

Sept 21, 2025, The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Ordinary Time.

You cannot serve both God and mammon."  
Luke 16:13



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 8:00am  
8:30am-9:30am Adoration & Confession

Thursday, 8:00am  
8:30am-9:30am 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

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



Dear Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel (Lk 16:1-13) presents us with one of the most challenging parables Jesus tells: the story of the dishonest steward. At first glance, it may seem strange that the master praises the steward who manipulated debts for his own advantage. But Jesus is not praising dishonesty—He is pointing out the steward's prudence in preparing for the future. The Lord then challenges us: if the children of this world are so shrewd in securing temporary benefits, how much more should the children of light act wisely in seeking what lasts forever.

The heart of this Gospel lies in the call to fidelity and trustworthiness. Jesus reminds us: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." Faithfulness is not measured only in great acts of sacrifice but in the small, hidden choices we make daily. Every act of honesty, every careful use of time, every respectful word, every decision to forgive—these are the small matters where God tests and forms our hearts. If we are faithful in these, He entrusts us with the greater gift of eternal life.

Another important lesson comes from Jesus' final words: "No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and mammon." Mammon represents wealth, possessions, and the false security they promise. Jesus is not condemning money itself—what He warns against is allowing it to become our master. Money and possessions are meant to serve us and help us serve God, but when they dominate our choices, they enslave us.

Being in the world often brings confusion about what is truly right. Voices around us compete for our loyalty: comfort, success, wealth, pleasure, or even human approval. The disciple of Christ must learn to discern clearly and to choose wisely, remembering that only one Master leads us to eternal life.

This week, we also prepare to celebrate the feast of Saint Padre Pio on September 23. He is a modern witness of someone who chose God as his only Master. Padre Pio lived in simplicity, prayer, and deep trust in divine providence, even while enduring trials, suffering, and misunderstanding. He often reminded the faithful: "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

His words are a powerful reminder that true wealth is not found in possessions but in faith, hope, and love. Like the Gospel steward, we too are called to prepare for the future—but not by clinging to dishonest gain. Rather, we prepare for eternal life through prayer, charity, and trust in God. Padre Pio's life shows us what it means to be faithful in small things and steadfast in great trials.

Let us not be afraid to examine our lives this week. Where have I been careless with the gifts entrusted to me? Where do I need greater honesty or discipline? How can I use my blessings to serve God and others more faithfully? May Saint Padre Pio's intercession help us to live wisely and serve God with undivided hearts.

Prayer

*Heavenly Father,  
You have entrusted us with many gifts and blessings.  
Help us to be faithful stewards, using all we have to glorify You.  
Through the example of Saint Padre Pio,  
teach us to trust You more deeply,  
to pray with confidence, and to live with charity.  
Free us from attachment to wealth and possessions,  
and give us wisdom to seek what lasts forever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI

Pastor

St. Francis of Assisi and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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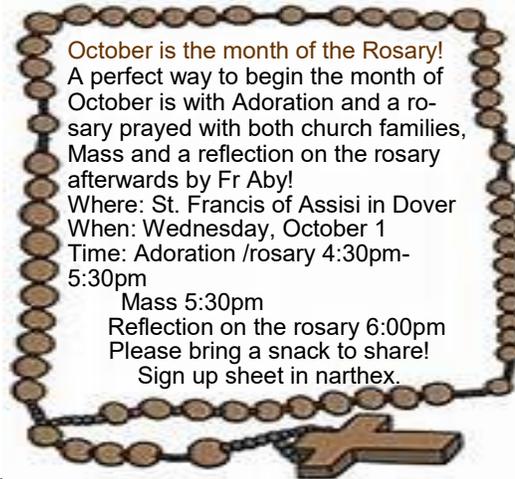
## MASS INTENTIONS

**St Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
**Sun, Sept 21, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners**  
11:10am Rosary  
11:30am Mass  
**Mon, Sept 22 +Diana Perez**  
8:00am Mass  
8:30am-9:30am Adoration/  
Confessions  
**Thurs, Sept 18 +Charlie Kirk**  
8:00am Mass  
8:30am-9:30m Adoration/  
Confessions

**St Francis of Assisi**  
**Sun, Sept 21, St Francis parishioners**  
8:10am Rosary  
8:30am Mass  
**Wed, Sept 24, + Bill Starner**  
4:30-5:30pm Adoration/  
Confessions  
5:30pm Mass  
**Fri, Sept 26**  
8:00am Mass  
8:30-9:30am Adoration/  
Confessions  
**Sat, Sept 27**  
5:10pm Rosary  
5:30pm Vigil Mass

