

St. Elizabeth Seton

*Joy*



Christmas 2023

'Twas days before Christmas and the bulletin deadline was nigh  
 Life in the Parish was really on the fly.  
 So much to do, so little time remained  
 That the poor priest's fifth metatarsal was strained.  
 The Nativities are on display with 100 international ones and then some  
 As we await the next arrival of Jesus with God's kingdom to come  
 The Knights were hawking their Christmas tree wares  
 Raising funds for needy charitable affairs.  
 The CWG is roundly busy with activities galore,  
 With pies and guest speakers and much, much more.  
 The groups are cooperating with joint efforts so our community may grow  
 which can only happen when we put in the effort to participate, although  
 our Catholic ethos can be a little wanting  
 and creating a participation inertia is somewhat daunting.  
 The Mary & Marthas who prepare an hospitable funeral lunch  
 A great Corporal Work, of late, have worked a bunch.  
 It is such a visible sign to mourning families bereaved  
 That through community support, their pain can be relieved.  
 Another ministry that has been the source of great comfort to those in need  
 Is our funeral ministry, who faithfully offer wonderful hospitality indeed.  
 These unplanned events come in fits and waves  
 And their dedication is wonderful witness to those going to their graves.  
 Our music ministry provides such inspiring leadership at each Mass  
 With voices and keys and strings, inviting us to praise God with such class.  
 There is always room for one more voice or musical talent to join  
 One who sings, praise twice if there is a phrase to coin.  
 The Prayer Shawl needlers with a knit and a slip stitch and wool unfurled  
 Have spread Seaton prayers all over the world.  
 The liturgical ministries like lectors, Eucharistic ministers and animators too  
 We are thankful for those who in service brave out of the pew  
 The shut-ins, the sick and hospital friends are joined to us by communion  
 The great sacrament that mystically brings us into union.  
 Our altar servers are a source of assistance with much to do  
 It would be nice for some more young people as our numbers are rather few.  
 Easter will be exciting with God as a Master Potter  
 Has graced us with Catechumens to welcome with baptismal water.  
 Behind closed door keeping our collections safely deposited and straight  
 Our Counting team keeps us bank-wise up to date.  
 The Work of the St. Vincent de Paul which is our Eucharist alive  
 Empowers God's kingdom in our midst here and now to thrive.  
 So the Kingdom of God is what it is all about, the union of the human and  
 the divine  
 God invites us as an incarnation of Christ's presence to shine.  
 So as we gather with family and friends, kith and kin  
 Remember it is a participation in the love of God that lives within.  
 So whatever comes our way in the up-coming annual,  
 The divine promise holds true, God is with us, Emmanuel.

*Fr. Roy*





Praising God in song is a wonderful thing  
 As the 9.30 Choir loves to sing!  
 May the presence of Christ give us reason  
 To celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season!

**Donna Maietta 9.30 Choir**



**Merry Christmas!**  
 May the blessings of this joyous occasion stay with us throughout the coming year, serving as a source of strength and inspiration. Wishing you a Merry Christmas filled with love, happiness and the warmth of cherished moments.

**St. Elizabeth Seton Cash Counting Team**

*Merry Christmas*

May the arrival of the Christ child fill you with peace and hope. Merry Christmas!

**Merry Christmas from the RCIA team.**

May the silence of Christmas bring you and your loved ones Christ's Peace and may the light of Christ guide throughout the New Year.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers for our family.

God bless  
**Colleen, Steve & family**

May the Christmas season remind us of the bountiful life we've been given! Let the new year feel like Christmas every day, as we count each day as a gift and be thankful!  
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**


**11:00 choir**

May the Christ Child bring you blessings this Christmas time and for ever more.

**Deacon Marian and Maria**

*On behalf of the CWG, I would like to wish peaceful blessings and joyous moments of splendour to all of our amazing parishioners this Christmas Season!*

**Donna Campbell, CWG President**



On behalf of the Mary and Martha Ministry we wish you good health and happiness for 2024.

**Merry Christmas  
 Martha & Mary Ministry**


**As we celebrate with great joy the birth of Jesus, may we hear the heartbeat of God in each other, and in all of creation.  
 Merry Christmas!**

**Lean Sterling—Eucharistic Ministry**

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may you be adorned with His love, graced with His peace, And filled with His presence.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year !


**Little Rock Bible Study Group**



Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society wishes you a blessed and merry Christmas "Thank you for seeing Jesus in those who are hungry, thirsty and in need of comfort and may we continue to be the loving and living presence of Christ."  
**St. Vincent de Paul**

On Behalf of your Knights of Columbus we would like to wish every member of our Parish a Joyous Christmas Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you all for your continuing support of our Charity events. We are all making a difference in someone's life.

