



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

February 8, 2026 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH SCHEDULE

DATE	CALENDAR EVENTS	READINGS
Sunday, February 8 th	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass 12:15 pm Pre-Baptismal Class 12:15 pm EMHC Training 1:00 pm Sacristan Training	Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-1
Monday, February 9 th	St. Scholastica, Virgin 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Confession 7:00 pm Mass	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday, February 10 th	8:00 am Rosary and Confession 8:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 11 th	Our Lady of Lourdes 8:00 am Rosary and Confession 8:30 am Mass 5:30 Religious Education 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm OCIA	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-2
Thursday, February 12 th	1:00 pm Mahjong 1:00 pm Craft and Chat 6:30 pm Bible Study	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30
Friday, February 13 th	Parish Office Closed 11:30 am Rosary and Confession 12:00 pm Mass	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-3
Saturday, February 14 th	Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day 8:00 am Men's Fellowship 3:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm Altar Server Outing	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10
Sunday, February 15 th	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 am Mass; OCIA Rite of Acceptance and Sending 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 11:00 am Mass 12:15 pm MOW Training	Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-3

PARISHIONER ENVELOPE OFFERTORY

Jan. 31 and Feb. 1:	\$ 11,539.25
Cash not in envelopes:	\$ 1,189.00
Total offertory given:	\$ 12,728.25
Budgeted weekly offertory:	\$ 11,790.00
Average gift:	\$ 35.40

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: What is the importance of hope and how can we sin against it?

I thought this question was very appropriate for our time, especially as we begin the work of restructuring the Archdiocese of Detroit. We need to trust in Jesus, and hope in His Kingship. This is essential to combat the cynicism that may arise and give us the ability to discern and decide well.



Hope is the virtue that expects God's help. It places trust in Him, looks to heaven as our final end, waits patiently for His answer to prayers and helps us accept the answer He gives us. Hope anchors us in heaven, it anchors us in God's *mercy*; therefore, hoping in God's help here on earth is also to ask for His mercy, because we don't *deserve* His help here either. Without mercy no prayer is answered.

When we think of mercy, however, we often think primarily of the forgiveness for sin. The Latin word for mercy is *misericordia*, which means "compassion". When God sees us in our sin, He certainly sees in justice how we deserve punishment, but He also sees in mercy the misery that sin brings us. In God, truth and mercy "have kissed," as the Psalms say (Psalm 85:10). He knows us, knows our needs and desires, and knows sin has led us into slavery with promises of freedom. Therefore, in His mercy He forgives us our sins through Jesus. And this is the foundation for hope; that God helps us in spite of our unworthiness.

But, we can distort even God's offer of mercy. We do this in two ways

Presumption, the first abuse of God's mercy, is a sort of "perverted security," as St. Augustine called it. It takes the promise of salvation and makes it a "sure" thing. The catechism offers two ways we "presume" upon God: "Either man presumes upon his own capacities, (hoping to be able to save himself without help from on high {Pelagianism}). Or he presumes upon God's almighty power (hoping to obtain his forgiveness *without conversion* and glory without merit)." The former doesn't ask for God's help or really thinks he needs it at all; the latter thinks salvation is like a blue ribbon you get for showing up, but there are no "participation trophies" in Heaven.

The other distortion or denial of hope is *despair*. If presumption overthinks the power of man, despair underthinks the power of God. Despairing, we think our sins are so great as to tie the hands of God, essentially saying He can do all things, except fix our brokenness. As the saints often point out, both Peter and Judas sinned grievously. The difference between the two is that Peter repented, but Judas despaired, killing himself.

While both sins effect eternity, they also effect this life as well. It's ultimately a failure to look and speak to God in hope, without hope we are without prayer. The presumptuous man, by trusting in self, does not ask for help because he doesn't think he needs it. The despairing man, by not trusting in God's mercy, does not ask for help because He doesn't think he can get it.

Prayer is the answer. Hope is a theological virtue, it is "infused" in us, as theologians describe it. Think of it like a seed planted in our hearts by God, and it is our job to make sure it gets watered, nurtured and protected. Hope, increasingly binds us to God and removes the perceived barrier we imagine between heaven and us. So let us go through this process with hope; looking to God's promises of security and joy and knowing He looks on us with compassion as we struggle with the uncertainty of change.

Email your questions to me at frdominic@saintliz.org
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton...pray for us!

****Attention: All St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Seniors****

The parish is looking to form a Senior Fellowship group this spring.

This group would be comprised of seniors aged 60 years and older; men and women; married, single, divorced or widowed.

