

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter



And it happened that while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened.

He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

-Luke 24:30-31, 35

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 10:30 am Mass
11:00 am Adoration/
Confession

Thursday, 10:30am Mass
11:00 am Adoration/
Confession

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday, 11:30am Mass

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 9:00 am–1:00pm
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Reflection from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The beautiful Gospel account of the journey to Emmaus speaks directly to our own lives of faith. The two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem discouraged, confused, and burdened by shattered hopes. They had believed in Jesus, trusted in Him, and yet the events of the cross left them feeling lost. How often do we find ourselves on a similar road—carrying disappointments, questions, and uncertainties?

Yet, the heart of this Gospel is not their sadness, but Christ's faithful presence. Even when they did not recognize Him, Jesus walked beside them. He listened patiently, allowed them to express their grief, and gently guided them back to understanding through the Scriptures. This reminds us that the Lord is always near, especially when we feel most distant from Him.

The turning point comes in the breaking of the bread. At the table, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus. This moment is deeply Eucharistic. Each time we gather for Mass, the same Lord comes to us—in His Word proclaimed and in the Eucharist shared. Like the disciples, we are invited to recognize Him not only in extraordinary moments, but in the ordinary rhythms of prayer, Scripture, and sacrament.

Notice also how their encounter with Christ transforms them. Their sadness turns into joy, their confusion into clarity, and their retreat into mission. They immediately return to Jerusalem to share the Good News. An authentic encounter with the risen Lord always leads to renewal and a desire to witness.

At the heart of this Gospel is a simple, powerful plea: "Lord, stay with us." It is the prayer of every believer. When the day seems long, when faith feels weak, when hope fades—we turn to Him and ask Him to remain. And the beautiful truth is this: He does. He stays with us in His Word, in the Eucharist, and in the quiet moments of our daily lives.

Let this be our constant prayer: Lord, stay with us. In our homes, in our work, in our struggles, and in our joys—remain with us always.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for without You we lose our way. Stay with us in times of doubt and discouragement. Open our eyes to recognize Your presence and set our hearts on fire with Your love. Remain with us in the Eucharist and guide us each day. Amen.

Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI



Pastor

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Sun, Apr 19, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners

11:00am Rosary/confession
11:30am Mass

Mon, April 20, Church Youth

10:30am Mass
11:00am Adoration/Confession

Thur, Apr 23, World Peace

10:30am Mass
11:00am Adoration/Confession

Sun, Apr, 26 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners,

11:00am Rosary/confession
11:30am Mass

St Francis of Assisi

Sat, Apr 18, Ken and Diane Simpson+

4:45pm Confession
5:30pm Mass

Sun, Apr 19, The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

8:30am Mass

Wed Apr 22 Elmer Wilson+

4:30 Adoration
5:30 Mass

Fri, Apr 24 Eva Clark+

10:30am Mass
11:00am Adoration /Confession

Sat, Apr 25, Tina Reilly+

4:45pm Confession
5:00pm Rosary
5:30pm Mass

Sun, Apr 26, The Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Mass

WEEK IN A GLANCE

There will be a special collection for the **Bishops Annual Appeal for Ministries** on April 19th.

Potluck Sunday & First Communion
this Sunday April 19th

There will be a blessing of the completed fellowship hall project before we begin potluck

Reminder: Father Aby will only use the email in the bulletin. Disregard any emails that claim to be him from any other source.

The church is looking for a Director of Religious Education and Safe Environment Coordinator for both churches for the 2026/2027 School year. This will be a paid job with around 3-5 paid hours a week. You will be required to be present at staff meetings and coordinate CCD, OCIA, Safe Environment training, all sacraments involved, and VBS. If you are interested in this part-time position, please see Father Aby or contact the church office.



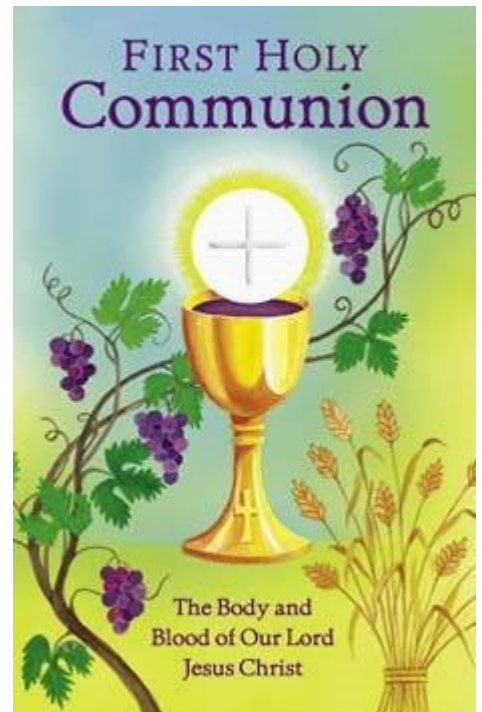
PARISH STAFF

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Thurs: 9:00am-2:00pm
Bookkeeper: Debra Burkhalter
Wed: 10:00-2:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a special collection for the **Bishops Annual Appeal for Ministries** on April 19th. Our goal for this year is \$7,000. Every dollar counts.

Congratulations
Matthew Zwolak!



Is God calling you to a ministry?

Join a church ministry and participate more fully in our church. See Father Aby for details.



Liturgical Ministers

Minister	April 19	April 26	May 3	May 10
Lector	Dianne L.	Sue R.	Bonnie L.	Tom V.
E.M.H.C	Bonnie L.	Bill R.	Connie V.	Glenn H.
E.M.H.C	Bill R.	Sue R.	Janet H.	David H.
Gift Bearer	Walker	Arthon	Cauthen	Covington
Money	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	T Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker
Greeters	Larry & Tony	Gregg & Dianne	Zwolak Family	Larry & Tony

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

- Apr 19-Apr 26
- Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
 - Monday Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
 - Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
 - Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
 - Thursday Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 *St George/St Adlebert*
 - Friday Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 *St Fidelis*
 - Saturday 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 *St Mark*
 - Sunday Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn

Prayer Intentions

Michael & Lisa Smith, Henry Garrett+, Tammy Arthon, Gregg Lill, Dale Edwards, Frank Visconi, Robin Frederick Laws and Sue Resler.



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