

Mother Seton Homeschool Co-op

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Thursdays, 8:30 am- 3:00 pm
Sept 4th - June 4th
The Family Life Center (FLC)
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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#### **MISSION IN ACTION**

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Each Thursday we meet, we will provide students with a structured learning environment that will assist families in cultivating within each student a love for our Lord and Catholic faith as well as fellowship, learning & applying academic and life skills.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

Each parent must volunteer time by teaching or assisting a class each session. Commitment to participating each week is necessary to have high quality classes and learning for our children. A parent must be on campus the entire time his/her child(ren) is participating in the co-op. The co-op is not a "drop off" activity. Each child will be in classes according to their age: Nursery-Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, and High School.

Nursery through Preschool children will have self-contained classrooms where they participate in hands-on learning activities: alphabet recognition, phonics, music and movement, Saint stories, Bible lessons, playtime, and crafts.

Elementary students will use Classically Catholic Memory (CCM), a memory work program, classical in nature, that guides children in mastering challenging and inspiring material in eight subjects: religion, Latin, history, science, math, timeline, geography, and Great Words. Students will also be guided through language arts and reading as well as have opportunities for classes such as art, PE, music, and life skills.

Middle & High School students will select classes from a menu of options which may include core classes, home economics, vocational skills, and more. Service hours or study hall may also be utilized for any period in which a student is not participating in a particular course.

All students and families have built-in time for faith and fellowship. We will meet at 8:30 am for Morning Assembly where we will discuss virtue building, the Mass readings, and Catechism topics. We will attend Mass together at 9:00 am. During the course of each day we will pray the Morning Offering, the Angelus, and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

#### **COSTS AND FEES**

\$50 per student annual supply fee up to 6 Children. Families will only pay an admission fee for 6 children or less. But families of all sizes are welcome.
\$50 (minimum) per family donation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church if not a parishioner.
\$20 per family registration & technology fee Additional costs such as course, lab, and/or textbook fees may apply.

#### REGISTRATION

To begin the registration process, please fill out the online application form. An initial phone interview followed by a meeting will be required before admission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Candace Glasgow..

#### MOTHER SETON CO-OP

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#### Please read and initial all bullet points. After reading, sign the document:

#### **CORE VALUES**

- Mother Seton Homeschool Co-op supports and defends the Truths of the Catholic Faith as established by the authority of the Magisterium, which interprets Sacred Scripture and Tradition.
- We believe that each home is a Domestic Church and, in conjunction with our parishes, we are committed to living the discipleship of our Lord Jesus Christ and inviting others to join us in this way of life. \_\_\_\_
- We place our trust in God's Divine Will. In times of uncertainty we, in humility, recognize our need to be completely dependent on our Lord's provisions.
- We are committed to preserving the eternal treasure of our children's souls by accepting the parental responsibility of being the first teachers of our children in the ways of the Catholic Faith.
- We welcome families of other faiths who are respectful of our Catholic Beliefs.

#### **PURPOSE**

- To build community among Catholic homeschoolers, parents and children. \_\_\_\_\_
- To support and encourage Catholic families in their homeschooling endeavor. \_\_\_\_
- To gather for enrichment-educational classes or activities weekly, and celebrate feast days according to the liturgical season. \_\_\_\_
- To encourage our children to live a sacramental life by centering the homeschool co-op day around the Mass offered at 9 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, the Angelus at Noon and Divine Mercy Chaplet to close our day.
- To strengthen homeschool families in their commitment to serve God in their home parishes and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. \_\_\_\_

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be open to anyone who will abide by the mission and purposes of this homeschool co-op.



I have read !	Mother Seton Co-op Mission in Action, Core Values and Purpose statements
and agree to abide by them. I understand t	hat this is a volunteer commitment that I willingly choose for my family.
Mother Seton Co-op is allowing my family ad	lmission based on my commitment to abide by these statements.
Signature:	Date:

