

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Bringing People Into A Growing Relationship With Jesus Christ

PRAY Together This Lent



Message Series Topics:

- Week 1 (March 9/10): "Struggling In Prayer"
- Week 2 (March 16/17): "Hearing God's Voice In Prayer"
- Week 3 (March 23/24): "Understanding Priestly Prayer"
- Week 4 (March 30/31): "Practicing Affective Prayer"
- Week 5 (April 6/7): "Growing To Maturity In Prayer"

This Week's Message

The First Characteristic of Discipleship at SEAS is to PRAY. Growing disciples have a daily commitment to prayer. Prayer is simply talking and listening to God as we would a close friend. It is both personal and communal.

In Week 2, Rolheiser raises the question of how do we hear the voice of God when we are surrounded by so many voices in our world today? He answers his own question by reminding us that Jesus leaves us the wonderful metaphor of the "Good Shepherd." Using this metaphor Jesus tells us that just as sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd and follow him, so his followers recognize his voice when they experience good in their lives. In other words, we find God in what is good – since God, by definition, is good. - Fr. Mark

[Week 2 Homily](#)
[Week 2 Study Guide](#)
[Week 2 Video](#)

From the Pastor – Fr. Mark Ressler

Staff Personnel Change

Matt Burrier is no longer the Director of Music and Liturgy. I want to thank Matt for his service to the parish.

Fraudulent Emails

The archdiocese has received reports of fraudulent emails that appear to be coming from pastors. These emails have been occurring internationally over the past few years. Parishioners are being asked to send their pastor money or gift cards for various parish needs through a series of email messages. Official archdiocesan priest email addresses end in @dbqarch.org. These emails come from different addresses, often disguised to look like personal Gmail or Yahoo accounts. The body of these messages are generic and include phrases like: "Are you in the office now?," "How are you?," and "Please contact me." Please ignore such an email if you receive one.

Opportunities to PRAY



Communal Lenten Penance Services

Communal Lenten Penance Services will be offered at the following locations:

St. Joseph, Marion, on Sat., Apr. 6 at 10:30 AM

St. Jude on Thur., Apr. 11 at 7:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Sat., Apr. 13 at 10:30 AM.



Click below to find a Lenten prayer opportunity that you will enjoy this season.

[Lenten Prayer Opportunities](#)



Top Seas Staff Prayer Picks

[Reimagining the Examen App](#)

[Jesus Calling book](#)

[Daily Reflections from Bishop Barron](#)

[iPray with the Gospel](#)

[Blessed Is She](#)

[Laudate App](#)

[DivineOffice.org](#)

[The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

[The Holy Bible](#)

[A Personal Prayer Journal](#)

Teen Lenten Small Group

All 9th -12th grade teens are invited to participate in our 6 week Lenten small group from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM, beginning Sun., Mar. 10, through Sun., Apr. 14. We will be viewing Fr. Mike Schmitz videos throughout the series. We will meet in the youth room in the lower level of the Church. Food is provided. Please email Sarah Casey at scasey@seasp.org if you're interested in joining.



Encounter Annet-CRS Rice Bowl

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsicebowl.org for more information.



40 Days For Life

Former Planned Parenthood manager Sue Thayer is coming to Cedar Rapids on Mon., Mar. 18. Join her in prayer from 4:00 PM-4:30 PM. Hear her story from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM. The Coalition for Life of Iowa invites you to pray in front of Planned Parenthood during our 40 Days for Life campaign from Wed., Mar. 6, through Sun., Apr. 14. This draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. For additional info visit: <https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids>, Phone: 319-721-9730, Email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com.

WITNESS



SEAS Date Night Ministry

SEAS Date Night Ministry is a ministry committed to strengthening engaged and married couples' relationships with each other and the community. Join us this Sat., Mar. 16, from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM, for our talk and discussion. We will go out for drinks and food afterwards!

Royal T Night ROCK THE BLEACHERS Tickets NOW ON SALE!

