



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

755 Highway 49, Tennessee Ridge
Tennessee 37178

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Christ took away our infirmities /and bore our diseases.

Welcome!

The community of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is delighted that you have joined us for Mass!

If you would like to become a member of our faith community, please register on our website at seastn.com or you may also pick up a form at the parish office, Mon-Fri, 9:00am to 3:00p.m. For any questions, call us at 931-721-3769. If you are visiting St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, know you are always welcome!

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Office Hours:

Tue & Thurs 9:00am—3:00pm

Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Sunday: 11:30 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: Noon
Thursday: Noon

Reconciliation:

At all Masses.
Also by an Appointment.

First Friday Adoration:

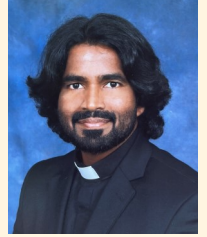
First Friday of every month
11 am –noon

Call the office for Sacramental Information or visit:

<https://Seastn.com>



Our Children... Our Future Church



God is good all the time!

Dear Parishioners,

Being around so many children, teenagers, and young adults both in India and in the USA; I've gained much insight and experience by ministering to them. Our children are so rich, life-changing, and unforgettable! They're truly blessings from God! Like a ball of yarn; they're tangled in love and affection, play and teasing, quarrels and infectious smiles!

Children indeed amaze us with their simplicity, innocence, curiosity, and wonderment and instinctively gravitate to love. They make our lives beautiful and meaningful. Whether family, relatives, friends or our church community, we can all experience the children as they unite everyone together bringing so much joy and happiness to the family and community. Children are close to the kingdom of God. Children reflect that part of us that is still innocent, loving, forgiving, sympathetic, loyal and trusting to only name a few. If we can relate to these qualities in a child, we can reconnect with our own inner child. What true blessings from God!

The Bible is clear that children are to be looked upon as a blessing, not an inconvenience. They are a reward and truly, are a GIFT from God. They are ours in the sense they are entrusted to us, yes...Still... they are His children; God's children and belong to Him.

Jesus showed His care for children. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2222 says: "Parents must regard their children as children of God and respect them as human persons". Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in heaven, they educate their children to fulfill God's law.

"What is needed today is a church, which knows how to respond to the expectations of young people. Jesus wants to enter into dialogue with them and, through his body, which is the church, to propose the possibility of a choice, which will require a commitment of their lives. As Jesus with the disciples of Emmaus, so the church must become the traveling companion of young people..."- Pope St. John Paul II, World Youth Day 1995
Children and teens are living in a rapidly shifting culture.

Teens have lots of pressures to fit in whether social media pressure or peer pressures... busy, busy. With the Catholic Church's conservative stance on homosexuality, abortion, and divorce, many youth are liberally minded and confused about what is right and wrong.

They may know to be kind, but to whom and how without stepping on "my rights"?

We as community have the first responsibility for the spiritual formation of our children; starting with their parents in the home. Their first place of teaching... We need to grow our kids God's way. They who bear witness to this responsibility first, creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and acts of service are the rule; the home well suited for education in the virtues, taking responsibility and care to give a good example to their children.

Our homes are the natural environment for initiating a human being into solidarity and communal responsibilities. Children need to be taught to avoid the compromising and degrading influences which threaten human societies. Our mission of teaching our children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. Spiritual formation begins where? ...Commitment to taking a few moments each day at home to engage with our children and showing our own interest in their spiritual path, will be a time of enrichment and growth for both!

As members of the Church, we all are responsible for the spiritual care of the children who belong to our community. Because our children ARE the future church. When the kids receive a proper spiritual formation with the help of their parents and the ministers, they will become true witnesses of Christ Jesus. Help and encourage your children to participate in the children's activities that are conducted and provided in our church.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Week in a Glance

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Sunday, February 4

11:30am Liturgy-Church

Tuesday, February 6

Noon Mass

4:00pm RCIA

Thursday, February 8

Noon Mass

Sunday, February 11

11:30am Liturgy –Church

12:30pm Potluck

St Francis of Assisi Church

Sunday, February 4

8:30 am Liturgy –Church

Wednesday, February 7:

5:30pm Daily Mass + Crispin Garciano

6:30 pm Channel of Peace Meeting

Friday, February 9 Trenton Pfeiffer

8:00am Mass

Saturday, February 10 Trenton Pfeiffer

5:30pm Mass

Announcements

Potluck next Sunday after Mass.

