hogan, and is ready to begin classes for first confession and first communion, please contact the parish office as soon as your are able. Classes will begin formally in January but there are resources for us to give you prior to that.

RECENT BAPTISM

Everlee May Twenter, daughter of Christopher Charles Twenter and Amanda Ann Drummond Twenter, was baptized in St. Columban church on Wednesday, December 25 by Father Ryan Koster. Congratulations to the Drummond and Twenter family.



New Year's Mass Schedule

Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
December 31 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
January 1 6:00 pm



**OFFICE CLOSED
CHRISTMAS VACATION**

The church office will reopen on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.