

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

This Week's Message



Here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, we often talk about the four characteristics of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. A disciple: Prays, Learns, Shares & Witnesses. All four characteristics are important! If we just focus on the first two, praying and learning, but don't share and witness, we fall short of what it means to be Christ's disciples. Jesus is constantly challenging us to share. And the sharing that He calls us to is a sharing that involves a cost, a sharing that requires us to die to ourselves. We don't like to think or talk about dying or death because there is a loss, a cost, a pain associated with it. But that is what Jesus is calling us to in John's Gospel this weekend. –Deacon Frank

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Lent 2018

[Check out what our parish is doing for Lent!](#)

[Use this reading schedule to read our Lenten book pick with us!!](#)



Final Communal Penance Date
March 24 at 10:30 AM at St. Jude.



Lenten Fasting Guidelines

Catholics age 14 and up abstain from meat on Lenten Fridays. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence for ages 18-59. On this day, limit yourself to one full meal and two smaller meals each

day, with no snacking between meals.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday, except Good Friday during Lent at 6 PM



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be held every Wednesday during Lent in the Reservation Chapel from 5 PM-7 PM.

40 Days for Life

Pray for those who work in the abortion industry, and for those who have repented of committing abortions and have resolved to defend life. The Coalition for Life of Iowa is looking for people to commit to pray in front of Planned Parenthood for 40 Days for Life campaign. Sign up for an hour any day or night! The campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. For additional info: Web: <https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids> Phone: Call Pat 319-721-9730, Email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com Join us for the Closing Rally on Sun, Mar. 25 at 5 PM. We pray for one hour outside Planned Parenthood, then head to Godfather's Pizza at 6 PM.



CRS Rice Bowl

On this fifth Sunday of Lent let us remember the teachers and students around the world. Through CRS Rice Bowl our almsgiving today will help teachers and students to learn together for the betterment of their communities. Education is a key to prosperity.

SHARE

Easter Ministry Opportunities

As we take time during Lent to quiet our minds and reflect, we also begin to prepare for Easter Sunday. If you would like to help us with some of those preparations, we have some opportunities for that. There are opportunities for the following: Greeters, Tidy Team, Spring Clean Up, Facility Set Up, Gift Bearers and more. These are great ministries for families, individuals and youth! For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Kelli at kdevries@seasp.org or 319-393-3778.



Equipment Maintenance Minister

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is blessed to have ministers to take care of our snow removal and our lawn care. Those ministers could not do this well without a minister helping to keep our equipment running! We are in need of a new minister (or ministers) to help with the maintenance and up keep of our lawn tractors, weed eaters, snow blowers, and so on. This is a flexible minister. Some training is provided by the minister currently serving. If you, or someone you know, has a gift or interest in helping with the equipment please contact Kelli at 319-393-3778 or kdevries@seasp.org.

Lawn Care Teams

Our lawn care teams have some openings for the 2018 Summer Season! Enjoy some time outside in the sunshine, while helping us to maintain our yard at St. Elizabeth's! Training is provided. There are four teams and each takes care of one week each month during the mowing season. There is flexibility in this ministry around your schedule. Must be 18 or older to serve in this ministry. If you have questions, or are ready to sign up, please email or call Kelli (319-393-3778 or kdevries@seasp.org).





St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs

St. Vincent de Paul fills requests for more than 100 food boxes each week for needy families in the Cedar Rapids/Marion/Hiawatha area. Our food pantry has gotten quite low and we would appreciate donations of all sorts of canned and boxed food items. Most especially we are in need of canned tuna, canned fruit, canned tomato sauce and soups and crackers. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Donations can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul at 9287th St SE Cedar Rapids, IA.

WITNESS



[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Women's Retreat](#)

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Women's Retreat "Seaside Escape" on Sat., Apr. 7. 8 AM Breakfast/ Fellowship, 8 AM, Retreat 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM. Seaside Escape helps women find rest and relaxation from the hustle and bustle of life as they slow down and spend time with God and each other. This beach-themed retreat program includes bible study based on the stories of Sarah and Hagar, uplifting worship, a time for Christian service, and relationship-building activities to help your retreat guests discover the depth of God's love, strength, and compassion.

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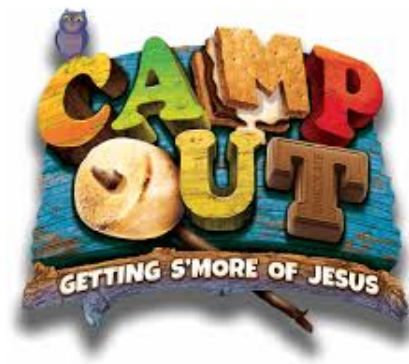
[Family Camp](#)

[June 15-17, 2018!!!!](#)

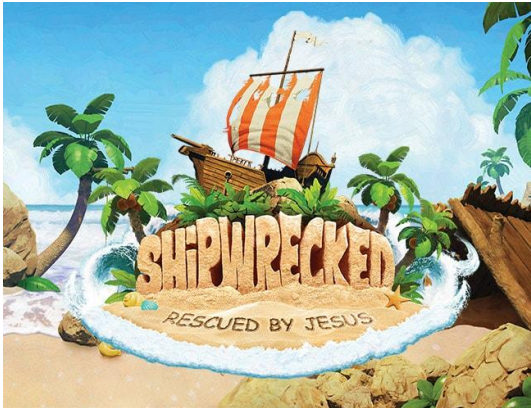
Our "Camp Out: Getting S'more of Jesus" theme will help you kindle friendships and help your family discover that Jesus is the light of the

world!

Family Camp is an excellent way to spend time with your own family and your St. Elizabeth Parish family. The memories are priceless for all ages!!



[Register Now](#)



[Save the Date for VBS!](#)

Save the date for Vacation Bible School! June 25-June 29, 9:00 AM-11:30 PM. Registration begins April 7.

PRAY

Mass/Liturgy Readings for March 18, 2017

Sunday, March 18 Fifth Sunday Of Lent ([JN 12:20-33](#))

Monday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ([MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A](#))
NO MASS

Tuesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday ([JN 8:21-30](#))

Mass at Hiawatha Care Center at 9:45 AM, *Florence Klein*

Wednesday, March 21, Lenten Weekday ([JN 8:31-42](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 12:15 PM, *Ralph O'Brien*

Thursday, March 22, Lenten Weekday ([JN 8:51-59](#))

School Mass at St. Pius at 9:00 AM

Friday, March 23, Lenten Weekday ([JN 10:31-42](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 6:30 AM, *Michael & Shirley Linnan*

Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 24 Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ([JN 11:45-56](#))

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, *Peggy Lengemann*

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ([MK 14:1—15:47](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 8:30 AM, *Arlene LeMense*

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 11:00 AM, *For the Parish*

PRAYZkids, PRAYground, & Children's Liturgy of the Word are available at the 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekly Giving For 3/11/2018

Envelopes: \$ 9,160.00

Bank Checks: \$ 2,595.00

EFT: \$ 33,422.34

Loose: \$ 914.00

Almsgiving (Social Justice): \$ 23.58

Building Fund: \$ 1,511.00

Total \$ 47,825.92



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