

This Week's Message



The scripture readings this weekend reveals that commitments are not easy to keep. How are you doing with your commitments? –Fr. Mark

From the Pastor Fr. Mark Ressler

Pope Francis and the Death Penalty

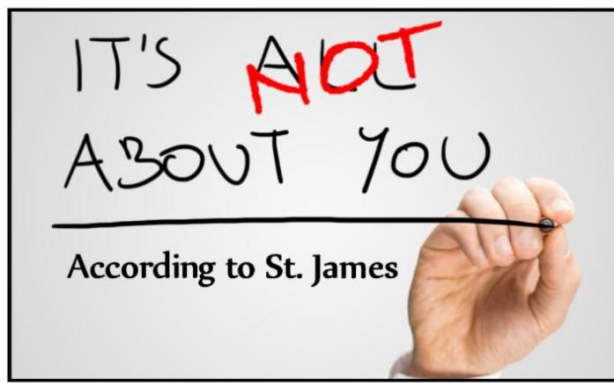
On August 1, 2018 Pope Francis changed Catholic teaching on the death penalty. It is now unacceptable in all situations. In doing so he is building upon the teachings of his predecessors, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II. Pope Francis declared the death penalty "inadmissible" in Catholic teaching.

Archbishop Jackel in his message in the August 6th edition of THE WITNESS writes, "... in light of the Gospel of Jesus, especially its impact on the notion of human dignity and on the quality it brings to mercy, the death penalty is inadmissible." In other words, even those convicted of the most serious crimes do not lose their innate dignity as a result of having been created in the image and likeness of God.

(The Archbishop's message can be found at the witnessonline.org or www.usccb.org)

Clergy Sexual Abuse

The headlines these past couple of weeks have focused on the sexual abuse committed by Catholic priests and the cover-up undertaken by their bishops. Catholic clergy need to go beyond saying that we are sorry and that we will take care of the survivors. We need also to change the structures that have allowed it all to continue for so many years. We need the help of the laity of the Church and their expertise.
–Fr. Mark



**Will you make a commitment to joining us for our
FALL MESSAGE SERIES EVERY SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER?**

The Letter of James shows up as our second reading during the Sundays of September. We will be going deeper into this letter and what it has to say about living as a Christian. Join us this Fall for our message series and learn what it's all about!!

September 2: It's All About God & Others

September 9: It's All About The Poor

September 16: It's All About Action

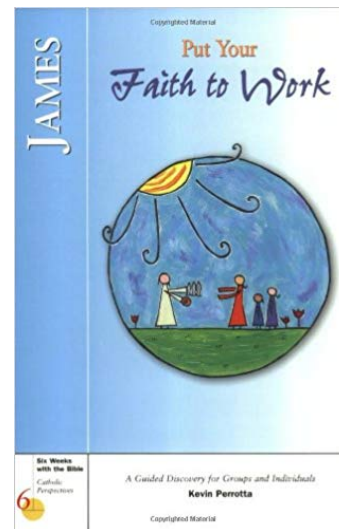
September 23: It's All About Living In Community

September 30: It's All About Giving

2018 Fall Message Series Companion Book: Get Your Copy Today!

The Letter of James shows up as the second reading during the Sundays in September. In this great companion to our fall message series, *James: Put Your Faith to Work*, you will learn how to apply Jesus' teachings to your lives as members of God's kingdom. Ultimately, we come to understand the book of James as our road map for the Christian journey. Use this book individually or in a group setting. The cost is just \$7 and the books will be available in the parish office and after Masses the weekend of August 25 and 26. Would you like to form a group to read with others or join a group that already meets? Contact Trish Lokmer:

tlokmer@seasp.org or 393-3778.



Will you make a commitment to your faith this fall and join us for Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Join us for food, a talk and small group discussion. There is no cost and childcare is available upon request. Registration is now open for the fall sessions.

Alpha Dates:

Sunday Mornings, September 9-November 18
from 9:30 AM-11:00 AM
Thursday evenings, September 13-November 29
from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Friday Mornings, September 14-November 30
from 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

[Register Now](#)

Alpha Prayer Meeting

Would you like to pray for Alpha at our parish? Join us for an ALPHA PRAYER MEETING on Sun., Aug. 26 at 9:30 AM-10:30 AM in the reservation chapel.



Register Now For Teen Alpha!!

Register Now for Teen Alpha! Got questions about life? Ask anything! Sun., Sept. 9 - Sun., Nov. 18 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 PM. To register contact Sarah Casey at scasey@seasp.org.



Confirmation Parent Meeting

A Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held on Wed., Sept. 12 at 6:00 PM. All parents with children being confirmed this year are required to attend.

