

Aug 31, 2025, 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

# St. Elizabeth

## Ann Seton Catholic Church

Twenty First Sunday of  
Ordinary Time.

“For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”  
Lk 14:11-12



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 10:30am  
10:30-11:30am Adoration & Confession

Thursday, 10:30am  
10:30-11:30am Adoration & Confession

#### WEEKEND MASS

Sunday, 11:30am

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00am-3:30pm

### OUR CLERGY

#### 12TH BISHOP OF NASHVILLE

Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding,  
DD, JCL

#### PASTOR

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## From the Pastor's Desk Rev. Fr. Aby Thanickal, CMI



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7–14) invites us to reflect deeply on the virtue of humility. At the banquet table, Jesus teaches us not to seek the places of honor, but rather to choose the lowest place. In God's Kingdom, greatness is not measured by titles, status, or recognition, but by a heart willing to serve in silence and simplicity.

True humility is not weakness; it is strength rooted in love. It allows us to see others as God sees them and to recognize our own dependence on His mercy. Jesus reminds us that the humble will be exalted, and that in giving without seeking repayment, we find our reward in heaven.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) gives us a very practical guide to living out humility in daily life. Her "Humility List" is a beautiful reminder that holiness is found in small acts of surrender, patience, and love:

### Mother Teresa's Humility List

1. Speak as little as possible about yourself.
2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.
3. Avoid curiosity.
4. Do not interfere in the affairs of others.
5. Accept small irritations with good humor.
6. Do not dwell on the faults of others.
7. Accept censures even if unmerited.
8. Give in to the will of others.
9. Accept insults and injuries.
10. Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.
11. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked.
12. Do not seek to be admired and loved.
13. Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.
14. Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.
15. Choose always the more difficult task.

Mother Teresa reminds us: "You cannot learn humility from books; you learn it by accepting humiliations. Humiliations are not meant to torture us; they are gifts from God. If we accept them with joy, they help us to be holy, to have a meek and humble heart like Jesus."

May we each strive to live this Gospel call by choosing the hidden path of humility, serving others with joy, and welcoming those who cannot repay us. In doing so, we prepare our hearts for the true banquet—the eternal feast of heaven.

"Humble yourself and you will find favor with God." (Sir 3:18-20 and 1 Peter 5:6)

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, You who were meek and humble of heart, teach us the beauty of humility. Help us to serve without seeking reward, to accept small trials with patience, and to love others with a pure heart. May we walk in Your footsteps and learn to find joy in hidden sacrifices. May we imitate the humility of You and Your Mother.

Make us instruments of Your love, so that we may one day share in the banquet of the righteous in heaven.

Amen.

In Christ,  
Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI  
Pastor

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Tennessee Ridge, Tn. 37178

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

See below.  
Common election soon

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tony Arthon  
Gregg Lill  
Marilyn Jurgovan

## PARISH STAFF

**SECRETARY/  
BOOKKEEPER/DRE**  
Valerie Brown

## MASS INTENTIONS

**St Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
Sunday, Aug 31, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners

11:10am Rosary  
11:30am Mass

**Mon, Sept 1, [No Mass]**

**Tues, Sept 2, Wyatt Brown**  
10:30am Mass

11:00am-Noon Adoration/  
Confessions

**Thurs, Sept 4, [No Mass]**

**Fri, Sept 5, The Sacristans**  
10:30am Mass

11:00am-noon Adoration/  
Confession

### St Francis of Assisi

Sunday, Aug 31, St Francis parishioners

8:10am Rosary

8:30am Mass

**Wed, Sept 3, Volunteer Committee**

4:30-5:30pm Adoration/  
Confessions

5:30pm Mass

**Fri, Sept 5, Worship Committee**

4:30-5:30pm Adoration/  
Confessions

5:30pm Mass

**Saturday, Sept 6, Altar Servers**

5:10pm Rosary

5:30pm Vigil Mass

## WEEK IN A GLANCE

**Sunday, August 31,**  
12:30pm Finance Committee meeting

**Tuesday, September 2,**  
4:00pm Scripture Study group meets

**Friday, September 5**

10:30 Mass

11:30-noon First Friday Adoration/  
Confessions.

**Sunday, September 7**

10:00am First day Religious Education



Meet the members of our new Pastoral Council Committee:

Bonnie Lill  
Dave Higingbottom  
Tom Vorholt  
Diane Lill  
Seth Rye  
Larry Walker  
Haydee Perez

Date for retreat and general election coming soon!

## Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for 2025 is \$5500.00. As of now we have committed **\$1586.00** which is **28.84%** of our goal.

We need **\$3914.00** to meet our goal.

Our donation will go to different ministries, seminarian education, etc. If you would like to donate and help us meet our goal, please grab flyer/envelope from the table in the narthex.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

We will not have Mass on Monday, September 1. This Mass has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 2.

Beginning the first week in September the daily Mass will change. The Mass will be at 10:30am with Adoration/ Confessions from 11:00am-noon. See Mass Intentions for complete schedule.

### CCD 2025-2026

The first day of CCD is Sunday, September 7. We will meet from 10:00am until 11:15am. Sign up sheets in Narthex.



First Friday is Sept 5. Mass will begin at 10:30am and Adoration is from 11:00am-noon.

No Mass on Thurs, Sept 4.

**Have you signed up to participate in creating our Family Directory?**

In the next couple months, we plan to work on a new directory for our parish. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to participate in having a family photo taken. You will receive a free 8x10 family photo and a directory.

### OCIA

We will begin OCIA [formally RCIA] on Tuesday, September 23, at 4:30pm. If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Faith, please call the office.



A weekend retreat for juniors & seniors! *Worship/Prayer/Friendship/Activities* Several weekends to choose from. See bulletin board in the hallway for more Information or scan the QR code

Minister	August 31	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28
Lector	Bill Resler	Bonnie Lill	Tom Vorholt	Seth Rye	Diane Lill
E.M.H.C	Diane Lill	Gregg Lill	Sue Resler	Glenn Hake	Dave Higingbottom
E.M.H.C	Bonnie Lill	Dave Higingbottom	Bonnie Lill	Janet Hake	Gregg Lill
Gift Bearer	Higingbottoms	Jurgovans	Bonnie Lill	Gregg & Diane Lill	Long, James and Sandy
Money Counters	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker
Greeters	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony	Gregg/Diane	Zwolak	Larry and Tony

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS**

Aug 24 thru Aug 31

- Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7 -14
- Monday 1Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11 Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11
- Friday Col 1:15-20 Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9:10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

**Prayer Intentions**

Tammy Arthon, Bonnie Lill, Gregg Lill, David Russell, Dale Edwards & Ken Simpson.



**Thank you for your support!**  
Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Week's Collection: Online **\$ 376.10**  
Cash & checks: **\$ 1005.00**  
**Total: \$ 1381.10**

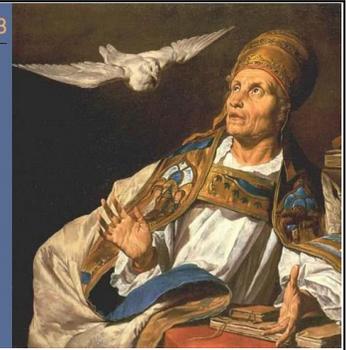
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**Pope St. Gregory the Great :: September 3**

"O God, who care for your people with gentleness and rule them in love, through the intercession of Pope Saint Gregory, endow, we pray, with a spirit of wisdom those to whom you have given authority to govern, that the flourishing of a holy flock may become the eternal joy of the shepherds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."



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