

**ST. ELIZABETH
OF HUNGARY**
Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Jan. 12, 2025**

Baptism of the Lord
Saturday, 5 p.m. — (English)
The people of the parish

Saturday, 7 p.m. — (Spanish)
Presider's intention

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Betty Jo & Sam Barker
By: *Leroy & Agnes Policky*

Monday, 8 a.m. —
† Elmer Kamprath
By: *Ed & Marghi Quigley*

Tuesday, 8 a.m. —
† Daniel Paul
By: *Barbara Paul*

Wednesday, Noon—(English)
People with special needs
By: *Knights of Columbus*

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Saturday, 5 p.m. — (English)
† Gurdak & Messina families
By: *Laura Gurdak & family*

Saturday, 7 p.m. — (Spanish)
The people of the parish

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Cyril Thomas Robey
By: *Rodney & Fran Robey*



**WHY DID JESUS ASK TO
BE BAPTIZED?**

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent of Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 72 A.D. it was common for Jewish people to make a spiritual cleansing in a special pool called a MIKVEH--literally a "collection of water". This was said to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men did this weekly on the eve of the Sabbath. Women did it monthly. Converts were also expected to do it before entering Judaism. Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continual ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our faith. In effect he fused his divine essence with the water and the ceremony.

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Weekly readings

Sunday

Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10
Acts 10:34-38
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday

Hebrews 1:1-6
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday

Hebrews 2:5-12
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday

Hebrews 2:14-18
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday

Hebrews 3:7-14
Mark 1:40-45

Friday

St. Anthony
Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday

Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 2:13-17

**2nd Sunday
Of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Lay ministers for Jan. 18/19

Altar servers

Sat. — Timothy, Leo & Finnian Grubb
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge

Commentators

Sat. — Cathy Champon
Sun. — Nick Schicker

Readers

Sat. — Steve Hummel, Cathy Champon
Sun. — Rick Kortze, Mercedes Burke

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat. — Michael Gray Jr., Angela Murphy-Walters
Sun. — Nick Schicker,

Ushers

Sat. — George Bratton, J.J. Regan
Sun. — Tim Eilers, Tom Manning

Parish Life

Religious Education—Classes resume this weekend.

Holy Hour—Holy hour with adoration will be at 6pm, this Tues., January 14.

Abundant Life Women's Group—The next meeting will be at 4pm on Wed., January 22. All women are welcome.

Volunteers needed—We are in great need of Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers. Please contact the office for more information.

Thank You

Everyone at Harold McCormick Elementary would like to express their gratitude for your generosity. The Backpack Buddy program is thriving and no child is turned away. All who are in need receive food for the weekends including all city schools and some of Carter County.

Angel Tree was a success! Donations helped purchase clothes and toboggans for any child lacking. 89 angels were sponsored thanks to your generosity,

Once again, thank you from all at Harold McCormick Elementary.

Youth Group

Souper Bowl for the Super Bowl— This weekend through Feb. 9 the Youth Group will be collecting canned soup to donate to ARM leading up to the Super Bowl. Collection stations will be by each exit of the church. Please help support our neighbors by donating a can or two.

Dart Challenge—Sun., Jan. 19, from 2-4pm, teens, tweens & adult chaperones (11+ or 6th grade+) will liven up challenges in the basement with foam darts. Drinks & snacks will be provided and prizes will be awarded.

Questions for these activities may be directed to Vicki Johnson at youthministry@stelizabethsparish.com or 859-802-9710.

Diocesan Events

Engaged?—Picture of Love Retreat, Sat., Feb. 15 8:30am-7pm at St. Stephen's Parish in Chattanooga. Register at www.dioknox.org.

Sacrament of Matrimony— Married couples will have the opportunity to reaffirm their marriage vows during mass and receive a blessing to go out to the world and give testimony to their call to the vocation of marriage. Sun., Feb. 23, at 4pm at Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Knoxville. Questions? Please e-mail ckrings@dioknox.org or call 865-862-5739.

Tax Reminders

Charity Donation Letter— If you would like a letter summarizing your donations to St. Elizabeth for 2024 (as support for your tax return), please drop a note in the weekend collection with your name and the words "tax letter" on it. Please let the office know by January 31.

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish:

Manny Bandarra	J.J. Regan
Thea Bratton	Fran Robey
Jim Cathelyn	Jim Stapleton
Joel Dean	Jimmy Townsend
Lynda Gamache	Margaret Vines
Chuck Muraski	Ed & Linda Yarwood
Leroy & Agnes Policky	

Thank you for your generosity.

In person—Jan. 5
Regular—\$1,855.00
Building Fund—\$225.00
Solemnity of Mary—\$750.00
Carr Scholarship—\$230.00

Online Offertory
December—\$5,415.00

