

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Sunday: 11:30 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: Noon

Thursday: Noon

Reconciliation:

Weekdays before Tuesday and
Thursday Mass.

Also by an Appointment.

12 Hour Adoration:

First Friday of every month

7am to 7pm

Daily Adoration/ Rosary

Mon –Sat 11:00 am to noon

Sunday 10:30 - 11:30

Pentecost Sunday

New to the Parish? Welcome! To register as a parishioner of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, please contact the office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Church law directs that Catholics receive marriage preparation and be married in the Church. Please contact the office at least four months prior to the wedding. Advent and lent are penitential Seasons: weddings are discouraged during these seasons.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism should take place A.S.A.P. following birth. Expectant parents should contact the office for baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone in danger of death or the elderly should receive this sacrament. Anyone anticipating a surgery or a stay in the hospital should request the sacrament before surgery.

Religious Education Classes [CCD]: Is available for Grades Pre-K-10 10:00 am on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

Today's Meditation

Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, *Receive the Holy Spirit!* (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to *wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high* (Luke 24:49). Why did they need *power from on high*? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

"And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who *baptizes with the Holy Spirit*'" (John 1:32,33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

"And Jesus, *full of the Holy Spirit*, returned from the Jordan, and was *led by the Spirit* for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the *power of the Spirit* into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14).

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

Basil the Great (329-379 AD), an early church father, explains the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives: "The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise by Basil on *The Holy Spirit*)

The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

"Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of your love that I may serve you in joy and freedom."

Don Schwager



This week's featured Lighthouse CD is God my Past / God of my Future: Presented by Lighthouse Catholic Youth: Recorded live at two of Life Teen's XLT events, Mark Hart and Matt Smith reveal the depth of God's infinite love for each of us, and challenge us to find out what happens when we abandon everything to Him.

The first talk on this CD is from Mark Hart. Like his past CDs he has a way of being able to bring you closer to God with a pizzazz that only he has. This talk about your past is definitely worth listening to. Matt Smith, to me, doesn't have the same pizzazz that Mark has but still keeps a person engaged. Matt talks about our future. How we should think and live our everyday life.

We have several new titles in our library. Please feel free to borrow a book. If you are unaware of where our library is, you can find it in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.

GOING TO ADORATION IS PRACTICE FOR HEAVEN

June 5 Adoration Time

- 7:00 to 8:00– Bill & Sue
- 8:00 to 9:00– Michiko
- 9:00 to 10:00– _____
- 10:00 to 11:00– Haydee
- 11:00 to 12:00– Haydee
- 12:00 to 1:00– Della
- 1:00 to 2:00– Valerie
- 2:00 to 3:00– Ann Schaeffer
- 3:00 to 4:00– _____
- 4:00 to 5:00– _____
- 5:00 to 6:00– _____
- 6:00 to 7:00 Joan

We still have many openings
Please sign up today!

Father Michael will be out of town Friday, May 29 thru Friday, June 5.
There will be no weekday Masses during this time.
We will have a visiting priest for next Sunday's Mass.

Looking Ahead

Our normal monthly potluck has been moved for the month of June. It will not be the first Sunday of the month but rather the second Sunday of month, June 14. We will be celebrating Father Michael's 8th year anniversary of his ordination.



The office will be closed this week Monday, May 25 and Thursday, May 28.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 24

Mass 11:30am
All my family goes to Heaven
By Dolores Chesser

Tuesday, May 26

Mass noon

+Norbert & Anna Schaezner
By Dolores Chesser

Thursday, May 28

Mass Noon

Sunday, May 31

Mass 11:30am
Valerie & Mike Brown

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

May 24 thru May 31

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11
1Cor 12:3b-7 12-13
Jn 15:26-27
- Monday: Sir 17:20-24
Mk10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12
Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Sir 36:1,4-5a10-17
Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: Sir 42:15-25
Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: Sir 44:1,9-13
Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20
Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: Dt 4:32-34,39-40
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Ministers	May 24, 2015	May 31, 2015
Lector	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler
E.M.H.C	Diane Lill	Bill Resler
E.M.H.C	Joan	Shirene
Gift Bearer	Wanda	Perez's

Our Gifts to the Lord

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