



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

January 18, 2026 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH SCHEDULE

DATE	CALENDAR EVENTS	READINGS
Sunday, January 18 th	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 11:00 am Mass	Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34
Monday, January 19 th	Martin Luther King Day 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Confession 7:00 pm Mass	1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-2
Tuesday, January 20 th	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr 8:00 am Rosary and Confession 8:30 am Mass	1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 21 st	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 8:00 am Rosary and Confession 8:30 am Mass 3:00 pm Golf Outing Meeting 5:30 Religious Education 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm OCIA	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 22 nd	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 1:00 pm Mahjong 1:00 pm Craft and Chat 6:30 pm Bible Study	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-1
Friday, January 23 rd	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin Parish Office Closed 11:30 am Rosary and Confession 12:00 pm Mass	1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 24 th	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 9:00 am Marian Motherhood Meeting 3:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-2
Sunday, January 25 th	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass - Baptism for Hunter Mellis 12:15 pm EMCH Training 12:15 pm MOW Training 1:00 pm Sacristan Training	Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

PARISHIONER ENVELOPE
OFFERTORY

January 10 and 11:	\$ 12,982.75
Cash not in envelopes:	\$ 1,179.00
Total offertory given:	\$ 14,161.75
Budgeted weekly offertory:	\$ 11,790.00
Average gift:	\$ 39.46

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Please consider your weekly offertory options, so we can continue to meet our normal expenditures:

1. Online donations
2. Mailing
3. Drop off at Mass



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The Transcendental Times...

By Fr. Dominic Macioce

Question: How do we pray in Adoration?

As we read last week, Eucharistic Adoration is a sacred opportunity to spend time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. In the silence of adoration, we come before Christ not to perform or impress, but simply to be with Him. Learning how to pray during adoration can help us enter more deeply into this encounter of love.



The word *adoration* comes from the Latin *adorare*, meaning “to worship.” In Eucharistic Adoration we adore Jesus Christ: His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, present in the consecrated Host. Adoration reminds us that prayer is first about relationship. Even when words fail, our presence before the Lord is itself a prayer. Before entering the chapel or church, take a moment to quiet yourself. Make the Sign of the Cross slowly and intentionally. Genuflect toward the Blessed Sacrament, acknowledging Jesus’ presence. To help with this, I will sometimes rhythmically breathe while saying the name “Jesus”. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer. You do not need to arrive with perfect focus or strong emotions, come as you are. Silence is central to adoration. At first, silence may feel uncomfortable, but it allows God to speak to the heart, so simply sit, kneel or stand and look toward the Eucharist. You could also repeat a short prayer quietly, such as:

“Jesus, I trust in You.”

“My Lord and my God.”

“Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening.”

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

If your mind wanders, *gently* return your attention to Jesus without frustration. Adoration is also a time to talk honestly with Christ. Speak to Jesus as you would to a close friend, but with reverence and humility. Some people find it helpful to bring a Bible, prayer book, or rosary. Reading a short passage of Scripture and then reflecting on it in silence can deepen prayer. The Psalms, the Gospels, and Eucharistic prayers of saints are especially fitting. If structured prayer helps you focus, that’s good. If you feel drawn back into silence that is also good. Let the Lord lead. One of the most important truths about adoration is this: you do not always need to *do* something. Sitting quietly before Jesus, aware of His presence, is already a powerful prayer. Love does not always need words. St. John Vianney once described adoration by saying, “He looks at me, and I look at Him.” This simple gaze of love is at the heart of Eucharistic prayer. Let Jesus hold you in His gaze, as He would lovingly embrace you with a hug or a kiss.

When it is time to leave, thank Jesus for the time spent with Him, especially if it felt difficult or distracting. Make a reverent genuflection and ask Him to remain with you as you return to daily life. The fruits of adoration often appear gradually: greater peace, patience, humility, and love for others.

Email your questions to me at frdominic@saintliz.org

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton...pray for us!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act:

trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir

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Behold the Lamb

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Be honest. When the priest or deacon read this line from the Gospel today, did your brain finish it with: "Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb"? (Mine did. And then I almost blurted out: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed." Because it's Sunday morning, and I'm tired.)