Regis Royal T Night is on Fri., Apr. 5, at 6:30 PM. You can now purchase your Regis Middle School Royal T Night entry tickets AND your tuition raffle tickets **ONLINE!** Just go to www.auctria.com/auction/RTN2019. You can also purchase tuition raffle tickets for \$25 for a chance to win tuition credit (as much as \$4,520 depending on tickets sold) to Regis, Xavier or ANY Xavier Catholic School! Royal T Night is an adults-only event with auctions (live and silent), food, beverages, music, games and more. Proceeds from this year's event will be going toward updating the Regis gymnasium bleachers. If you have any questions, please contact Dianne at dclarke@regisroyals.org.



Fresh Start Jail Ministries

Join us and support Fresh Start Jail ministries on Thur., Apr. 4, at Christ Community United Methodist Church (3000 Alburnett Road, Marion, IA). A social hour will begin at 6:00 PM with the music from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM. Free will donations accepted.



Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus 5677 (Mt. Vernon Rd. SE and Highway 13) invite you to attend a fish fry every Friday from 5:00 PM-7:30 PM through April 19. All you can eat baked and hand battered fish, catfish nuggets, baked and french fried potatoes, coleslaw, corn bread, fresh baked desserts, fountain pop and coffee. Children's menu: mac & cheese and grilled cheese sandwiches. Adults: \$12, children ages 5-12: \$5, children ages 4 and under: free. (includes sales tax).



SHARE



Alpha Hospitality!

When participants come together to learn and grow during Alpha, we want to provide them with great food! Part of the community building of Alpha is sharing a meal together before you begin. If you would like to help with the Alpha Hospitality for our Winter session, please check out the link and sign up [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Kelli (kdevries@seasp.org) or Trish (tlokmer@seasp.org). Not a chef, but still want to help? You can sign up for the Kitchen Hostess ministry instead. Sign up [here](#).

Metro Catholic Outreach

We could use the following items: peanut butter, tuna, canned meat products, stew, chili, pasta sauce, tomato products, canned fruit, canned beans, potatoes (fresh or flakes), helper meals, rice products, mac & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, baking supplies, condiments, toilet paper, paper products, trial sized (hotel) shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, full-size personal care products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, laundry detergent, and cleaning products. Homeless Bag items: single-serve canned stew, soup, peanut butter, (protein is most needed currently), chap stick, individual wet wipes, fruit cups, plastic silverware, any other items that are easy to eat or you think might be helpful for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity!



LEARN

Now Enrolling For Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, our members will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense. During this nine-week course using life-changing videos, online tools, resources, and group accountability our church members will learn how to create and stick to a budget, save for emergencies, pay off debt, and plan for the future. Financial Peace University is on Tuesday evenings, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, from March 26-May 28. Childcare is available.



About FPU

Register For FPU



Faith Formation Opportunity for Lay Formation and IMPACT Alumni

Experience God's grace and explore His impact in your life during our next IMPACT/LF Alumni Retreat, "Grace: On the Journey to God." The retreat will be held at New Melleray Abbey, just outside of Dubuque. We are excited for the opportunity to pray with and learn from the monks this Lenten season. Join us Sat., Mar. 30-Sun., Mar. 31, from 10:00 AM to 12 noon. For more information or to register, contact Theresa Alt at 319-447-1132, alt.theresa@yahoo.com.

Going Natural-A Healthy Choice Conference

Marshalltown's first ever "GOING NATURAL- A Healthy Choice" conference will be held Sat., Mar. 30, at Marshalltown Community College in DeJardin Hall from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. All are welcome, including engaged and married couples, counselors, teachers, students, clergy, doctors, nurses, pharmacists and social workers. The class objective is to present a scientific analysis of the chemistry of sex, fertility and relationships. Many experts in this field are scheduled to speak. Class testimonies: "I am excited and feel empowered to



share this information with women I work with," "This conference ROCKED!" and "Excellent speakers! They were able to engage the audience and entertain while still teaching something powerful!" Lunch is included in your registration fee and there will be great door prizes! If you have any questions or to register, please contact Mark/Mary Mauk at 641-750-8412.



