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St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Weekly Bulletin

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30am –1:00pm
Closed: Friday – Sunday

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday (anticipated): 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
First Saturday: 8:00am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00am
Wednesday: 5:30pm

Confessions:

Sunday 7:30-7:45am, 9:30-9:45am, 5:30-5:45pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 6:30-6:45am
Wednesday: 5:00-5:15pm
Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45pm
First Saturday: 7:30 – 7:45 am
By Appointment

Children’s Church is held at 10:00AM mass. Children 4 years old up to first communion are invited to participate in their own celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. Simply bring your children to the baptistry 10 minutes before Mass begins.

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4:00, 8:00, 6:00 Music Minister

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10:00 Music Minister



BAPTISM

Registration during the early stages of pregnancy for the Baptism course is strongly recommended.

CONFIRMATION

All students, including those in public and Catholic schools, register in August of their eighth-junior year of school. Call the office for registration requirements.

FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION

All children, including those in public and Catholic schools, register at the beginning of their second grade in order to participate in the sacramental preparation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (1st thru 8th grades, including Confirmation)

- Registration for all sections of Religious Education is in the Summer of 2026
- First through fourth grades Religious Education classes meet on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass (11:00 – 12:30PM).
- Fifth through seventh grades attend EDGE on Sundays 2:30 – 3:45PM.
- 8th grade Confirmation classes meet on Sunday 4:15 – 5:45PM.
- Vacation Bible School, for children ages 4-10, is held for one week each summer, when scheduled.
- Adults wishing to learn more about their Catholic faith, including those wishing to become members of the Catholic Church, should call the office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The church can be reserved only after meeting with the Priest/Deacon to begin marriage preparation for the couple. It is recommended that an appointment be made one (1) year in advance of the anticipated date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requirements, policies and guidelines are reviewed and must be completed prior to any marriage in the church.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the office to speak with Diane Triche.

NEW PARISHIONERS Are encouraged to call the office to register.

ADORATION Held every Tuesday at 8AM until Wednesday at 4PM.

The Ascension of the Lord



May 17, 2026

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The Saint Joseph Diner is in need of Volunteers to assist in Serving the Needy. Below is a list of dates that your help is needed. Check-in time is at 10:30AM. Serving is from 11:00AM—1:00PM.

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Wednesday, May, 27 2026 ----- 9 volunteers needed

Please contact Deacon Ron Chauvin at ron@setonchurch.org or arbychau@bellsouth.net or text (337) 412-9081, if you would like to Volunteer.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 18
7:00AM M/M Scotty Touchet (WA)

Tuesday, May 19
7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Wednesday, May 20
5:30PM Verna Mae Olivier; E.J. Olivier; Becky Meyers; Beatrice Meyers; Bennett Meyers

Thursday, May 21
7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Friday, May 22
7:00AM No Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23
4:00PM Lee & Jane Hebert; Agnes, John & Rena Lemaire; Keith Lemaire; Alozia Benoit; Camellia Chaisson; Valex Guilbeaux;

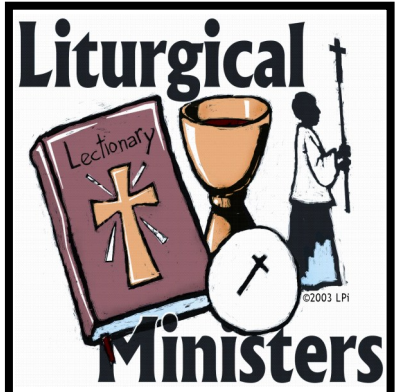
Wayne Lemaire; M/M Michael E. Meche; Souls in Purgatory; Shine & Mary & Charlotte Domingue; Ashton & Deneige Breaux; Pete & Lucille Hebert; Paul & Ina Savoie; Jules & Mathilde (AD) Broussard & fly.; Ronald Sampay; Danny Himel & fly.; Souls in Purgatory; Becky Meyers; Beatrice Meyers; Bennett Meyers; Loyton Sonnier; Kathleen Chauvin & fly.