We hear the words of John the Baptist every Sunday in the Agnus Dei. If you have been Catholic since childhood, the words of this rite are probably ingrained in your memory, like a groove worn across a wooden floor by the scratching of an often-used chair. That's the beautiful thing about our liturgy: it gets inside of you, and it doesn't leave. I've never met a Catholic, however long-fallen-away, who did not recall the responses of the Mass.

When the priest says or chants the Agnus Dei, he is showing us the Host — the most ordinary-looking thing you ever did see. Nothing interesting about it whatsoever. Nothing that would make a person give it a second glance.

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. There is nothing that would make a person give Jesus a second glance, if that person expected redemption to come in a loud, aggressive show of power.

And this is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Consider what the world could look like, if an instinct to love and reverence those people were as deeply ingrained in us as the beautiful words so easily on our lips: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed."

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Nursing Home Communion Volunteers Needed

Our parish is in need of additional volunteers to help bring Holy Communion, prayer, and fellowship to our local nursing home residents. This beautiful ministry serves some of the most vulnerable members of our community and helps ensure they remain connected to the Church when they cannot attend Mass.

We currently visit the following facilities:

Optalis of Troy - First and third Tuesdays and second and fourth Sundays

Sunrise of Troy - First and third Tuesdays and second and fourth Sundays

Serene Gardens of Rochester Hills – Every Wednesday

Volunteers serve on a rotating schedule and are welcome to choose the location and frequency that best fits their availability. Training and support will be provided.

If you feel called to serve in this meaningful ministry, please contact:

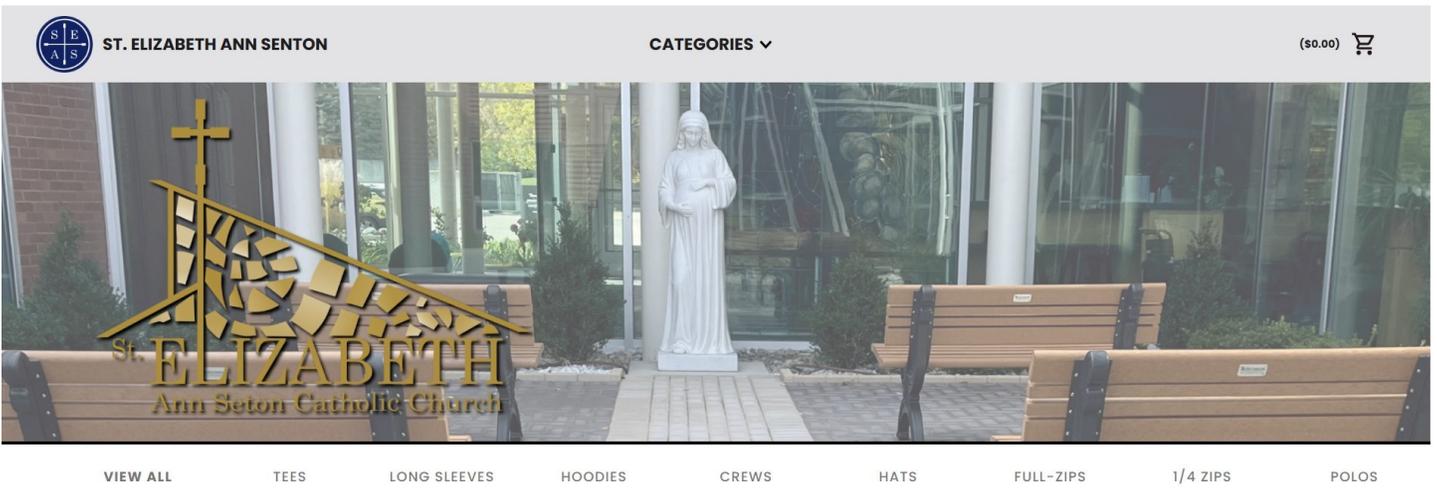
Rita Shair – Christian Service Director

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NEW SEAS Merchandise Store is Open!

