

# Disciples & Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

We commit ourselves to the discipleship & stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture & Tradition. We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship & Stewardship of our diocese: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, & Service.

1st Sunday in Lent ♦ March 6, 2022



## Some Ideas for a Good & Holy Lent

### Prayer

- