

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH
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March 2, 2025 • 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5,6, 7; Mk 10:17-27

6:30 am	† Soul of Matthew & Rudolph Nazareth
8:15 am	† Soul of Mark Machado

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

8:15 am	† Susan Redmond
6:00 pm	† Sue Dillon

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:30 am	Avery - Happy Birthday
8:15 am	† Joe McKibben
10:00 am	† George Hansen
Noon	† Fr. James Seculoff
6:00 pm	† Suzie Peterson

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

8:15 am	† Soul of Mark Machado
6:00 pm	† Carol Whisman

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

6:30 am	† Soul of Matthew & Rudolph Nazareth
8:15 am	† Soul of Mark Machado

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

8:00 am	Raymond Ratkowski-Special Intention
4:30 pm	† Sue Glotzbsch

Sundays - First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

8:00 am	† Pat Woehnker
9:45 am	† Rita Haifley
11:30 am	† Elaine Church
5:30 pm	Pro Populo

Morning Prayer

Every Saturday morning at 7:45 am. Come and join the universal church in prayer and learn the beauty of the Litany of the Hours.

Confession Times

After most weekday Masses & Saturday, After the 8:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday after the 8:15 am Mass until the 6:00 pm Mass and after the 6:00 pm Mass until 8:30 pm

Saint Vincent de Paul:

For Assistance with Food or Utilities, please call 260-399-9092



FR. TERRY

How to prepare for Lent

I would like to share with you some ideas about preparing for Lent. We have six and a half weeks of Lent as a preparation for Easter. This preparation typically focuses on three practices in the spiritual life, which are described by Christ in the Gospel for Ash Wednesday: prayer, fasting (sacrifice), almsgiving (service). We all typically choose something for ourselves in those areas. But I want you to really ask God what He wants you to do, and not just pick something that suits yourself. While Lent isn't necessarily "better" just because it is "harder," there might be some real obstacles that the Lord wants us to overcome. So let's take it to prayer, so that it is not "my Lent, for me" but rather "His Lent, for me."

Remember that we don't aim to "impress God" with how awesome our Lent is. God is not impressed, although he may be honored. But we don't need to earn God's love.

People commonly "fail" in Lent – meaning that they don't keep their resolutions perfectly. At some point, you slip up. That's actually not a sin, and not even an obstacle to a "good"

Lent, because it can help you achieve the greatest goal of Lent: knowing more deeply and sincerely that you need God to save you, that you aren't going to save yourself. This lesson in humility, Admitting that we are not as strong as we think we are, is more important than anything else Lent can do for you. Remember: we don't need to earn God's love – it is a free gift from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And when you fail in a resolution that is small and simple, it is even better for teaching you humility!

With that being said, I would suggest a sort of "sliding scale" of Lent as you bring it to God in prayer.

1. If you don't do much on a daily and weekly basis for your faith, aim bigger. Look for goals that will really "stretch" your faith life.
2. If you already do quite a bit, aim smaller. Focus on intentionality and not losing the heart of what you are doing.

May God bless us all with open hearts to let Him show us the Lent He desires for us! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**Monday, March 3**

9:00 am Mary, Martha, Lazarus Prayer Gr.
 1:00 pm Rosary Making Gr.
 6:00 pm Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Formation
 6:00 pm RCIA/OCIA
 6:00 pm Gr. 1-6 Family Catechesis
 6:30 pm HASA Meeting

Fr. Solanus
 Library
 All Classrooms
 Mother Teresa
 Café
 Youth Room

Tuesday, March 4

8:00 am SNL Committee
 8:00 am Consumer Tech Class
 9:00 am MOMs Gr.
 1:00 PM Sacred Heart Prayer Ministry
 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
 6:30 pm Fraternus
 6:30 pm Fidelis
 6:30 pm Small Faith
 6:30 pm CYO Parish Rep. Meeting

