

Dear Prefix First Name Last Name,

Greetings from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Men of Action

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. (Matthew 5:15)

As we journey through the later part of winter it is easy to picture the impact of a single source of light in a dark and cold house and the impact that light would have on all members of the household.

We are blessed with much spiritual light during the month of February as we hear the word of Jesus as he gives the Sermon on the Mount. From emphasizing the importance of humility to treating others with love and kindness Jesus teaches us how to seek the Kingdom of God in various and challenging ways. He is also teaching us how to reflect God's love and grace out in the world.

These readings lead the way towards Ash Wednesday at the end of February. Traditionally we think of Ash Wednesday and Lent as a time of introspection and personal preparation. What if we change our perspective slightly and in preparing for Lent we are called to take steps to move our faith forward by shining our light of faith before others?

We thank you for all that you do to profess the light of Christ daily through your vocation. We pray for continued strength as you continue your ministry. Please know that these prayers are on our lips daily.

Your brothers in Christ,

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Men of Action