Shirts, sweatshirts, pullovers, and hats with our SEAS logo and various designs are available to purchase! You can find the store front by going to our website at the top of the page that says **“Parish Store”**. Hover over it and click the drop down that says **“Store Link”** which will take you right to the page with our merchandise.

We now have various new and customizable options!



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Liturgical Ministry Training

We will have Liturgical Training for **all new and veteran ministers** on the following dates:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

Sunday, January 25th
12:15-1:00 pm in the Church

Ministers of Welcome Training

Sunday, January 25th
12:15-1:00 pm in Shepherd's Hall

Sacristan Training

Sunday, January 25th
1:00-1:30 pm in the Sacristy

Lector Training

Sunday, February 1st
12:15-1:00 pm in the Church



Want to stay updated on what is happening at the parish? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to know what we are up to!

SACRAMENTS

Weddings:

Please make arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Baptisms:

Baptisms take place during the 11:00AM Mass on the third Sunday of the month. Online baptismal prep is available through "Belonging – Baptism in the Family of God" (Ascension Press), with a follow up meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00AM. Call the Parish Office to register for the online prep program (It is advisable to schedule and complete the prep program before the baby is born).

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:30 pm; Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 30 minutes before Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday Daily Masses; confessions can also be scheduled by appointment.

Deadline for Bulletin Articles:

Friday 4:00 pm (1 week prior)
E-mail to abrewer@saintliz.org

Pulpit Announcements:

E-mail by Monday 4 pm

SILENCE BEFORE MASS: A GENTLE REMINDER

A few years ago, Pope Francis called out the common habit of chatting with people before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us," the Pope said. However, "it is not a moment for chitchat." "It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important."



Fellowship Opportunities

Women’s Fellowship

Our Women’s Fellowship meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm for a meeting & faith sharing in Shepherd’s Hall. Women of the parish engage in social, fundraising, charitable, and Christian Service projects. High School age and up are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Carolyn Plague at cmplague@gmail.com.



Next meeting: Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm

Men’s Fellowship

Our Men’s Fellowship meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am for a meeting and faith sharing in Shepherd’s Hall. Men’s Fellowship is involved in assisting the poor and homeless and supporting the men of the parish. If you would like to join, contact Gary Ward at gward6446@wowway.com.



Next meeting: Saturday, February 14 at 8:00 am

Widows’ /Widowers’ Group

Our Widows’ and Widowers’ Group meets every 3rd Saturday of the month in Shepherd’s Hall or another agreed upon location. It is a great opportunity for our widowed parishioners to socialize and pray together. If you would like to join, contact Sally Raffler at sallyraffler@wowway.com or Jane Hime at jbusdriver@wowway.com.



Next meeting: Saturday, February 21 at 10:00 am at Kerby’s Koney Island

Marian Motherhood: Getting to the Heart of Mary

A monthly gathering for moms of all ages and stages to grow in faith, fellowship, and spiritual support—rooted in Mary’s example of love, humility, and strength. We meet on the 4th Saturday of the month (September-May, excluding December) at 9:00 am in Shepherd's Hall. Coffee and light refreshments are provided. Please note: This is a moms-only group. Nursing infants may attend as needed. To learn more, contact Aubrey at alquiza.aubrey@gmail.com



Next meeting: Saturday, February 28 at 9:00 am

Craft and Chat

Welcome Crafters. Let your crafts shine in on Thursday’s from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Shepherd’s Hall. We are making this a simple gathering for anyone who would like to bring their knitting/crochet/hand sewing/embroidery/art, anything that does not require an electric outlet. All are welcome, if you have any questions, please call Grace Vettrainso at 248-224-7690.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading Question

Isaiah teaches that God chose Israel to reveal His glory and bring salvation to the world. Why do you think God uses people to do His will?

2nd Reading Question

Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians with a plea for unity and holiness of all believers. Where do you see your faith community unified and holy?

Gospel Question

John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. With whom do you talk about Jesus?

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ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT for beginners

February 15-21, 2026

In this retreat, you will learn how to paint an icon of an angel. We will use traditional egg tempera and genuine gold leaf on gessoed wooden panels. At the end of the retreat, you'll be able to take home a beautiful icon painted by yourself, the fruit of many hours of hard work and prayer.