Mother Teresa
 Parish Kitchen
 Parish Hall
 Fr. Solanus
 Parish Hall
 Café
 Youth Room
 Library
 Mother Teresa

Wednesday, March 5

6:30 am Men's Group

Mother Teresa

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES, 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 10AM, NOON, 6PM

1:00 pm Reach More Training
 6:00 pm Women's Welcome Meeting
 7:00 pm Soup/Cheese Toasties Supper
 7:00 pm Small Faith
 7:00 pm Small Faith

Mother Teresa
 Mother Teresa
 Parish Hall
 Library
 Fr. Solanus

Thursday, March 6

6:30 pm Reach More Training
 6:30 pm Small Faith
 7:30 pm Scout Meeting

Mother Teresa
 Conference Rm.
 Youth Room

Friday, March 7

No School-E Learning
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm Replica/Shroud of Turin

Church
 Parish Hall

Saturday, March 8

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD
 7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:00 am Mass
 8:45 am Eucharistic Adoration
 4:30 pm Mass

Gathering Area
 Church
 Church
 Church
 Church

Sunday, March 9

Holy Land Olive Wood
 K of C Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
 8:00 am Mass
 9:45 am Mass-Children's Liturgy of the Word -
 11:00 am RCIC
 11:30 am Mass
 1:30 pm Confirmation Student/Sponsor Mtg. 3 -
 4:00 pm Gr. 7 & 8 Youth Formation
 4:00 pm High School Defense
 4:00 pm Small Faith
 5:30 pm Mass
 7:00 pm Small Faith Lenten Devotional

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Traveling Statue

Celebrate St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton's Canonization
in your home!

How it works:

- Pick up the statue at a Sunday Mass
- Host the statue in a place of honor in your home for the week
- Use the prayers and information provided about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to guide your reflection

Go to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton website for more information and sign up
www.seasfw.org

KINDNESS CLUB

GROW KINDNESS
GRADES 5-8

MONDAYS 6:00-7:30

JOIN US ON SCHEDULED MONDAY EVENINGS AND
HELP US CULTIVATE KINDNESS WITH ONE
ANOTHER THROUGH CRAFTS, COMMUNITY, AND
FUN!

Location: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School
We will meet in the school atrium on school Mondays at 6:00 PM.
Students should be picked up at the front of the school at 7:30 PM.

Organized by Mrs. Michelle Sterk and Mrs. Alyssa Rost
Questions? Please contact Mrs. Rost at arost@stjohnsfw.org
In loving honor and memory of the kind spirit of Kay Sterk

Youth FormationFamily Formation

Grades 1-6

Parent Meetings/student classes
 March 2 & 3

Confirmation Student/Sponsor Meeting

March 9 at 1:30 pm (one meeting only)
 Main Church

Grade 8 Youth Formation has class on March 9

High School Faith Defense: March 9

4:00 pm Youth Room

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Join us during the 9:45 am Mass

All Children ages 4-6 are invited to participate in this ministry. Children are called up before the readings and dismissed together to have their own Liturgy of the Word with a reading of the Gospel and related songs and activities. Any questions contact Sarah Bishop and Mike Rost
seaschildrensliturgy@gmail.com



Fidelis & Fraternus

Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30
6th - 12th graders



This week's focus: ***Will you deny yourself anything?***

"If you fail to accept small sacrifices, you will certainly surrender when confronted with great sacrifices. Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan



**Join us Tuesday for games, food and a discussion about
how self-sacrifice can enhance your faith life.**

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ARCOLA

FISH FRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

4:00 - 7:00 PM

at St. Patrick's Parish Hall - 12305 Arcola Road, Fort Wayne

Adult \$16.00, Child (6-12) \$8.00 - Children 5 and under - free

(Carryout Meals will be sold inside until 6pm)

Includes: All you can eat fish, homemade potato salad and coleslaw, apple sauce, tartar sauce, and dessert. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches available for kids. **Drinks included:** Coffee, Water and Lemonade.

