



Fr. Mark's Message

*The parable of the weeds and wheat we just heard in the gospel reading is about the kingdom of heaven, sometimes also called the kingdom of God or the reign of God. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. God will do the separating and judging. This means that we will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern we show others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Instead, it provides us an opportunity for us to be generous and forgiving.*

*Are we prepared for such an opportunity?*

*–Fr. Mark*



Adult Formation

A promotional graphic for the Alpha Course. It features several questions in various sizes and colors (black and grey) overlaid on a white background. A large, bold red question mark is the central focus. In the bottom right corner, there is a red circle with the word "Alpha" in white, and a red banner with the text "FIND OUT ABOUT THE ALPHA COURSE" in white.

Alpha

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome.

ALPHA will be held on Sunday mornings at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

[Register Here](#)

[Check this Out!](#)

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## IMPACT

Looking for a life-changing spiritual adventure? Then IMPACT, the two-year lay formation program of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, may be perfect for you! Sessions begin this September. The host parish is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha. Register now! Applications are due July 31! For more information, please check out the [IMPACT website](#)



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## Coffee & Conversation

### *Why do Catholics do that?*

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Is someone you know interested in learning more? Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming Catholic and joining St. Elizabeth Ann Seton or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe. Join Trish for coffee and conversation! Sign up for a time and she will meet you at Roasters (1059 N Center Point Rd, Hiawatha, IA 52233. If you'd like more information or can't meet at the times listed: e-mail Trish Lokmer at [tlokmer@seasp.org](mailto:tlokmer@seasp.org) or call 393-3778.



[Sign up for a time](#)

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## Parish Events

### Baptisms this Weekend

Congratulations to **Ethan Robert Hayes**, child of Michael & Katie Hayes.



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## Blood Drive

Thank you for your past donations to the Blood Drives at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Pius X or Xavier High School. Family, friends or neighbors are still needing blood donations. You have the opportunity to bear fruit for God through service to others as challenged by Deacon Scott Zogg. A Blood Drive will be hosted Tue., Aug. 15, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton between 2:30 and 7:00. To set up your appointment, contact Pat at 721-9730 or [se\\_me@live.com](mailto:se_me@live.com).



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## Nicaragua Trip Blog

Thank you for your prayers for our parishioners who went to Nicaragua. We ask you to please keep our sister parish in your prayers. K.J. Giles has blogged about their trip! You can follow it [HERE](#).



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## Welcome Fr. Andrew Bwalya!

Fr. Andrew Bwalya, a Comboni Missionary, will speak to us about the missions the weekend of July 29 & 30. Founded by St. Daniel Comboni in Italy in 1831, the Comboni Missionaries are a community of more than 4000 priests, brothers, sisters and lay missionaries. They share by ministering with sacraments and pastoral care, helping improve quality of life and preparing local Christian leaders to do the Church's work among their people. The financial contribution that you make will be used to support Catholic missionary activity throughout the world. Please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and note "mission" in the



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memo line. We will send one check for all of the money received for the missions. Thank you for your generosity!



## Social Justice Spotlight



*"St. Stephen the Witness sees its primary mission field as the campus of the University of Northern Iowa, from which it also draws workers to send into the wider world. Every Fall, a Thanksgiving Food Basket project feeds 250 households in Cedar Falls and Waterloo, and puts students directly in contact with those they are helping. In the coming school year, one service-related goal is to collaborate with service efforts being undertaken by the University itself, so that St. Stephen's students can meet more new people while they serve, developing friendships that can become a foundation for sharing faith. Originally formed in 1895 by a Catholic laywoman named Anna McGovern, the Catholic community at UNI has undergone various stages and names. It is the oldest and one of the largest student organizations on campus."*



"I wish to also call attention to the tens of thousands of children that emigrate alone, unaccompanied to escape violence and poverty. Such a humanitarian emergency demands as its first measure the urgent protection and properly taking in of these children." - Pope Francis



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## Community Information

Metro Catholic Outreach

We can use more of the following:  
peanut butter, jelly, canned protein, pasta sauce,  
canned vegetables, soup, canned pasta, mac &  
cheese, potatoes, rice products, crackers, muffin  
mix, cookie or cake mix, pancake mix, syrup,  
snacks, condiments, bottled water, toilet paper,  
any size soap, shampoo, conditioner, personal  
care products, and laundry detergent. (we have  
run out of all personal care items) We depend  
upon your generous support! Thank You!



## Attention Married Couples

God reveals Himself through the Love of a couple. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming Dates: October 27-29 at Cedar Falls. November 10-12 at Iowa City For information and to register go to [bwa-wwme.org](http://bwa-wwme.org) or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305) or email: [JLJwwme08@Gmail.com](mailto:JLJwwme08@Gmail.com).



## Mass/Liturgy Readings for July 23, 2017

### Readings for the week of July 23

**Sunday, July 23 Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time** ([Mt 13:24-43](#))

**Monday, July 24, Weekday** ([Mt 12:38-42](#))

No Mass

**Tuesday, July 25, Weekday** ([Mt 13:1-9](#))

Mass at 9:45 AM at Hiawatha Care Center, William Miller

**Wednesday, July 26, Weekday** ([Mt 13:1-9](#))

Mass at 12:15 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Thursday, July 27, Weekday** ([Mt 13:10-17](#))

Mass at 9:00 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Margaret Kegel

**Friday, July 28, Weekday** ([Mt 13:18-23](#))

Mass at 6:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, *John Beard*

**Saturday, July 29 Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time** ([Jn 11:19-27](#))

Reconciliation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish from 4:15 PM-4:45 PM

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 5:00 PM, *Robert & Jeanne Hruska*

**Sunday, July 30, Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time** ([Mt 13:44-52](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 8:30 AM, For the Parish

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 11:00 AM, *Alfred & Violette Kaisershot*

PrayGround Available at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Mass Times

NO Prayz Kids



Weekly Giving For 7/16/2017

Envelopes	\$	10,593.00
Bank Checks	\$	4,296.50
Loose	\$	817.00
Almsgiving	\$	31.49
Building Fund	\$	287.50
Rice Bowl	\$	16.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>16,041.67</b>		



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