

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Bringing People Into A Growing Relationship With Jesus Christ

Advent Message Series



JOIN US FOR OUR ADVENT MESSAGE SERIES 2018!

As a team, our staff, realized over 5 years ago that we couldn't continue to be business as usual here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We decided to take God at His word, His promise to be with us always. We began to embark on an adventure to reshape how we think about church, how we do church and how we are church.

We determined that the efforts of this parish would be outwardly focused. As disciples we pray, we learn, we share and then we WITNESS. This Advent we are reaching out to YOU...we can't do what we set out to do without you. We are focusing on inviting Metro Mel into a relationship with Jesus Christ and our community. We will introduce you to Metro Mel during our Advent Message Series.

Will you join us in preparing the way for Metro Mel to have a life changing encounter?

Week 1 (December 1 & 2): Promise

Week 2 (December 8 & 9): Prepare

Week 3 (December 15 & 16): Joy

Week 4 (December 22 & 23): Friendship

This Week's Advent Message: Promise

God is someone who keeps his promises: the promise of peace and fulfillment; the promise that suffering is coming to an end. This weekend you are introduced to Metro Mel. We know the promise of "God-with-us" when we pray, learn and share. All we need to do is witness to Mel. This is our challenge. Will you join us? Will you share the promise with Mel? —Fr. Mark

Small Group Study Guide: Promise

Week One Video

Meet Metro Mel

From the pastor – Fr. Mark Ressler

Sat., Dec. 8 – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Sat., Dec. 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is always celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation in the U.S.A. since it is the “Patronal Feast Day” of the U.S.A., that is, Mary, under this title is the patron saint of the U.S.A.

Only one holy day Mass will be celebrated. It will be at 9:00 AM on Sat., Dec. 8. Other parishes in the area may have a Mass on Friday evening. Check their websites to see alternate Mass times.



Advent Communal Penance Services

The following communal penance services are available:

Wed., Dec. 13 at 7:00 PM at St. Ludmila's church

Sat., Dec. 15 at 10:30 PM at All Saints church

Reconciliation is available every Saturday evening at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton from 4:15 PM-4:45 PM or by appointment.

WITNESS

Baptism This Weekend

Congratulations *Anya Marie Svendsen* child of Russell & Jennifer Svendsen.



Christmas Flowers

If you would like to give a monetary donation for Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones, please place the money in an envelope marked Christmas flowers along with the names of your loved ones. Please place it in the collection basket, drop it off in the church office or mail to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 1350 Lyndhurst Dr. Hiawatha, IA 52233. Donations are due by Mon., Dec. 17.

Children's Christmas Choir

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will have a children's choir at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass. All children from 2nd grade through middle school are invited to join in the choir. There will be one rehearsal – Sat., Dec. 22, from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM, in the sanctuary. If your child cannot attend the rehearsal but still wishes to participate, please let us know as we need to have numbers for seating. We will also rehearse before Mass on Christmas Eve at 3:45 PM. Please contact Mark and/or Anna Zittergruen by email at markzitt@gmail.com or by phone at 447-2090 if your child is interested or if you have questions.



LEARN

NEW! PRAYZBAGS

We are excited to be offering PRAYZBAGS for our youngest children (approximately ages 2-8) to learn and grow in their faith during Mass. Some PRAYZBAG items include: a Mass journal, Mary doll,

picture missal, rosary and faith books. To pick up a bag, stop by our Information Desk to check one out to use during Mass. Bags can be returned after Mass to the Information Center. Due to limited quantity, we request for you to check out one per family. Bags will be available during all Mass times starting Sun., Nov. 25.



CEO

Catholic Evangelization Outreach

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Our next CEO (Catholic Evangelization Outreach) will be held at Mt. Mercy University, Busse Chapel, on Thur., Dec. 6, at 7:00 PM. College student Noelle Resse will share her story about how she has learned to give herself grace and is learning to love herself with help from God. No childcare is available. There is no charge and all are welcome! Bring a friend!!