Silent Auction located in parish hall

Drive-thru To-Go... look for the signs!

Dinner \$16 includes fish, homemade coleslaw, applesauce, tartar sauce and cookie,
All Fish \$20, \$5 pint of homemade potato salad for sale until sold out.



A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Greetings! Hello, March! The school year is progressing swiftly! March marks the beginning of our final quarter of the academic year! Let's finish strong, Pioneers! Congratulations to our Vex Robotics teams for a successful season; they recently competed in Auburn. We invite all parishioners to join us for an evening celebrating our school! SNL is set for March 15th. Please come and be part of our largest social event and fundraiser of the year. Everyone is welcome! Enrollment for our preschool is ongoing, and we currently have openings in our 3-year-old program. Enrollment for K-8th grade will start later in March. Stay tuned to the school website or follow us on Facebook for the latest enrollment updates. Please note that Friday, March 7th is an eLearning Day for students. Have a wonderful week! Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, **Pray for us!**

Miss Widner

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

March 5- Ash Wednesday
 March 7- 3rd Quarter Ends
 March 7- NO SCHOOL-eLearning Day for students
 March 9- 8th Grade Confirmation/Sponsor Mtg. & Practice 1:30 p.m.
 March 10- 4th Quarter Begins
 March 15- SETON NIGHT LIVE!
 March 23- 8th Grade Confirmation Mass 2:00 p.m.
 March 28- School is in Session!

PHOTOS

Our VEX Robotics team recently had a great day competing at Kruse Plaza in Auburn. **Way to go, Pioneers!**





Preschool Enrollment

February 12-19, 2025
Priority Registration

February 20, 2025
Open Registration Begins

At Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, education begins in preschool! We offer both three and four year old preschool programs. Our goal is to foster an environment that promotes a love of learning and a love of Christ.

Contact us for further information or to arrange a tour of our school. 260.432.4001.
www.seasfw.org/school

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

Preschool update: We are currently enrolling for our 3 year old Preschool program and taking a waiting list for our 4-year-old program.

Seton Night Live



PROUDLY PRESENTS:
The Big Ten
Under the Big Top

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, STEP RIGHT UP! WILD WONDERS AWAIT INSIDE!
 STEP UNDER THE BIG TOP TO EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF A BILENT AND LIVE AUCTION,
 DELICIOUS COCKTAILS, AND FINE DINING AND DESSERTS.

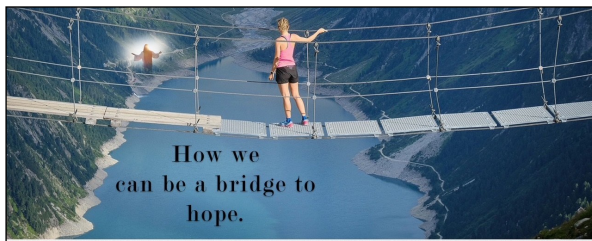
Join us on **SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH** for *The Greatest Fundraiser on Earth* as we celebrate 10 magical years!

LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM
 THE STRONG CITY FESTIVAL
 AND MULTIPLE MUSICAL
 GUESTS THAT YOU WON'T
 WANT TO MISS!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BUY
 TICKETS NOW!

Ladies and Gentlemen, **STEP RIGHT UP!** Tickets are now on sale for Seton Night Live - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School's biggest social event and fundraiser of the year!





How we
can be a bridge to
hope.

Mental Health Awareness Presentation and Resources

St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton Church
Parish Hall

March 19th
7:00-8:30

If you or someone you love suffers from mental illness or addiction, you do not have to go through this alone. Do you hold back from talking to or reaching out to someone with mental illness because you do not know what to say or how to help? Do you fear that you may cause more harm so you stay silent? Come join us to hear speakers from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Catholics in Recovery and Saint Dymphna's Mental Illness Peer Support Group. We will also have a speaker share how Jesus wants to heal us mentally, emotionally and spiritually. There will be resources available and members of local support groups to answer your questions. Please join us for an evening of hope and encouragement.

