



Pray. Know. Share.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Neighborhood Evangelization

“Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you”

Quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta

This event is suggested to be completed on your own (along with your family) sometime during the month of July.

In our neighborhoods there are always families moving in and out of the area. Or perhaps there is a family you have always wanted to meet that has been in your neighborhood for quite some time, or someone you would just like to get to know better. Do we make time to extend kindness to those so close to us; those right in our own neighborhoods? Below are some ideas and suggestions to help us get started putting our “Faith into Action” right where we live!

- ◆ Has a family moved into your neighborhood in the last year? Welcome them to the neighborhood as a family; bake a small item, have the children make a card for them. Deliver it to them and include a tri-fold and SEAS prayer card (**provided in the basket on the table in the gathering area at SEAS**).
- ◆ Do something nice for a senior in your neighborhood. Mow their grass, offer to help them with other yard chores, run an errand for them, leave flowers on their doorstep along with a note, or bring them a meal. Be sure to give them a tri-fold and SEAS prayer card.
- ◆ Do you know of someone in your neighborhood that has just had a baby, or is suffering a loss? Take them a simple meal.
- ◆ When you see your neighbor out in the yard, go up and introduce yourself. Get to know them! If you already know them, trade cell phone numbers with them. Send a simple text periodically such as, “I hope you are having a blessed day!”
- ◆ An easy way to meet your neighbors is to sit outside on your driveway in the evening; neighbors often go out for a walk in the evening. Greet them and introduce yourself. Also, you can go for a walk in the neighborhood and strike up a conversation!
- ◆ Plan a neighborhood get together. Make it simple; have an ice cream social.
- ◆ Have your children do a lemonade stand on your driveway. Visit and get to know your neighbors as they stop by. Have a tri-fold and SEAS prayer card available on the table.
- ◆ If you are visiting with a neighbor steer the conversation around to what you are doing that weekend. Ask them to join you in attending a parish event such as a festival, potluck, parish picnic or the fall bazaar! Don’t take it personally if they don’t accept your offer to join you in some event; offer again another time.
- ◆ Don’t feel like you have to “adopt” the whole neighborhood or you will feel overwhelmed, just pick 1, 2 or 3 and focus your care on them. Don’t stress yourself by making your efforts “perfect”. Just do something! “The perfect is the enemy of the good.”

- ◆ Pray for your neighbors.
- ◆ The fruit of this “Neighborhood Evangelization” activity is to get to know our neighbors and to be of service to them. In this way, we “share” our faith through our actions which will lead others to Christ. As we grow in our knowledge and understanding of others, we will become aware of their needs and our need to serve them. “The fruit of our service is PEACE” (a quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta)
- ◆ Last month we launched 300 balloons with prayers attached at the Pentecost Festival. This month, be a part of our “virtual prayer launch”. Copy the message below and leave it in a place where you know someone in your neighborhood will find it; perhaps the front door:

“I have prayed for you! Please let us know where our prayers have reached. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Wichita, Kansas, 316-721-1686, pray.know.share@gmail.com”.

Please share any additional suggestions with us, so we can add to this list as the month of July unfolds! Also, we would love to hear your stories as you complete this activity. Please email us at pray.know.share@gmail.com.