

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 10:45

“May the most just, the most high, the most amiable will of God be ever loved, adored, and accomplished.”

Mother Seton’s Favorite Prayer

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.

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

Allow God's word to shape your heart and intentions

Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions.

Allow God's word to change your way of thinking

Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them.

Uproot wrong thoughts and attitudes before they grow

Where does evil spring from and what's the solution for eliminating it from our lives? Jesus deals with this issue in response to the religious leaders' concern with ritual defilement - making oneself unfit to offer acceptable sacrifice and worship to God. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people.

Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

Only Jesus can free us from sin and guilt

God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness. *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:8-9).

Let Jesus be the master of your heart and desires

When Cain was jealous of his brother, Abel, God warned him to guard his heart: *"Sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it"*(Genesis 4:7). Do you allow any sinful desires to enter the door of your heart and mind? We do not need to entertain or give in to sinful desires or thoughts, but instead, through the grace of God, we can choose to put them to death rather than allow them to be the master who controls our way of thinking, feeling, and acting.

The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness

Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God through his Word and Spirit first brings to light our sinful condition that we may recognize sin for what it is and call upon God's mercy and pardon. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to change and transform your heart?

Daily Quote from the early church fathers: *Keeping one's own heart with all watchfulness*, by Origen of Alexandria, 185-254 A.D.

"These things are what 'defiles the person' when they come out from the heart and, after they have gone out from it, go through the mouth. Thus if they did not occur outside of the heart but were held by the person somewhere around the heart, not being allowed to be spoken through the mouth, they would very quickly disappear and the person would not be defiled any longer. Therefore the source and beginning of every sin is 'evil reasonings.' For if these reasonings did not prevail, there would be neither murders nor acts of adultery nor any other of such things. Because of this each one ought to keep one's own heart with all watchfulness. (excerpt from *COMMENTARY ON MATTHEW 11.14-15*)

Monthly Parish Workday will be scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2015 from 8 am to 11 am. Parishioners will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please dress comfortably for work indoors. Everyone is welcome as there is a variety of work to be done (standing and sitting). Many hands make light work!
 Questions?
 contact Diane Lill 931-721-3369.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Aug 30
 Mass 11:30am

Valerie Maisch
 By Michelle Burney

Tuesday, Sept 1
 Mass noon

Keith Chesser

Thursday, Sept 3
 Mass nursing home 3:00

Sunday, Sept 6
 Mass 11:30am

We wish to thank Ann Schaeffer for her service to the church. Ann generously donated her time to the parish by cleaning the kitchen and bathroom areas along with taking care of the outside flowers and plants.
 Due to her back problems and needing to be home for her husband, Charlie, she has had to give up her service to the church.
 The church and grounds looked beautiful. We are sincerely grateful and ask the Lord to grant some special blessings.

GOING TO ADORATION IS PRACTICE FOR HEAVEN
September 4, Adoration Time

7:00 to 8:00– Bill & Sue
 8:00 to 9:00– Michiko
 9:00 to 10:00– Haydee
 10:00 to 11:00–Haydee
 11:00 to 12:00–Ted
 12:00 to 1:00–_____

1:00 to 2:00– Valerie
 2:00 to 3:00– Della
 3:00 to 4:00– Kathy J
 4:00 to 5:00–_____

5:00 to 6:00– Gregg & Diane
 6:00 to 7:00 Joan

We still have two openings
Please sign up today!

If anyone would like a stove top pressure cooker, there are two available in the Fellowship Hall. They were brought in by a fellow parishioner for anyone who may want one.
 If you have a glass stove top, you may want to forgo these pressure cookers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Aug 30 thru Sept 6

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2,6-8
 Jas 1:17-18,21-22
 Mk 7:1-8,15-15,

Monday: 1 Thes 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: Is 35:4-7a
 Jas 2:1-5
 Mk 7:31-37



Next week Sunday, Sept 6, is our monthly potluck. Please make plans to stay after Mass and enjoy each other's company.

"The soul is the inner face of man, by which we are known, that we may be regarded with love by our Maker."
 - Pope Gregory the Great

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Ministers	Aug 30, 2015	Sept 6, 2015
Lector	Sue Resler	Bill Resler
E.M.H.C	Shirene Chesser	Della Hudson
E.M.H.C	Joan Kupiec	Michiko Erberle
Gift Bearer	Garcia Family	Della Hudson

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Weeks Collection:	\$ 593.00
Needed Each Week	\$ 779.00
For the Week: under Budge	\$ 186 .00
Year to date: under Budget	\$ 336.90

ALL OF OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

For health and recovery of our parish family: **Rosalie Boyd, Dorothy Pezzi, Bob Eberle, CD Merklng, Charlie Schaeffer, Charlene Lipscomb, Ali Gomez, CD Merklng.**

For all of our Other Prayer Intentions: **Christopher Simpson, Ben Atchley, Laura Hancock, Becky Calinger, Jesse Singleton, Aaron Hilbum, Katsue Stidum, Dolores Chesser, Carolyn Beechum, Lynn Hannah, Kay Harris, Jimmy Lee, Violet Flores, Karen Jabkowski, Juanita Gray, Gary Zumbro, Gerri Warden, Chris McNabb, Anita Kentner, Naomi Sakaguchi, Joe Henicle, David & Carrie Hall, Vicky Shamberger, Jean Mapes, Codi Walker, Deann Miracle, Gene Powell, Joshua Bolton, Callie Jo, Jennifer Gonzales, Judy Grace, Connie Bunio, Fred Finley, Valerie Maisch.**

For the repose of the soul of: **Bonnie Snyder, Billy Dee Ross, Joan Erwin, Will Westerman, Louisa Murga, Ronnie Kreger, Jim Tragessor, Harper Lee Ann Wooten, Nina Finley, Rita Deharde, Gordon Schaefer, Ryan Arthon, David Bacskey, Hazel Laxton, Keith Chesser.**

For our members at Signature Health Care: **Donald Williams, Llewellyn Jebellion, Marguerite Barnhart, Bobby Waller, Elmer Davis, Patty Harrell,**

For the members of our armed services on active duty especially: **Nichell Sauls, Hillary MacLachlan, Jameson Andro, Austin Joiner, Nick Chesser.**

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