Week 2 (November 9/10): Be Present!
The Third Characteristic of Discipleship at SEAS is “SHARE”: Growing disciples are generous. Sharing our God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure are at the heart of the Christian life.

Think about your time. If you consider the past 24 hours, were you a good steward of your time? How much time did you waste? How much time did you spend that didn’t help you become a “better version of yourself”? Will you decide today to be “present” to the life and time you have been given?

Are we giving our time in ways that makes an eternal difference in the lives of others? We need to reprioritize our lives toward Kairos or God’s time. We need to decide to share some of our time with a focus on the eternal. How can you and I share our time here at St. Elizabeth’s in such a way that will make an eternal difference? -Deacon Dennis

Prior to meeting as a group, attend Mass and read over Deacon Dennis’ message for the corresponding week, found on the parish website: www.seasp.org.

Opening Prayer: Read and reflect on this past Sunday’s Second Reading
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 (Reading found on the back)
- What word or phrase stuck out to you in this reading? Why?

As a group:
- Watch the Week 2 message series video on “SHARE” from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Website: www.seasp.org

Individual Reflection or Discussion Questions-
As a group discuss the following from your weekly reading and reflection:

1. What from the message video and/or homily stood out to you this week and why?
2. Think about the last week. How did you spend your time?
3. Time is a very precious gift. Most of us feel we don’t have enough time for all the things we want to do. Everyone is given the same amount of time: 24 hours each day, 168 hours each week. The question is: How do we choose to use our time? Henry David Thoreau once said: “It is not enough to be busy, so are ants. The question is what we are busy about?” What takes up your time (here and now)?
4. When we share our time, what are we focused on: the here and now, or the eternal?
5. How might God be calling you to share your gift of time to make an “eternal difference” in the lives of others?

**Weekly SHARE Challenge:**

- Look at your upcoming calendar for the week. How do you spend your time? Can you free up more time for God and for “Sharing” this week?
- **Supplemental Reading throughout the message series: 4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic pp. 109-140.**

**Closing Prayer:** Read the following prayer together-

Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy if I-who make it what it is-am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2nd Reading **2 THES 2:16-3:5**

Brothers and sisters:

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.