## WEEK IN A GLANCE

**Sunday, September 21**  
**10:00am-11:15am CCD**  
**Sunday, September 28**  
**11:30am Healing Mass**



October is the month of the Rosary!  
A perfect way to begin the month of October is with Adoration and a rosary prayed with both church families, Mass and a reflection on the rosary afterwards by Fr Aby!  
Where: St. Francis of Assisi in Dover  
When: Wednesday, October 1  
Time: Adoration /rosary 4:30pm-5:30pm  
Mass 5:30pm  
Reflection on the rosary 6:00pm  
Please bring a snack to share!  
Sign up sheet in narthex.

## Save the Date

We have the dates for our photo directory!! Please keep Tuesday, Nov 3, and Wednesday, Nov 4, available for an appointment [between 1:30-8:00pm] to have your family photo taken for our church directory!  
Along with a free 8X10 photo of your family, you will receive a hard copy and a digital photo directory which contains the photos of families from both parishes!!

**Parish Picnic in the Park**  
Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**  
Rosary Rally at Stewart Co. Courthouse noon  
12:30pm-4:30pm picnic at the park

New Location!

Lick Creek Park Dover Tn, 37058  
**Mass 5:30pm at St Francis of Assisi**  
Bring a chair, something to drink, and a dish to share  
Sign up sheet in narthex

Bring an outdoor Game to share!

Pumpkin Decorating

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Healing Mass

During Mass on Sunday, September 28, anyone who is suffering from any kind of sickness is welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament brings spiritual strength, peace, and courage and when it is God's Will, even physical healing. The anointing has a six month validity, which means a person can receive it again after six months if needed. We warmly invite all parishioners, especially the sick and homebound, to join us in prayer and encounter the healing love of Christ.



## OCIA

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

Reminder: Daily Mass times are Monday and Thursday, 8:00am. Adoration/Confessions 8:30-9:30am

### Purchase tickets for a ham!

You have one more week to purchase tickets for a Clifty Farm Ham from St Francis of Assisi. All proceeds go toward the purchase of gifts for the residents in the nursing home in Dover who have a birthday in the month of November. Ticket prices: one for \$2.00/ three for \$5.00/seven for \$10.00. See Valerie for your tickets! A shout out to Piggly Wiggly in Dover for donating the ham. Drawing for ham on Sept 28!



# Liturgical Ministers

Minister	Sept 21	Sept 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19
<b>Lector</b>	Seth Rye	Diane Lill	Tom Vorholt	Bonnie Lill	Bill Resler
<b>E.M.H.C</b>	Glenn Hake	Dave Higingbottom	Janet Hake	Bill Resler	Bonnie Lill
<b>E.M.H.C</b>	Janet Hake	Gregg Lill	Glenn Hake	Sue Resler	David Higingbottom
<b>Gift Bearer</b>	Gregg & Diane Lill	Long, James and Sandy	Perez	Rood Family	Rye Family
<b>Money Counters</b>	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry and Tony	Gregg/Diane	Zwolak	Larry and Tony	Gregg & Diane

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Sept 21 thru Sept 28

- Sunday Am 8:4-7 1Tm 2:1-8 or 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
- Monday Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,14-20 Lk 8:19-21 **St Pius of Pietrelcina**
- Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9
- Friday Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22 **SS Cosmas and Damian**
- Saturday Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45 **St Vincent de Paul**
- Sunday Am 6:1a, 4-7/1Tm6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

## Prayer Intentions

Tammy Arthon, Bonnie Lill, Gregg Lill, David Russell, Dale Edwards, Ken Simpson, Frank Visconi, Robin Frederick Laws and Sue Resler.

## Thank you for your support!

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Week's Collection: Online **\$180.00**  
Cash & checks: **\$738.00**  
**Total: \$918.00**

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## Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for 2025 is \$5500.00. As of now we have committed **\$1729.00** which is **31.44%** of our goal. We need **\$3771.00** 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.



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## Flocknote:

If you are not receiving our emails or texts and would like to receive our communications, please let the office know. We send out texts for any changes, reminders, etc., and once a week there is an email which comes out on Friday which contains the bulletin and any other news. Emails may also arrive in your box for a parish announcement, etc.



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