

Mother Seton Homeschool Co-op Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Thursdays, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm Sept 12th - May 29th The Family Life Center (FLC) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church This Co-Op's mission is to glorify God by bringing Catholic homeschool families together to encourage, educate, and equip our children for living a Catholic-Christian life in our secular world.

MISSION IN ACTION

We will use hands-on activities and Classically Catholic Memory to support and enrich each subject area. This will allow us to target core curriculum without interfering with each family's at-home curriculums.

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 & Middle School 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. **High School** will include discussion and practice in core classes,home economics. Service hours may also be utilized for any period in which a student is not in need of

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All students and families have built-in time for faith and fellowship. We will meet for Mass at 9:00 am and move to our Morning Assembly for announcements and disbursements to begin our co-op day. 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 and facility tour will be required before admission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Candace Glasgow or Michelle Vazquez.

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 that this is a volunteer commitment that I willingly choose for my family. Mother Seton Co-op is allowing my family admission based on my commitment to abide by these statements.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Elementary School

Schedule (subject to change)

WEEK A	Calcutta	John Paul II	Arc	Galgani	Kolbe			
		John Fauth	AIC	Oaigani	Noibe			
	Kindergarten & 1st	1st & 2nd grades	2nd & 3rd grades	4th & 5th grades	5th & 6th grades			
9:00-9:35		Holy Ma	ss & Morning Offering (All Co-	op)				
9:40-10:00		Morning Assembly, Religion,	& Great Words I & II (Primary:	Kindergarten - 6th grade)				
10:00-10:30	PE	PE	Art	Timeline, History &	Science & Math			
10:30-11:00	Self Contained Class Schedule	Art	Music & Latin	Geography				
11:00-11:30		Timeline, History & Geography	Science & Math	PE	Art			
11:30-12:00		Geography		Art	Music & Latin			
12:00-1:00		Angel	l us, Lunch, & Recess (All Co-op))				
1:00-1:30	Saint Story	Saint Story	Saint Story	Saint Story	Writing			
1:30-2:00	Stations: STREAM & Brain Games	Stations: STREAM & Brain Games	Stations: STREAM & Brain Games	Stations: STREAM & Brain Games				
2:00-2:15					Brain Games			
2:45 2:20	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Dismissal (All Co-op)							
2:15-2:30		Divine Me	ercy Chaplet & Dismissal (All Co	o-op)				
WEEK B		Divine Me	ercy Chaplet & Dismissal (All Co	o-op)				
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Junior High and High School

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

	<u>Junior High</u>	<u>High School</u>		
	7th & 8th grades	9th - 12th grades		
9:00-9:35	ا Holy Mass & Mornir	ng Offering (All Co-op)		
9:40-10:00	Theology	of the Body		
1st Period	Literature S.T.R.E.A.M.	Literature S.T.R.E.A.M. (9th)		
10:00 - 11:00	<i>Writing</i> Study Hall or Service Hours	Personal Finance Writing Study Hall or Service Hours		
2nd Period	Texas History Ancient History	Texas History (9th) Art		
11:00 - 12:00	Intermediate Art Algebra 1 Study Hall or Service Hours	World Geography US History Algebra 1 / Algebra 2 Study Hall or Service Hours		
12:00-1:00	م Angelus, Lunch, 8	& Recess (All Co-op)		
3rd Period	General Science Physical Science	Biology Chemistry (10th - 12th)		
1:00 - 2:00	Study Hall or Service Hours	S.T.R.E.A.M. Study Hall or Service Hours		
2:00 - 2:20	Theology of the Body continued			
2:20-2:30	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:

<u>Curriculum</u>

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,

→ Fore more information: <u>https://www.catholicicing.com/catholic-preschool-curriculum/</u>

math, science, and more that are centered on our Catholic Faith.

<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.

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.

<u>PE</u>

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.

<u>Music</u>

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.

<u>Chess</u>

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)

<u>Ballet</u>

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

Little Flower and Blue Knights

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.

<u>American Heritage Girls</u>

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

<u>Trail Life</u>

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

<u>Theater</u>

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.

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.

Second-6th Grade

Children will rotate through classrooms led by teacher-moms in the areas of Reading Workshop, Writing Workshop, Math & Science, Art, Music & Latin; Timeline, History, & Geography.

What our program provides:

<u>Curriculum</u>

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 <u>www.classicallycatholicmemory.com/overview</u>

→ For the 2023/2024 school year we will be in <u>Alpha 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: <u>Homeschool Connection</u>

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.

<u>St. Joseph's Workers</u>

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. Joseph's Workers will then set up their own demonstrations to offer to all who are interested.

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. St. Zellie's Ladies will then set up their own demonstrations to offer to all who are interested.

Book Club

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

<u>Service</u>

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.

Aug 22 Pre Co-op Social Night 7pm Aug 29 Orientation

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Jan 02 Epiphany Break Jan 07 Co-op Planning Night Jan 24 Co-op Holy Hour & Social

Sept 03	Co-op Planning Night
Sept 12	First Day of Co-op
Sept 27	Co-op Holy Hour & Social

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Feb 04 Parent Mtg @7pm Feb 28 Co-op Holy Hour & Social

Oct 1 Parent Mtg @7pm Oct 8 Field Trip TBD Oct 25 Co-op Holy Hour & Social

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Mar 04 Homeschool Development @7pm Mar 06 Lenten Retreat Mar 13 Spring Break

Mar 25 Arboretum field trip

Mar 28 Co-op Holy Hour & Social

Nov 05 Homeschool Development @7pm Nov 21 Thanksgiving Break Nov 29 Co-op Holy Hour & Social

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Apr 01 Parent Mtg @7pm

Apr 17 Maunday Thursday -Holy Week Break-Apr 24 Resurrection Party

Apr 25 Co-op Holy Hour & Social

Dec 3 Parent Mtg @7pm Dec 12, 19, 26 Advent & Christmas Break

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May 01 Co-op Picture Day May 06 Homeschool Development @7pm May 23 Co-op Holy Hour & Social May 29 End of Year Party