Sanctuary Lamp - In memory of Jules & Mathilde (AD) Broussard

Sunday, May 24
8:00AM Mass for the People

10:00AM Leroy Louis Caubarreaux (AD); Shine, Mary & Charlotte Domingue; Ashton & Deneige Breaux; Pete & Lucille Hebert; Paul & Ina Savoie; JL "Joseph" Richard; Becky Meyers; Beatrice Meyers; Bennett Meyers; Poor Souls in Purgatory

6:00PM No Mass Intentions
BD=Birthday, WA=Wedding Anniv., AD=Anniv. of Death



Liturgical Ministers — Did You Know?

The Liturgical Ministers schedule is available in three ways:

- **Email:** Sent a few weeks before each quarter (if an email is on file)
- **Printed Copy:** Located in the sign-in book outside the Ministers' Sacristy
- **Online:** Visit www.setonchurch.org, go to *Calendar*, and select *Liturgical Ministers*. You can view it online or download the PDF at the top of the page.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MAY 17 EDGE 2:30—3:45PM, FC	18	19 5:00PM Knights of Columbus Mtg, FC	20	21	22	23 3:15PM Confession
24 EDGE 2:30—3:45PM, FC	25 Parish Offices CLOSED 	26	27	28	29	30 3:15PM Confession

SUN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:00AM Mass)
TUES ADORATION (After 7AM Mass until Wed 4:00PM)
WED - ROSARY GROUP MEETING (10:00AM)



St. Elizabeth Seton Church 2026 VBC



CATHLETICS!
TRAINING TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

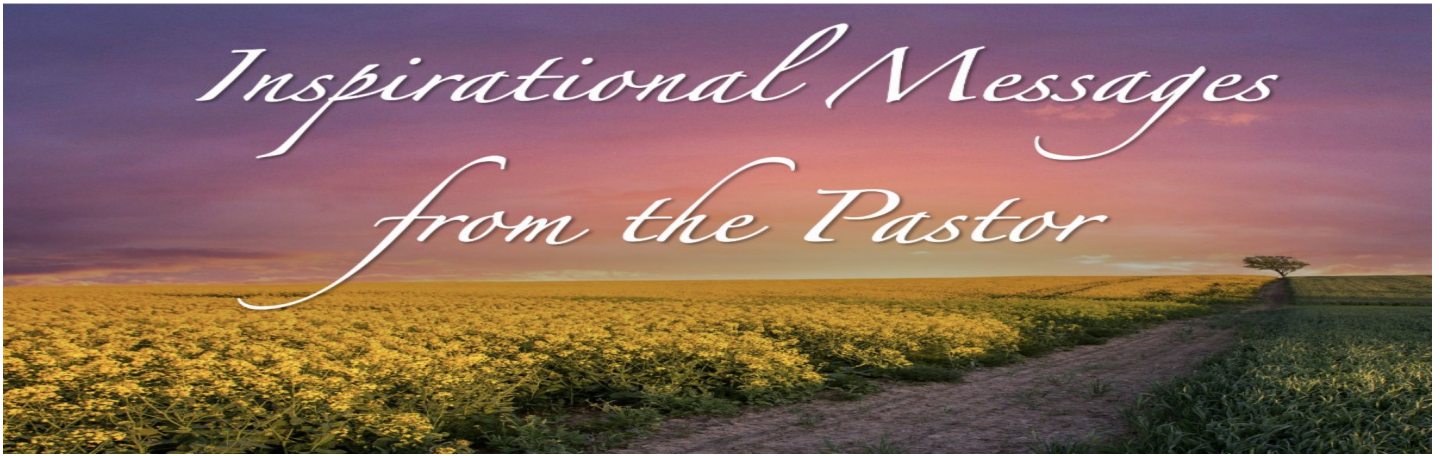


June 1 - 5, 2026

8:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Those entering K- 5th grade (2026-2027)