Short term job opportunity for a compassionate and responsible female Nurse or CNA to help a family with an elderly member who has Dementia. This would be 2-6 weeks from 5:00 pm -10:00 am at the **Towne House Retirement Community** on Saint Joe Rd.

This individual would have their own bedroom, bath and meals plus a lucrative paid position.

If interested, please call N. White at 260-414-4792
Thank you.

Join us for Stations of the Cross at
6:00 pm each* Friday of Lent.

*Friday April 11 at 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Reenactment by Fidelis/Fraternus



SVdP Food Pantry Cupboard Corner

Items currently needed:


Paper towels, facial tissue, paper napkins, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, toothpaste.

When you're out shopping this week, please include a few of the needed items in your cart. Bring them to Church next week and drop off in the donation cart. Thank you for helping keep our pantry stocked.



St Elizabeth's FIRST FRIDAY Volunteer Event: SEAS St Vincent de Paul Conference is excited to kick off the inaugural *First Friday Volunteer Event* this upcoming Friday, March 7th. Volunteers will meet at SEAS at 9:15am, carpool/caravan to SVdP Thrift Store (1600 S Calhoun St) to volunteer resetting/organizing sales floor, processing clothing, and assisting in reorganizing the book section for approximately 2 hours (10am-12noon). Around 12:30, those interested will gather for lunch downtown. Feel free to participate in all *First Friday* events, or drop in when you can for what you can. *First Friday* is an open invitation to anyone that would like to give back by volunteering. Invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us. Children younger than 15 must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions or would like more details, please email Angie at SVdP@seasfw.org. Looking forward to making a difference through service on Friday, March 7th.

SVdP Lenten Challenge: With Lent beginning this upcoming week, the St Elizabeth SVdP Conference invites you participate in our *Lenten Challenge*. Lent is period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter through prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. For the week of Ash Wednesday, let's challenge ourselves to fasting: "giving up" something that will actually "open up" more time in our daily lives. May we utilize a bit of that newly found time to help others. SVdP has many opportunities to help others, like our home visits to offer assistance to those in need, our First Fridays to work at the Thrift Store, our different committees to plan food drives, promotions, and fellowship events, and our involvement with fellow ministries at SEAS and in the southwest community. For more information on how you can help us help others, please email us at SVdP@seasfw.org




St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025
Mass Schedule

- 6:30 am
- 8:15 am*
- 10:00 am*
- 12:00 pm
- 6:00 pm
 - (Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Dinner to follow in the Parish Hall)


***School Masses**

Followed by our annual Soup and Cheese Toastie Supper after the 6:00 pm Mass in the Parish Hall.





MASS SCHEDULE



SHROUD OF TURIN TALK
FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH
 PARISHIONER RUTH BEIER

30-minute presentation
 immediately following
 Stations of the Cross
 in the parish hall
 (replica of the Shroud on display)

Parishioner, Ruth Beier, will be giving a 30 minute presentation on the Shroud of Turin on **Friday, March 7th.**

St. Elizabeth welcomes you on March 11 from 6-8

The Light is ON for You.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

40 Hours Devotion
March 23, 24, & 25



Sign Up for a Holy Hour at www.seasfw.org





We welcome Alfred & Grace Salsa back with their beautiful Holy Land Olive Wood displays. Join us in the Gathering area on **March 8th & 9th. Thank you.**