Second Grade Sacramental Preparation

If your child is going into 2nd grade this coming school year 2018-19, please make sure they are registered for First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation. If you have specific questions about registration or sacramental preparation, please contact Trish Lokmer: tlokmer@seasp.org or 393-3778.



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Baptisms This Weekend

Congratulations to *Ryker James Costello* child of Abigail Costello and *Alana Irene Mohwinkle* child of Brad & Sarah Mowinkle.



Date Nights Are Back!

All engaged and married couples are invited to attend our date nights on: Sat., Sept. 15, Sat., Oct., 20 and Sat., Nov. 17 at 6:10 PM (after the 5:00 PM Mass). We will discuss a marriage topic followed by couple discussion and a brief group discussion. Come to one or all date nights! There is no homework, just quality time together.

Follow us on Facebook for more information

www.facebook.com/StEsDateNight.



Especially For You Race Registration

Register now to join St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's team for the Especially for You Race against Breast Cancer. Join us in supporting this worthy cause by registering

here: <https://runsignup.com/CorporateTeams/StElizabethAnnSeton> by Fri., Aug. 31 for the early

bird discount. The event will be held on Sun.,

Oct. 7. Please contact your friends and family

and encourage them to walk as well! Contact

Christina Wood at christina.woodet.com or (951)

836-9551 if you have any questions.

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Altar Server Training

We will hold a training for NEW Altar Servers on

Thur., Aug. 30. Training will be from 6:00 PM-7:15

PM and will begin in the gathering space

outside of church. This training is open to anyone

entering 5th grade or older. Please RSVP to Kelli

Service Opportunities

Calling ALL students! We are always so excited to have your participation as ministers at St. Elizabeth's. Be sure to keep up to date on ways you can serve for Scouts, School, and the various clubs or organizations. One great way to stay up to date is to keep an eye on the bulletin. You can also fill out the ministry form here

(<https://www.seasp.org/ministry-commitment-form>)

to get involved through ministries you would enjoy. Feel free to contact Sarah, scasey@seasp.org or Kelli, kdevries@seasp.org for more information, ideas, or questions.



Metro Catholic Outreach

Please help us continue to serve our growing number of client families by helping with the following food items: peanut butter/jelly, tuna and other canned meat products, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, tomato products, canned pasta, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned beans, potatoes, rice products, helper meals, crackers, toilet paper, small and large shampoo/conditioner/lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, laundry detergent, cleaning products. We are grateful for your support!

From your Social Justice Committee-Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day.

They're now feeding over 1,257,000 children every school day. Let's help them feed more!

Through the end of September all coins from the collection will go to Mary's Meals. Since the beginning of July we have collected \$144.10. Please consider emptying some of your coins from your piggy bank or from your pocket! You can bring them to Mass or to the parish office by Sun., Sept. 30.

Thank you for feeding the hungry! God bless you and all the children of the world.



This program's purpose is to intervene in homelessness and poverty. These two hideous conditions mark so many in our society with behaviors and life styles that degrade humankind. It should be our innate spirit and responsibility through our love for humankind to want to effect and facilitate better lives for our fellow man. Our next week to host is Sept 9-15. We need volunteers to provide dinner, dinner/evening hosts 5:30 PM-8:30 PM and overnight hosts 8:30 PM-7:00 AM. On-line sign up can be found at www.stwenceslauscr.com or contact Dave Martin at 362-8061 ext 202 to learn how you can be a part of this ministry.

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Discussion Questions

August 26: The challenges posed by following Jesus are getting too hard. Am I one of those who left, or am I staying?

September 2: Jesus warns against making human teachings or traditions superior to God's. Have you ever struggled with this problem?

Mass/Liturgy Readings for August 26, 2018

Readings For The Week Of August 26, 2018

Sunday, August 26 Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time, ([MT 23:13-22](#))

Monday, August 27, St. Monica, ([MT 23:13-22](#))

NO MASS

Tuesday, August 28, St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church ([MT 23:23-26](#))

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

Wednesday, August 29, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist ([MK 6:17-29](#))

NO MASS

Thursday, August 30, Weekday, ([MT 24:42-51](#))

NO MASS

Friday, August 31, Weekday, ([MT 25:1-13](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 6:30 AM, *Darlene Dickes*

Saturday, September 1, Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time, ([MT 25:14-30](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 5:00 PM, *Grace Gassman*

Sunday, September 2, Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time, ([MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#))

Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 8:30 AM, *Ollie Santel*

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

PRAYkids, PRAYground, available at the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Mass times

Envelopes: \$8,911.00

Bank Checks: \$2,426.50

EFT: \$30,672.33

Loose: \$955.00

Almsgiving (Social Justice): \$48.33

Building Fund: \$870.00

Total: \$43,883.16



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