Activities for this social group would be held within and outside the parish.

Some events could include group reservations made for lunch or dinner at a local restaurant (pay your own way,) attending local events around the area, (carpooling will be available if needed.) Also, activities held at SEAS would include speakers, games/cards, potlucks and much more!



Once we know of your interest in joining the SEAS Fellowship group, updated information will be placed in the weekly bulletin under Fellowship Opportunities:

SEAS Seniors.



If interested in joining the SEAS Seniors Fellowship, please fill out the form below and drop in the box under the TV found in Shepherd's Hall by Monday, February 16, 2026.

Name (s): _____

Contact information preferred: (the one you check often)

_____ Home phone number/answering machine _____

_____ Cell phone number for calls or text _____

_____ Email Address _____

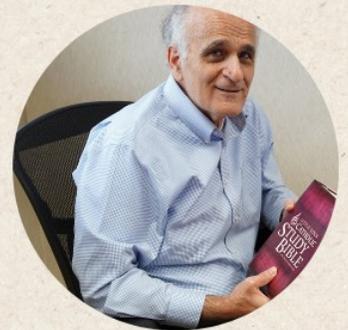
Activity suggestions: _____



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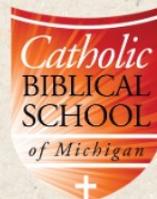


Join Tom Shaheen from the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan to explore the prophets. Discover how Zechariah's call to return to the Lord offers fresh hope for your Lenten journey.



TUES | FEB 24 | 7 PM

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Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Elizabeth Gura who passed away on January 24, 2026.

May her soul rest in peace.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading Question

We hear from Isaiah that the Lord expects us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and avoid false accusations and hateful speech. Which of these virtues could you practice this week?

2nd Reading Question

Paul encourages the Corinthians to ground their faith in the power of God and not in human wisdom. How can you make this a regular habit?

Gospel Question

Jesus challenges his disciples to have a positive influence in the world. Who do you know makes the world a better place?

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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 abrewer@saintliz.org

Pulpit Announcements:

E-mail rhoppe@saintliz.org 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.





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THE DIVINE MERCY

LENTEN SERIES

PRAYING FOR FAMILIES THROUGH
THE INTERCESSION OF ST. RITA

Lenten Speaker Schedule

- Friday, February 20th - Catherine M. Lanni
"Learning Trust from St. Rita"
(Following 11 am Holy Mass)
- Friday, February 27th - Fr. Paolo Tanzini
"Mercy That Heals" (During Holy Mass)
- Friday, March 6th - Fr. Colin Fricke
"Hope for the Impossible" (During Holy Mass)
- Friday, March 13th - Fr. Eric Fedewa
"The Sacrament of Mercy" (During Holy Mass)
- Friday, March 20th - Agnes Ward PhD, LP,
CAADC, BCBA, LBA
"From Wounds Flow Mercy"
(Following 11 am Holy Mass)
- Friday, March 27th - Deacon Karl Finkbeiner
"Standing at the Cross with Hope"
(Following 11am Holy Mass)

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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.

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journey of faith, reflection, and renewal as we
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and fully man in our popular five week Lenten
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during Lent.

5.30 PM - SOUP & SALAD
6.00 PM - REFLECTION
7.00 PM - HOLY MASS



- February 25**
The Importance of the Heart
- Br. Antony Julius Milton
- March 4**
Actions and Words of Love
- Br. Nick Blattner
- March 11**
The Heart that Has Loved so Greatly
- Br. Javier Rodriguez
- March 18**
A Love that Gives Itself a Drink
- Br. Jose Vera
- March 25**
Love for Love
- Br. Kennedy Njau

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ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 18th

Mass with distribution of Ashes:

8:30 am

12:00 pm

7:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 9, 2026

7:00 pm Jo Nichols (req. by Maciejewski Family)

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

8:30 am Special Intention (req. by M. Zylka)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

8:30 am St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners

Thursday, February 12, 2026

No Mass

Friday, February 13, 2026

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

Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00 pm Generoso & Marcelina Fernandez (req. by Family)
Anna Harrington (req. by the Drake Family)

Sunday, February 15, 2026

9:00 am Don Chebowski (req. by the Chebowski Family)
Ray McCaslin (req. by Annamarie McCaslin)

11:00 am Giuseppi, Maria & Michelle Cianfarani (req. by Family)



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, Bill Dowd, Rosemary Dowd, 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, Annette Vedder, 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
Jeffrey 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