God Bless you  
 PEACE



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful, safe and healthy New Year!

He is born!  
 May the wonders of Christmas bring you joy and peace to last through the New Year.

**From the Lector Ministry**

May Gods love and peace be with everyone during this festive season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ....  
**Hospitality Ministry**

Wishing Christmas Joy, Peace and Love to everyone!

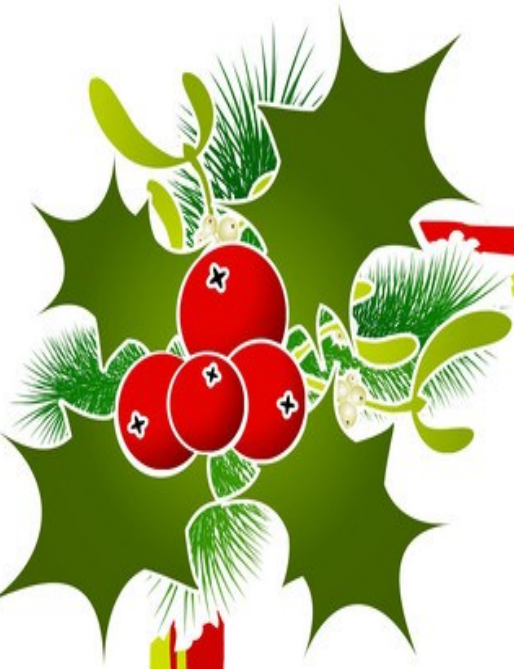
Donna Campbell and all of our musicians in the  
**4:30 Choir**

'Tis the Season to be Joyful! May your hearts & homes be filled with the love & joy of Jesus this Christmas Season & in the new year.  
**Jennifer McAvoy  
 Initiation Ministry**



# Christmas Trivia

1. The song Silent Night was composed to be accompanied by what instrument?
2. Why was the song 'O Holy Night' banned for awhile?
3. In what country was 'Joy to the World' written?
4. From which country do we have the traditional festive drink called Milk Punch or Egg Nog?
5. How many ghosts visited Scrooge in Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'.
6. In which country did the traditional Christmas time ballet 'The Nutcracker' debut in 1892?
7. The first artificial Christmas tree was designed in 19<sup>th</sup> Century. What material was used to construct it?
8. What is the best selling Christmas song?
9. According to legend, which Christmas goody is shaped to resemble a shepherd's crook?
10. The celebrated "Christmas Truce, where the warring sides paused on Christmas to share a brief reprieve of peace with each other during which War?
11. In 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' the Peanuts gang gathers around the Christmas tree and join in singing which Carol?
12. Which Christian reformer is accredited with being the first person to put a light on a Christmas tree?
13. What is Wassail?
14. Many countries have varying traditional food for Christmas. Which country celebrates the day with chicken from KFC?
15. According to legend, the tradition of hanging stockings dates back centuries to the time of St. Nicholas. With what were the stockings filled?
16. An actor who played Santa Clause won an Oscar for his role. In which movie did he star?
17. The song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is well known. Why did the composer pick the number 12?
18. In 1054 the Western Church and the Orthodox Church split and have had different days to celebrate Christmas. When does the Orthodox celebrate Christmas?
19. When did the habit of leaving cookies for Santa begin?
20. In 1843, the first Christmas Card was sent, starting a long-standing tradition, not to mention a very lucrative one for companies and the Post Office. In which country does this have its origins?
21. What is the most recorded Christmas Carol?
22. A traditional Christmas favorite with celebrated television shows and song was almost named Romeo, or Roland, or Reginald, or Reggie, or Rollo or Randy or Rodney. What is now the popular name by which we know him?
23. Which country has a tradition of a witch dropping gifts down a chimney at Christmas rather than Santa?
24. Santa Claus is loosely based on the tradition of St. Nicholas. In which country was St. Nicholas born? And in what century?
25. In the movie "It's a Wonderful Life", what happens every time a bell rings?



- 1..Guitar
2. It was composed by an atheist.
- 3.England and is based on Psalm 98
4. England
5. Four
6. Russia
7. Goose feathers
8. White Christmas by Bing Crosby
9. Candy Cane
10. World War I
11. Hark, the Herald Angels
12. Martin Luther
13. Spiced or Mulled Apple Cider
14. Japan
15. Gold coins
16. Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street
17. The season of Christmas is celebrated for 12 days
18. January 7 Epiphany
19. It comes from a short story written in 1870's called 'Polly,A Before Christmas Story'.
20. England
21. Silent Night
22. Rudolph
23. Italy
24. Modern day Turkey
25. An angel gets its wings.