www.setonchurch.org/vacation-bible-camp/



**From a homily in praise of the Virgin Mother
by Saint Bernard, abbot**

Prepared by the Most High, prefigured by the patriarchs

It was fitting that the Virgin should give birth only to God; and it was also fitting that God should be born only of the Virgin. Accordingly, the Creator of mankind, in order that he might become a man by being born a human being, had to seek out from among all mankind and designate as his mother a woman he knew would be worthy of him and pleasing to him. And so he chose a sinless virgin, that he might be born sinless and free of all stain. He chose a humble virgin, from whom he might come forth meek and humble of heart, to display a most necessary and salutary model of these virtues for all mankind. Thus he allowed a virgin to conceive, in whom he had earlier inspired a vow of virginity, and required of her the merit of humility.

Otherwise how could the angel afterward pronounce her full of grace, if she had the slightest good quality which did not come from grace? Thus she, who was to conceive and bring forth the holy of holies, must be sanctified physically and so she received the gift of virginity; that she might be sanctified spiritually, she received the gift of humility.

The Virgin then, adorned like a queen with the jewels of virtue, shone with the glory of body and soul; and seen on high as radiantly beautiful, she so attracted the inhabitants of heaven that she moved the heart of the King with desire for her and brought down from above the heavenly message. Scripture says: *The angel was sent to a virgin*. For she was truly virgin in body, virgin in mind, a virgin by her special calling, sanctified, as the Apostle reminds us, in both mind and body. This came about by no unforeseen or accidental occurrence; she was chosen from eternity, foreknown and prepared by the Most High for himself, guarded by the angels, prefigured by the patriarchs, and promised by the prophets.

A message from Fr. Travis Abadie



My dear St Elizabeth Seton parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord! I am deeply humbled and grateful that the Bishop has entrusted you, my beloved home parish, to my pastoral care beginning on July 1. This is an exciting time of promise! While there are no doubt many questions, hopes, and even some anxieties as I take on this new role for you, it is who I am - and have been - alongside you that is the greatest source of my joy, namely, a disciple of Jesus, who is always our one true Good Shepherd.

Before beginning this new chapter together, we do well to take stock of the past, and I would like here to offer my profound thanks to Fr. David Hebert for his nine years of pastoral care. Father, it has done my heart good to see my home parish served by your priestly solicitude. Thank you for your diligence, your love for our people, and your faithfulness to Christ. May God abundantly reward you as you enter into your next chapter.

I also cannot help but think of Fr. Hebert's predecessor, Fr. Gary Schexnayder, our pastor at the time of my ordination, and the native son of Arnaudville for whom I had the privilege of seeing to his place of burial. I am praying for his intercession now as Arnaudville prepares to send you another pastor. I owe the churches of St Francis Regis and St Catherine's a tremendous debt of gratitude, as my time here has done more to form me into the priest I am today even than my years in seminary - years which you know very well.

I come to you with a few more white hairs than I had at my first Mass with you 11 years ago, but with no less love and excitement over the things which our Good Shepherd has in store for us in the years to come.

I am, as I have ever been, Yours in Christ,
Fr. Travis Abadie



You are invited to the South Louisiana

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Annual Retreat

May 22-23, 2026

Grand Coteau Retreat Center

What is the Seven Sisters Apostolate?

The apostolate focuses on strengthening the Church by ensuring a Holy Hour is prayed every day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. This commitment is described as a "holy wasting" or a "lavishing" of prayer intended to lead the priest toward a deeper conformity to Christ and a deepening relationship with the Blessed Mother.



Retreat given by
Sister Mary Magdalene
and Sister Mary Peter

*Do I have to be a member of the
Apostolate to attend?*

No, any woman who feels called to pray for priests is encouraged to attend.

Retreat Details:

There are 24 rooms available for those who would like to stay overnight. The evening will include dinner, optional adoration, and rosary at the Grotto.

To register:



Retreat will officially begin on Saturday morning at 9am and end at 4pm.

