



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

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WELCOME!

To St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School



OUR MISSION is to provide an excellent Catholic education in a Christ-like environment.

EXCELLENT EDUCATION

- We prepare boys and girls to become lifelong learners, contributing members of society, and people of compassion, integrity, and service.
- We provide a well-rounded education that balances strong academics with spiritual and physical development.
- The elementary school years are a core foundation for successful teenagers and future adults. This foundation must not only provide facts, knowledge, and rules for living, but instill a love of learning and a faith in God that lasts a life-time.

CATHOLIC

- We are a Catholic school committed to spiritual and academic excellence.
- We bring our Catholic teachings and traditions to all aspects of our school life.
- We involve ourselves with our parish and our local community.

CHRIST-LIKE ENVIRONMENT

- Our school is based in the Catholic Tradition, providing a safe place for our children to grow, and to learn, and to treat one another with Christ-like love.
- Our caring faculty and staff treat each student with respect and strive to “teach as Jesus did.”
- Through our word, worship, and actions we bear witness every day to what we believe and who we are as Christian people.



OUR VISION

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will be the flagship elementary school feeding into a vibrant archdiocesan school system where our graduates are recognized as morally strong, well-educated, and responsibly involved citizens.



OUR PARISH

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Parish Mission: To gather together to build up the body of Christ to be sent to love and serve God and others

Vision: Forming a community of intentional disciples who are becoming missionary disciples seeking to build up the body of Christ across our community

Our Ministry Culture: We are an active and vibrant parish, deeply committed to following Christ wherever He leads us. As a result, our parishioners are dedicated to growing a culture that supports:

- A Sacramental life nurtured by Christ's Incarnate Presence, active and alive through the Sacraments of the Church
- Personal spiritual growth through intentional discipleship in relationship with Christ
- A Family-Centered approach to spiritual, intellectual, and affective formation
- Welcoming and outreach with an awareness that the Church is called to stand as a light in the darkness and a refuge for those wounded by the trials of the world

Community: Our community ministries help our parishioners grow together as people of God, support each other and learn to live in right relationship with God and each other.



OUR PARISH AT A GLANCE



YOUR PATHWAY

We're here to meet you where you are and walk with you as you seek a deeper relationship with Christ.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

A 24/7 blessing in our parish - come spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



PARISH SCHOOL

The largest ministry of our parish molds the whole person with "Faith, Family, and Excellence" in grades Pre-K through 6!



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Vibrant and engaging year-round programs create lifelong friendships and help our young people grow in love of the Lord. We even have a teen podcast!



OVER 50 ACTIVE MINISTRIES

From Service to Meal Deliveries to our Social Committee, we have something for everyone - jump in and join us!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

Continual and seasonal collections to benefit others in need are an ongoing mission in our parish.



FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL

Family-Centered Faith Formation nurtures and guides the whole family. We offer enrichment and formation for adults of all faith levels, as well as for individuals with special needs.

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Evangelization Ministries: We recognize that all of us are called and uniquely gifted to build up the Kingdom of God where we stand by conforming our hearts to Christ. As missionary disciples, we strengthen each other to stand firm in the peace and joy of Christ, partaking in the fruits of the Holy Spirit in communion with the Blessed Trinity, so that each of us may be a light for others in the concrete realities that occupy our lives.



OUR HISTORY



It was not so long ago (1975) that faithful Catholics gathered in the Oriental Gardens restaurant dreaming of a parish and school. The dedication and faith of those Alaskans brought about the birth of both a parish and school within 6 short years. The parish and school grew up together under the leadership of Archbishop Francis T. Hurley, Fr. Thomas Connery, Fr. Ernest H. Muellerleile, Sr. Andrea Nenzel, C.S.J. and Sr. Marilee Murphy, C.S.J and many other dedicated priests and religious. These religious leaders gave form and shape to the faithful spirit already present in a committed band of laity. Even before the establishment of the parish there were many spirit-filled Catholics who had kept the faith alive and growing as they met to worship in an assortment of locations over the years including warehouses, the Oriental Gardens restaurant and the O'Malley School gymnasium.

In 1980, an endowment established by August F. Reetz pushed forward the building of the first Catholic school in Anchorage. The first church and school buildings of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish were dedicated on January 4, 1981. As the school was in its early stages Archbishop Francis T. Hurley laid out the values of faith, family, and excellence as he reminded the community that, "a parish school is not an entity 'out there' by itself. Rather it is part of the total life of the parish." He reiterated the close connection between family life and the life of the school, stating that, "the values and practices fostered in the school must find expression and support in the home [as] the values and practices in the home should find corroboration in the school." He also reminded the Catholic community of "the goals of Catholic education - to provide intellectual, social and religious experiences" (Hurley, 1979). The spaces created for the school and church continued to evolve over the years as our growing parish community sought to carry out this mission.