Save the Date

Father Vimal is the guest speaker at Theology Uncorked Tuesday evening February 20, in Humbolt Tn. Details coming soon!

We are having a Lenten Retreat!! More details soon!



The

Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries nurtures our faith through catechesis, formation, retreats and conferences, evangelization, and discipleship. Support the spiritual growth of our youth and adults by making your 2024 gift today at [dioceseof-](https://dioceseof-nashville.org/bishop-appeal)

Mass is not about some thing. It is about the One who loves me.

"Mass is Boring."

Before I had truly *encountered* Jesus, this statement described my experience at times. Perhaps it does for you as well. We go to Mass and feel the same holy water on our foreheads, participate in the same rituals, speak the same words, see the same things... But is Mass really boring?

Just to help keep myself honest, I looked up the definition of boring. My source indicates boredom comes from restlessness, because I am not interested in something. Hmm. Yet Mass is not about some *thing*. It is about the *One* who loves me.

Mass—I can say it, we each can say it—is about the Someone who loves me so much that not only did he die for me, but he literally defeated sin and death, crushed Satan, and opened up the gates of heaven for me so that I could live in eternal bliss forever. Even if I were the only human in the universe, the only person in need of rescue, he would have done it all for me, just for me.

And guess what? He would have done it just for you, too.

Friends, this is what the Mass is about: entering into the depths of self-giving love that Jesus poured out on the cross and continues to pour out every time his self-sacrifice is renewed at Mass. And he wants us there, all of us. No, not just meaning each and every one of us (although that is true too!), but our whole selves—our minds, our hearts, our bodies, our souls—100% of me, all there; 100% of you, all there—for him, through him, with him, in him.

It is possible to perceive Mass as boring, but the objective truth of the matter is that this just isn't reality. Mass is the most exciting, passionate, profound experience we could ever have with another Person. And that Person happens to be the Son of God, Jesus Christ, in perfect communion with his Father, through the Spirit.

The same thing over and over? I don't think so. Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.

The Celebration of the Eucharist :

Minister
Lector
E.M.H.C
E.M.H.C
Gift Bearer

Feb 4
Seth Rye
Sue Resler
Bill Resler
Della Hudson

Feb 11
Bonnie Lill
Della Hudson
Gregg Lill
Wayne & Marilyn Jurgovan



Prayer Intentions

Lea Eichorn, Della Hudson, Joan Kupiec, Bob Eberle, Bill Hrachovina, Rick Mathes, Jeff Pack, Paul Brendle, Bill Darnell, Autumn Gibson, Shan McEvoy, Barry Parker, Hector Segura, Mabry Violet Walker, Pat Mallory, Sophia Jewell, Joe Mills & Larry Walker

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 4 thru Feb 11

Sunday Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1Cor 9:16-19 Mk 1:29-39
Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27--30 Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10 mk 7:14-23
Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30
Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19
Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10
Sunday Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 /1Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

Thank you for your support!

Our Gifts to the Lord
Last Week's Collection: 1807.00
Sunday Attendance: 45
Over our weekly goal: 307.00

This is based on 1500.00 needed per week.



If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we would love to have you join us in The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA]. Please call the office at 931-721-3769 for additional information. We look forward to walking with you on your journey into the Catholic Faith.



"We must pray literally without ceasing— without ceasing—in every occurrence and employment of our lives . . . that prayer of the heart which is independent of place or situation, or which is rather a habit of lifting up the heart to God as in a constant communication with Him."

— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

We love having you as part of our flock!

Please text annseton to 84576 to register for our parish Flocknote account.



With this access you will be able to select those groups you are interested in, to be updated with news and happenings that you care about.

This spot can be yours

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