To register:



Questions: Fr. Sam Fontana
337-457-8107

To learn more about this apostolate, visit
<https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>





THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 16/17, 2026

In today's Gospel Jesus charges his followers to "make disciples of all nations." What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ's Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don't know about Jesus Christ. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?



Annual "Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana" Raffle

Hospice of Acadiana is your community nonprofit hospice that provides quality end-of-life care to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. "Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana" is our major annual fundraiser, which gives you the opportunity to win a **2026 Kia Sorento** from Sterling Automotive, a **\$2,500 Getaway Fund**, or a **Louisiana Adventure Package**. Each \$20 raffle ticket ensures an elevated level of comfort and support for the dying and their loved ones. Purchase deadline is May 24th, drawing is May 28th. For more information or to purchase ticket (s), scan the QT code or visit: www.hospiceacadiana.com.



Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates for **2026 are: Aug. 21-23, Oct. 16-18**. For cost of the weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or contact: **Mike & Phyllis Totaro** at (337) 962-5798 or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com



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Question of the Week?

What can I do this week to give witness to Christ in me and my neighbor?





Adoration hours
are Tuesday
mornings at 8AM
until Wednesday
evenings at 4PM.

St. Elizabeth Seton Thoughts



THE happiness of a soul reaching forward to eternity! How sure, how real, how quiet, and how resigned through its journey! Nothing but sin can afflict it.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

All are encouraged to pray for the priests who work in the Diocese of Lafayette each day. Every day there is a specific intention for one of our priests for special consideration; the specific intentions this week are:

- * Monday, May 18th - Rev. Travis Abadie
- * Tuesday, May 19th - Rev. Lawrence Abara
- * Wednesday, May 20th - Rev. Francis Kwasi Agbley
- * Thursday, May 21st - Rev. George Bede Ajuruchi, SSJ
- * Friday, May 22nd - Rev. Alexander Albert
- * Saturday, May 23rd - Rev. Thainese Alphonse
- * Sunday, May 24th - Rev. Rick Andrus, SVD

Prayer: Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SEMINARIANS PRAYER CALENDAR

All are encouraged to pray for our Seminarians as they study to become faith-filled followers and leaders of Christ. Below is a list of those to pray for this week:

- * Monday, May 18th - Zachary Schnaars
- * Tuesday, May 19th - Thor Stewart
- * Wednesday, May 20th - Agustin Tarazona
- * Thursday, May 21st - Micah Thomas
- * Friday, May 22nd - Matthew Vidrine
- * Saturday, May 23rd - Eli Weil
- * Sunday, May 24th - Dcn. Cole Zaunbrecher

Prayer: O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit God forever and ever. Amen.



Sunday, May 17 – EDGE held in the Family Center at 2:30PM.

Tuesday, May 19 - Wednesday, May 20 - Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, May 19 at 8AM thru Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00PM in Church.

Tuesday, May 19 – Knights of Columbus Meeting held at 5:00PM in the Family Center.

Sunday, May 24 – EDGE held in the Family Center at 2:30PM.

Monday, May 25 – Parish Offices Closed



Tuesday, May 26 - Wednesday, May 27 - Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, May 26 at 8AM thru Wednesday, May 27 at 4:00PM in Church.

Sunday, May 31 – EDGE held in the Family Center at 2:30PM

Monday—Friday, June 1 thru June 5 - VACATION BIBLE CAMP held from 8:30AM -12:05PM in the Family Center for kids ages K-5th.

Tuesday, June 2 – Seton Rosary Makers meets at 10:00AM in the Ministries Building.

Tuesday, June 2 - Wednesday, June 3 - Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, June 2 at 8AM thru Wednesday, June 3 at 4:00PM in Church.

Advertiser of the Week

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WEEKLY DONATION

May 9/10, 2026

Offering	7,294.00
Bishop Services Appeal	993.00
Other Donation	<u>1,031.00</u>
Total	\$9,318.00

Thank you for your continued support.