In 1999, under the leadership of Sr. Loretta Luecke and Fr. Scott Medlock, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton completed a \$3 million, 14,000 square foot addition that included classrooms, offices and a multi-purpose facility. Some years after that feat was completed, a \$3.1 million project renovated the school under the guidance of Fr. Tom Lilly. Today, the school and church provides a beautiful space for the nourishment of a diverse faith community. We continue to grow in faith, family, and excellence through that pioneering spirit that persists in the life of the parish and school today.



OUR CORE VALUES



Our Core Values are Faith, Family, and Excellence.

FAITH

- We live by our Catholic teachings and traditions while accepting children of all faiths into our community
- We seek God's will in how we teach our children, treat each other, operate the school, and manage the classrooms. The school assists families in building a foundation for a life-long love of learning centered in the person of Jesus



FAMILY

- Our staff, students, parents, and parish feel and act like a family. Our school is a safe and challenging environment for children to learn, experiment, test new skills, and make life-long friendships
- We support the growth of the whole child - intellectual, spiritual, and physical. We respect and value each person for the special gifts that they bring to our community.
- We work to support parents as the primary educators and sources of gospel witness in the home.



EXCELLENCE

- We constantly seek improved ways to help our children learn and develop.
- We seek out and apply the best practices in elementary education.
- We are driven to achieve and take pride in working hard as individuals and as a community. We encourage our children to do their very best each and every day.



5 Reasons Families Choose SEAS

- 1** Academic excellence in a community grounded in faith in Christ.
- 2** Exceptional faculty that challenge students' minds while nurturing their souls.
- 3** Emphasis on moral development, service to others, and faith-based leadership.
- 4** Balanced curriculum that includes a focus on traditional academics, enrichment programs, and extracurricular activities.
- 5** Individualized attention within a caring, family-centered community.



THE PRINCIPALSHIP



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School is a parish school connected to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish with a mission to develop students to their fullest potential spiritually, physically, and socially within a safe and diverse community. The new leader will have the opportunity to continue to celebrate our school's strengths, recognize our needs, and collaboratively work towards nurturing our growth. As a collaborative leader, the principal works closely with the parish leadership team, faculty, staff, families, and other stakeholders to complete the mission and achieve our goals.



ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES: Our principal serves as the school's spiritual, instructional, organizational, and community leader. As spiritual leader, the principal maintains the school as a mission of the parish: collaborates with the parish leadership team in advancing evangelization efforts; supports faith formation activities for families, students and their families; and integrates the Catholic faith into all aspects of school life.



As *instructional leader*, the principal plans, prepares, and evaluates the instructional program to achieve well-defined goals and meet instructional needs; encourages instruction which meets the various needs and abilities of the students; facilitates the professional growth of faculty and staff.

As *organizational leader*, the principal selects, supervises, and evaluates staff; provides leadership for school accreditation and strategic planning; ensures effective and relevant use of personnel resources and physical plant; works with the School Advisory Council to implement policies and practices; plans the school budget in dialogue with parish leadership team.

As *community leader*, the principal works with the faculty and staff to develop and encourage broad student participation in the total school program; keeps the parish and community informed about the school's programs; and is responsible for communicating the philosophy of the school to the public.



EXPECTED QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS



The successful candidate must be someone who:

- Is a practicing and active Catholic who shows an understanding and commitment to the mission of Catholic education and can embrace the goals of SEAS parish and school communities
- Has a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree (Master's Degree preferred) and/or demonstrated leadership skills within an educational and/or corporate setting
- Exercises leadership and vision
- Demonstrates superior written and verbal communication skills
- Develops and fosters the unique charism of the SEAS community, including the parish, students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and donors
- Contributes time and effort to institutional advancement: admissions, marketing, and fundraising
- Assures compliance with all laws and regulations, accreditation requirements, and internal policies and procedures



Preferred attributes:

- Experience teaching and administration at the primary or secondary educational level
- Experience in Church related ministry with an understanding of nature of a Catholic education
- Demonstrated record of leadership ability and accomplishments.
- Outstanding poise, presence and communication skills
- Demonstrated experience in planning and supervision of strategic initiatives



THE SEARCH PROCESS



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School is proud to partner with Mission Driven Catholic for this leadership search. Mission Driven Catholic works to revitalize Catholic schools to fully embrace their mission to be centers of evangelization for students and their families.

All interested applicants should forward a letter of interest, and a resume or CV to:

MISSION DRIVEN CATHOLIC

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