# ELEMENTARY COOP SCHEDULE

#### \*SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WEEK A	Arcs	Calcuttas	Galganis			
	Kindergarten	1st & 2nd grade	2nd grade			
9:00-9:35		Holy Mass (All Co-op)				
9:40-10:00		Morning Assembly, Virtue Study				
10:00-10:30	Recess	Art	Music & Latin			
10:30-11:00	Language Arts	PE	PE			
11:00-11:30		Angelus, Lunch				
11:30-12:00	Art	Language Arts	Science & Math			
12:00-12:30	Theology of the Body	Timeline, History & Geography	Language Arts			
12:30-1:00	Math	Science & Math	Timeline, History & Geography			
1:00-2:00		Paid Electives or Blue Knights and Little Flowe	r			
2:00-2:10		Restroom/Transition to Class				
2:10-2:30	Centers	Theology (	of the Body			
2:30-2:40	Phonics Tubs or Read Aloud					
2:40-2:45		Clean-up / Nursery Pick-up				
2:45-3:00		Divine Mercy Chaplet & Dismissal (All Co-op	o)			

Please take a 15-20 minute recess as it fits into your schedule each day.

# UPPER ELEMENTARY COOP SCHEDULE

\*SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WEEK A	John Paul IIs	Kolbes					
	3rd & 4th grade	4th-6th grades					
9:00-9:35	Holy Mass & Morning	g Offering (All Co-op)					
9:45-10:00	Morning Assembly	, Daily Devotional					
10:00-10:30	PE	PE					
10:30-11:00	Art	Music & Latin					
11:00-11:30	Angelus	, Lunch					
11:30-11:40	Restroom Break	and Class Arrival					
11:40-12:20	Bloc	ck A					
12:20-1:00	Bloc	ck B					
1:00-2:00	Electives or \	/irtue Clubs					
2:00-2:40	Bloc	ck C					
2:40-2:45	Clean-up / Nu	rsery Pick-up					
2:45-3:00	Divine Mercy Chaplet	& Dismissal (All Co-op)					
WEEK B							
9:00-9:35	Holy Mass & Morning	GOffering (All Co-op)					
9:45-10:00	Morning Assembly	, Daily Devotional					
10:00-10:30	ТОВ	ТОВ					
10:30-11:00	Music & Latin	Art					
11:00-11:30	Angelus	, Lunch					
11:30-11:40	Restroom, C	ilass Arrival					
11:40-12:15	Bloc	Block A					
12:15-1:00	Bloc	Block B					
1:00-2:00	Electives or Virtue Clubs						
2:00-2:40	Block C						
2:40-2:45	Clean-up / Nui	Clean-up / Nursery Pick-up					
2:45-3:00	Divine Mercy Chaplet	& Dismissal (All Co-op)					

# Junior High and High School

Potential Course Offerings and Schedule (offered courses will depend on need)

	Scholasticas				
9:00-9:35	Holy Mass & Morning Offering (All Co-op)				
9:40-9:55	Prep-Time				
10:00-10:40	Theology of the Body				
10:40-11:00	Virtue of the Month & Gospel Reflection				
11:00 - 11:30	Angelus, Lunch (All Co-op)				
11:40-12:20	Block A				
12:20-1:00	Block B				
1:00 - 2:00	Electives or Life Skills				
2:00 - 2:40	Block C				
2:40 - 2:45	Clean-up / Nursery Pick-up				
2:45-3:00	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Dismissal (All Co-op)				

	Aquinas'				
9:00-9:35	Holy Mass & Morning Offering (All Co-op)				
9:40-9:55	Prep-Time				
10:00-10:40	Theology of the Body				
10:40-11:00	Virtue of the Month & Gospel Reflection				
11:00 - 11:30	Angelus, Lunch (All Co-op)				
11:40-12:20	Block A				
12:20-1:00	Block B				
1:00 - 2:00	Electives or Life Skills				
2:00 - 2:40	Block C				
2:40 - 2:45	Clean-up / Nursery Pick-up				
2:45-3:00	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Dismissal (All Co-op)				

## EARLY CHILDHOOD (BIRTH-5 YEARS OLD)

## Nursery (Birth-1 year old)

Children in our self-contained nursery will have access to music, books, toys, swings, soft carpets, play stations, rockers, baby beds, and more within a safe environment to explore and play while moms are busy teaching or assisting in other areas. Our kind and loving co-op moms lead the nursery.

## Preschool-Kindergarten (2-5 years old)

Children will be in self-contained classrooms, separated according to age and development. The children will be directed and instructed by our loving teacher-moms.

## What our Early Childhood program provides:

#### Curriculum

#### Catholic ABCs Preschool Curriculum

Catholic ABCs is a hands-on curriculum capable of being tailored for children as young as 2 years old. The curriculum includes crafts, saints, fine-motor skills practice, worksheets for upper preschool and kindergarten, letter recognition, phonics, writing, math, science, and more that are centered on our Catholic Faith.