Via Fidei Presents: "The Pascal Mystery"

Speaker Stephen Tony will speak on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ on Sat., Apr. 6, from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM, at St. Pius X in Pius Hall. Appetizers and drinks will be offered at 5:30 PM with the talk at 6:00 PM. This event is for young adults and young parents ages 21 and older. Limited childcare is available upon request. Contact Anthony at formation@crpiusx.org for more information.

PRAY

Feast of the Annunciation Mass

By pronouncing her "fiat" at the Annunciation and giving her consent to the Incarnation, Mary was already collaborating with the work her Son was to accomplish. In honor of the Feast of the Annunciation, a rosary will be held on Mon., Mar. 25, at St. Wencelous at 6:30 PM. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM with a social gathering to follow in Chihak Hall. The celebrant will be Fr. Chris Podhajsky. All are welcome!



Faith Formation Opportunity for Lay Formation and IMPACT Alumni

The parishes of the Heart of Mary Cluster invite you to join us for our Lenten Mission, *Knowing Christ*, March 31-April 2. Through scripture, prayer, and reflection, we will seek to increase our knowledge and understanding of Christ. We will become more aware of how God is active in us, in others, and in the world today.

The mission will consist of three separate but related talks with one at each of our parishes as

follows:

Sun., Mar. 31 – St. Mary, Urbana – 402 Ash Ave.

Mon., Apr. 1 – Sacred Heart, Walker – 516
Rowley St.

Tue., Apr. 2 – St. Mary, Vinton – 2200 2nd Ave.

Each night a light meal will be served in the parish hall starting at 6:30 PM with the talks taking place in the church starting at 7:00 PM.

Fr. Chris Manahan, S.J., will be our presenter. Fr. Chris is in his fifth year as director of the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago near Oshkosh, WI. He entered the Jesuits in 1993 at the age of 37, following a 15 year career as a newspaper reporter and editor during which time he was a news editor at *The Gazette* in Cedar Rapids. Fr. Chris was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish when it was established and helped with our RCIA program. Questions may be directed to Marcia Reilly at dbq203plc@dbqarch.org or by calling 319-472-3368.



Discussion Questions

March 17: Jesus hears: "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." What have you "heard" from Jesus lately that has helped you understand the Father better?

March 24: Lent is a time for digging and hoeing so that the new growth has a weed free place to emerge. How are you doing in preparing your soul soil for the new that God is preparing for you this Easter?

Mass/Liturgy Readings for March 17, 2019

Readings For The Week Of March 17, 2019

Sunday, March 17, Second Sunday Of Lent, ([Lk 9:28b-36](#))

Monday, March 18, Lenten Weekday, ([Lk 6:36-38](#))

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary, ([Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a](#))

Mass at Hiawatha Care Center at 9:45 AM, *Robert Stoerber*

Wednesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday, ([Mt 20:17-28](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 12:15 PM, *Gary Campbell*

Thursday, March 21, Lenten Weekday, ([Lk 16:19-31](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:00 AM, *Mary Kelchen*

Friday, March 22, Lenten Weekday, ([Mt 21:33-43, 45-46](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 6:30 AM, *Jane Spoden*

Stations Of The Cross at 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 23, Vigil: Third Sunday Of Lent, ([Lk 15:1-3, 11-32](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 5:00 PM, *Gerald Kluesner*

Sunday, March 24, Third Sunday Of Lent, ([Jn 4:5-42](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 8:30 AM, *Lynne Strabala*

Weekly Giving For 3/10/2018

Envelopes: \$15,571.50

Bank Checks: \$5,795.00

EFT: \$33,511.00

Loose: \$941.00

Almsgiving (Willis Dady): \$26.99

Building Fund: \$861.00

Total: \$56,706.49



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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM, Friday 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

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