Ministry Schedule for March 8 & 9

Sub Request ®

Saturday	Lectors	EMHC	Servers	Ushers	Welcome
4:30 pm	Kevin McCrory Cindy Barnett	Annie McCrory Sarah King Dennis Barylski Von Bultemeyer	Charlotte Baker Jade Bultemeyer Leah Krish Oliver Krish	Tom Jurczak Michael Barnett	Darren/Kelly Renier
Sunday 8:00 am	Carmen Reed Jim Taper	Cheryl Kartholl Dan Kartholl Arlis LaMaster Nancy Gamble	Dominic Breckler Mary Emrick Betty Emrick Michael Emrick	Tim Homier Steve Conte	Jill Harris
Sunday 9:45 am	Chris Alderdice Steve Bush	Jason Close Kathryn Bloomfield Trisha Trout Joanne Leja	William Turner Elizabeth Brinker Mia Nazareth Kevin Nazareth	Mike O'Keefe David Knoth	Janeen Close
Sunday 11:30 am	Armie Aves Troy Cozad	Babara Kaminskas Jennifer Vincent Jim Drohan Julie Christenson	Abram Knoth Xavier Sjanks Enrique Smith Matias Parra	Rich Burton Steve Wells	Bette Worley
Sunday 5:30 pm	Kelley Doyle Jonathan Feola®	Mary Barritt Ellen Paxton Noah Paxton Jerome Ticatic	Templars Templars Templars Templars	Bryan Smith	NEEDED

THERE WILL BE INCENSE AT THE 5:30 PM MASS

PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS

SUNDAY: February 16, 2025

ADULT & LOOSE COLLECTIONS: \$ 12,279.97
 ONLINE & MAILED COLLECTIONS: \$ 25,036.50
 TOTAL: \$ 37,316.47
 CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: \$ 60.27

THANK YOU

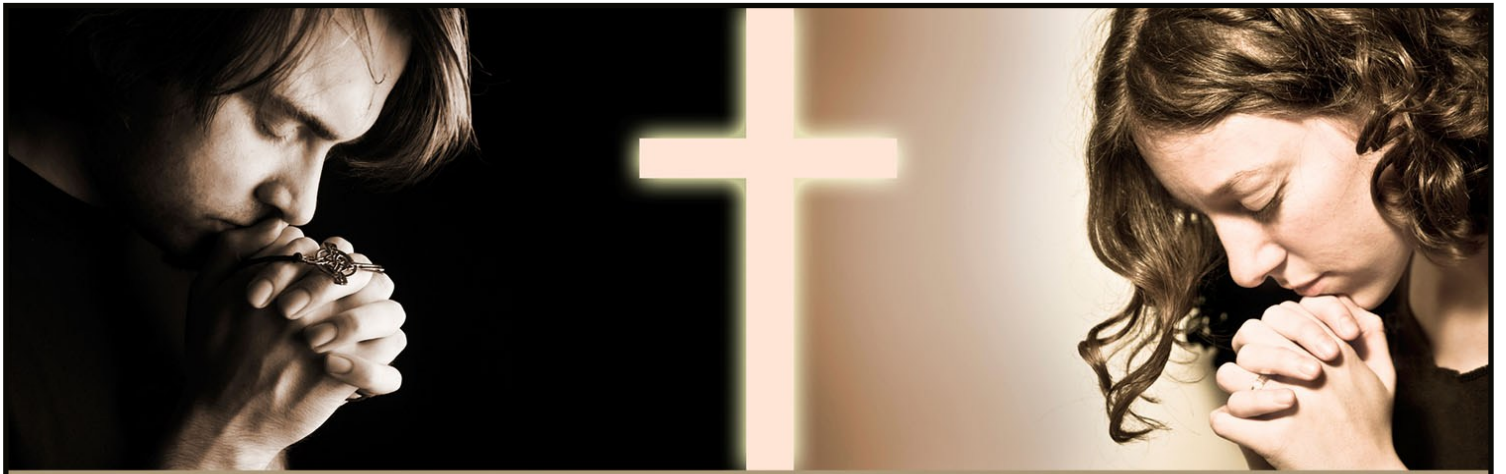
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Framing**

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION



Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you and your prayers. I'll see them soon.



*“But when you pray, go to your inner room,
close the door, and pray to your Father in secret!”*