#### → Fore more information:

https://www.catholicicing.com/catholic-preschool-curriculum/

## <u>Play</u>

#### **Stations**

Children will be engaged in center, play based activities that will include dramatic play (with dress-up, home and kitchen sets) fine-motor tubs, and the components of the Catholic ABCs Curriculum. Center based activities will provide structure for the classroom so that while children are learning and exploring through play the teacher-moms are able to lead and guide small groups of children through the more detailed components of the curriculum.

#### Recess

Children will also have access to our campus' playground equipment for outdoor recess.

## Extra-Curricular Studies (K-12th Grade)

## Theology of the Body

Every child will receive guidance through the TOB Curriculum in relation to their grade level.

K-5th grade- REVEALED is literature-based, using richly illustrated stories to delve deeper into the foundational concepts of TOB—using a language we can all understand. Through the curriculum, we look at what it means to be human: male or female, how to live as a gift to others, and what it means to have heaven as our ultimate destiny.

Junior High- ROOTED will help students explore scripture, Pope St. John Paul II's teaching, and their own dignity in grade level-specific, accessible units. Through ROOTED, students come to understand what it means to be made in God's image, begin to see themselves and others as gifts, and grow their own roots and wings in God's perfect plan.

High School- Called to Be More will equip teens to articulate their faith to family, friends, co-workers, classmates and others who challenge their beliefs.

## Gardening

Children will participate in planting, growing, and tending our own garden. Through gardening they will learn about components of soil, seeds, decomposers, pollinators, the rain cycle, and so much more.

#### PE

Children will be led in stretching, gross motor exercises, as well as general knowledge and skills pertaining to physical health and diet at an appropriate age and grade level.

#### <u>Art</u>

Children will participate in various art projects throughout the year led by a teacher-mom at an appropriate age and grade level. An art showcase will give families an opportunity to see select pieces displayed. In upper primary and beyond children will study art history, sacred art and various artists.

#### Music

Children will explore music composers, various instrument sounds, and be guided in identifying notes and/or cords.

## Courses Requiring an Extra Fee

The following items will be available for enrollment.

Each instructor/organization will discern their own fees.

#### Lunch

Families contribute funds to have an in house hot lunch. Contribution is \$3.00 per person (Adults and Children) The Seraphim class does not contribute for lunch.

#### Chess

Children will be taught the game of chess and associated skills by a professional chess teacher. (Additional tuition established by the Chess Coach)

## **Fencing**

Children will be taught fencing and associated skills by a professional fencing coach. (Additional tuition established by the Fencing Coach)

#### Ballet

Children will have the opportunity to learn the art of ballet taught by a professional instructor. (Additional tuition established by the Ballet teacher).

## <u>Little Flower and Blue Knights</u>

Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic club for girls ages 5 and up that teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Blue Knights Catholic Club is a boys' club aimed at teaching the truths of the Catholic faith to boys through Scripture, saints' biographies, games, crafts and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

## **American Heritage Girls**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has an AHG chapter who welcomes any girl between the ages of 5 & 18 interested in joining.

#### Trail Life

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a Trail Life chapter who welcomes any boy between the ages of 5 & 18 interested in joining.

#### Theater

Children will have the opportunity to participate in theater organized by a volunteer mom, additional fees apply due to additional materials needed.

#### Science Fair

Children will have the opportunity to participate in our Homeschool Science Fair. Our 2023-2024 goal is to collaborate with multiple homeschool co-ops.

## Field Trips

At least two optional field trips will be planned each year, outside of our scheduled co-op day.

## ELEMENTARY (KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE)

## Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Children will be in a self-contained classroom led by teacher-moms in the areas of Language Arts, Art, Music, History, Geography, Science, and Math.

#### First-2nd Grade

Children will switch between two classrooms led by teacher-moms. Each class will consist of Language Arts, Art, and Music & Latin or History & Geography, Science, and Math.