Wine & Wisdom with Archbishop Jackels

Join us for Wine & Wisdom Thur., Dec. 6, at St. Pius X, as we discuss the importance of Holy Mass on Sunday. We participate with our community, not only to offer worship to God, but also to be transformed, and to be agents of transformation. The cost is free. The social gathering begins at 6:30 PM with the presentation being from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM. Childcare is available by calling the St. Pius office at 319.393.4445 x112. For more information or questions, contact Trish Lokmer: tlokmer@seasp.org.



SHARE

Stewardship Packets

Don't forget to return your Stewardship packets and information. We appreciate all of your generosity. If you missed the weekends the packets were out, or simply forgot to pick yours up, you can call the office as we still have them. All of the information and forms can also be found online here:

<https://www.seasp.org/ministries> and you can fill

out your packet online. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kelli (kdevries@seasp.org) or Mary (mlang@seasp.org).



"Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest

Knights of Columbus Council #15921 is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. There are three age divisions: ages 5-7; ages 8-10; and ages 11-14. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division.

Posters should be created on 11 X 17 sheets of paper and should reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas." Please submit completed posters to your child's RE instructor or the parish office by Fri., Dec. 14. Any questions, please contact Brandon Sinnock at 319-550-4747 or brandon_sinnock@yahoo.com.

Advent Giving Tree

Advent Giving Tree gifts and food donations are due back at the church on Sun., Dec. 9. If you took a mitten, please fulfill your commitment and bring your donation back unwrapped with the mitten attached. Several items have come in already. Thank you very much for your generosity!



Our Usher Ministry is GROWING and we need you!

We are in need of Ushers at all three Mass times on the weekend. Our greatest need is at 5:00 PM, but we have openings at all times. This ministry is open to WOMEN and MEN! It is a



great opportunity to get involved as a couple or individual. There is a one time a month commitment. Training is provided! Please contact Kelli to get started or ask any questions you might have! kdevries@seasp.org or 319-393-3778.

PRAY

Pray for Life

Please join us for the Cedar Rapids March for Life. A rosary for life will be prayed at 12:00 PM at St. Matthew's Church (2310 First Ave NE) in Cedar Rapids on Sun., Jan. 20. Fr. Steve Garner will be the celebrant at the Mass which will include prayers for the legal protection of the unborn. The St. Matthew Sanctity of Life Committee will be serving as hosts for this event. After the Mass, meet in Kearn Hall for a 2:00 March for Life to Planned Parenthood (3425 First Ave. SE) where we will witness, pray, and visit. Signs will be available for your use. At 3:00 PM we will return to St. Matthew's Church in Kearn Hall for some free hot chili and fellowship. Those who want to join in but will not be able to march can drive the route and participate in the events. All are welcome to attend all or part of this activity. For more information contact coalitionforlife@gmail.com.



Discussion Questions

December 2: Jesus gives us hope by encouraging us to stand secure in God's unconditional love. How does this make hope possible for me?

December 9: Given the current state of affairs in the world, who is preaching hope for you?

Mass/Liturgy Readings for December 2, 2018

Readings For The Week Of December 2, 2018

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday Of Advent, ([Lk 21:25-28, 34-36](#))

Monday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier ([Mt 8:5-11](#))

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 4, Advent Weekday, ([Lk 10:21-24](#))

Mass at the Hiawatha Care Center at 9:45 AM, *John Van Hoeck*

Wednesday, December 5, Advent Weekday, ([Mt 15:29-37](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 12:15 PM, *Jeff Hamilton*

Thursday, December 6, Advent Weekday, ([Mt 7:21, 24-27](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:00 AM, *Dolly Gansen*

Friday, December 7, St. Ambrose, ([Mt 9:27-31](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 6:30 AM, *Doris Smith*

Saturday, December 8, Holy Day Mass The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Holy

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 9:00 AM, *Deceased Members of the Wondering Family*

Saturday, December 8, Vigil: Second Sunday Of Advent, ([Lk 1:26-38](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 5:00 PM, *Darlene Dickes*

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday Of Advent, ([Lk 3:1-6](#))

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, *Gary Campbell*

PRAYZkids and/or PRAYground are available at the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Mass times

Weekly Giving For 11/25/2018

Envelopes: \$9,147.00

Bank Checks: \$4,159.68

Loose: \$1,056.00

Almsgiving (Feed Iowa First): \$48.21

Building Fund: \$387.50

Total: \$14,798.39



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