You do not need to have any professional art training or prior experience in icon painting. The only expectation is your willingness to learn something new and to immerse in an ancient and sacred tradition of iconography, to enter into a deeper relationship with God.



\$920 for single bedroom
\$620 for commuters
(meals and all supplies included)



Registration and more info:
248-651-4826
www.capretreat.org



Brother Thomas Skowron is a Capuchin Franciscan friar. He began painting icons in 2017. Br. Thomas studied at Eikonon Schola in Uzhgorod, Ukraine, an iconography school of the Greek Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo and the Capuchin Custody of Ukraine and Russia, as well as with Fr. Anthony Gunin and George Kordis. He focuses on classical Byzantine and Neo-Byzantine iconography and traditional technique of egg tempera, but he's also interested in contemporary trends, in particular in the art of Jerzy Nowosielski and new iconography of Lviv, Ukraine.

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Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known
as we restructure the parishes and ministries
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice
in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others,
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us
in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 19, 2026

7:00 pm Anna Mudzianowski (req. by Maciejewski Family)
Michael Wolfbauer (req. by Misuraca Family)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

8:30 am Special Intention (req. by M. Zylka)
Ronald Delaney (req. by SEAS Parish)

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:30 am Steve Lee (req. by Maciejewski Family)
Mother Lee (req. by Maciejewski Family)

Thursday, January 22, 2026

No Mass

Friday, January 23, 2026

12:00 pm Alexander Maciejewski (req. by Maciejewski Family)
For the Souls in Purgatory (req. by Natali Asic)

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:00 pm John Lenosky (req. by family)
Eleanor Jeszke (req. by Bernie Komraus & Gloria
Jeszke)

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:00 am Douglas Kramer (req. by SEAS Parish)

11:00 am Tom Hildebrandt (req. by Misuraca Family)



Candles can be purchased in the parish office anytime during regular weekday and weekend hours.

This is a gentle reminder that if you would like to have an intention said for a specific date, please call the office ahead of time. Our Mass intentions fill up very quickly and we are allowed only two per Mass. It is best to schedule special intentions months in advance of the date. Thank you for understanding.

If you wish to have a Mass intention said for a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 248-879-1310

Prayer List

Please continue to pray for the sick and suffering.

Laura Arkils, Dorothy Blake, Scott Breeding, Elizabeth Faron, Josh Hamilton, Jane Hime, Phoebe Hulse, Luke Juricic, Darnell Kelsey, Shirley Kesteloot, Patricia Kramer, Dorothy Lawson, Agnes Mecoli, Dane Nowosatko, Mike Nowosatko, Charles Peters, Marie Pietila, Caleb Upton, Therese Warger, Cathy Webb, Fr. Steve Wertenan.

Please call the parish office or email secretary@saintliz.org if you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list.

Please pray for those serving in our armed services:

Lorenzo Garcia, United States Marine Corps
Matthew J. Panella, United States Navy
Joseph T. Berry, United States Navy
Lt. Anna Hanson, United States Navy
Evan Paul Holland, United States Marine Corps
John M. Barnett, United States Marine Corps
Evan Shawver, United States Army Reserves

Matthew Falardeau, United States Marine Corps
Erin Freedom Hawtin, United States Army
Edward Alsip, United States Marine Corps
Sarah Alsip, United States Marine Corps
David Miller, Jr., United States Army
Jeffry Schuele, United States Marine Corps
Justin Schade, United States Marine Corps
Trevor Ulewicz, United States Army

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of mankind and Author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our armed forces. Amen.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mission Statement

*Proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. He was born, lived, died, and rose to save us from our sins.
We will make His good news known through worship, education, and service.*



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Monday

10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Closed on Friday

Saturday—2:30—5:30 pm

Sunday—8:00 am—12:30 pm

Mass Online on our YouTube Channel: Saint LizAnn

at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6UJXb7NfhMogdTGmGVcbfA>

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm;

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday evenings 7:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8:30 am

Friday 12:00 pm (Labor Day
to Memorial Day)

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:30 pm or during the week
by appointment.

Mondays, 6:00—7:00 pm

30 minutes before Tuesday, Wednesday, &
Friday Daily Masses