#### Third-6th Grade

Children will rotate through classrooms led by teacher-moms in an electives based program: possible electives include STREAM, Public Speaking, Debate, Spanish, Media- Yearbook & Newsletter, Life Skills

#### What our program provides:

#### Curriculum

Classically Catholic Memory (CCM)

Classically Catholic Memory is geared towards children ages 5 through 12, each "year" of the program provides 18 weeks of memory work in each subject (Religion, Latin, History, Science, Math, Timeline, Geography, and Great Words I and II). It will be used as a supplement so as to not interfere with any curriculum a family is already using. More detailed information can be found at <a href="https://www.classicallycatholicmemory.com/overview">www.classicallycatholicmemory.com/overview</a>

 $\rightarrow$  For the <u>2025/2026</u> school year we will be in <u>Gamma Year</u>.

#### Reading and Writing Workshop

Children will follow a workshop model for reading and writing by listening to a 5-8 minute mini-lesson teaching about key reading or writing skills and will then be given 30-40 minutes to practice these skills in independent writing, drawing, or typing and reading with a wide range of wholesome books screened through a Catholic-Christian filter.

## Peer Engagement

Children will be involved in either center-based play activities or group projects that will give opportunities to practice virtue, learn problem-solving, conflict resolution, how to work in a team, and more.

## JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL 6TH-8TH 9TH-12TH

Students will have access to all extra-curricular studies in addition to these components:

#### **Homeschool Connection**

From binomials to business writing to Beethoven, children will have access to recorded lessons in subjects that will prepare them for their God-given vocations, successful careers, and enhance their enjoyment of life. Aside from the following, course selections will depend on surveyed needs.

#### → <u>AWA Writing</u>

Students will participate in the Aquinas Writing Advantage offered by Homeschool Connection. This program puts them under the guidance of expert instructors who are professional writers and editors, university instructors, published authors, screenwriters, and more.

#### → <u>Apologetics</u>

Students will learn the skills and knowledge necessary to defend the Catholic Faith.

#### Financial Peace University

Foundations in Personal Finance offers 13 lessons with real world topics like saving, investing, college planning, global economics, and more.

## St. Joseph's Workers

This group of boys will focus on training in typical male led vocations. After selecting various vocations to study, finding a list of businesses and their contact information that cater to these vocations they will reach out to set up demonstrations.

#### St. Zellie's Ladies

This group of girls will focus on training in typical female led vocations. After selecting various vocations to study, finding a list of businesses and their contact information that cater to these vocations they will reach out to set up demonstrations.

## **Book Club**

Students will engage in book studies throughout the year with teacher-mom's facilitating the structure.

## **Service**

Students will have opportunities to volunteer, as their schedules allow, in cleaning the church, aiding early childhood classes (under the age of 18 will need to be virtus trained), classroom clean-ups, lunch prep, Christmas Play, SEAS Oktoberfest, and more.



## MOTHER SETON HOMESCHOOL CO-OP 2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Aug 14 Pre Co-op Social Night 7pm Aug 21 Orientation

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Feb 03 Parent's Night Out

Feb 12 Service Project (Cards for a Nursing Home)

Feb 19 Lenten Retreat

Feb 27 Co-op Holy Hour & Fish Fry

Sept 02	Co-op Planning Night
Sept 04	First Day of Co-op
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Mar 03 New Year Planning Mtg @7pm Mar 05 Co-op Picture Day Mar 12 Spring Break March 19 St. Joseph's Feast Day Celebration Spring Field Trip TBD

Oct 07	Parent Mtg @7pm
Oct 16	Service Project (Diaper Drive)
Oct 24	Co-op Holy Hour & Social
Oct 30	Wax Museum (10am-12pm)
Fall Fie	ld Trip TBD

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Apr 02 Maundy Thursday
-Holy Week BreakApr 09 Resurrection Potluck
Apr 24 Co-op Holy Hour & Social

Nov 04 Parent's Night Out
Nov 20 Friendsgiving Potluck
Nov 27 Thanksgiving Break
MSC Production (TBD))

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May 05 EOY Parent Mtg @7pm May 22 Co-op Holy Hour & Social

Dec 02	Theater/Parent Mtg @7pm
Dec 04	Theater Practice
Dec 11	18 25 Advent & Christmas Break

DECEMBER 2025								
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Jun 4 End of Year Party/Field Day

Jan 01,	08 Epiphany Break
Jan 06	Spring Planning Night
Jan 23	Co-op Holy Hour & Social

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COLOR KEY

Mother Seton Co-op Day

Week A B (Gamma Year)

First & Last Day

Additional Event

Holy Hour & Social

Field Trip

Service Project

Holiday Break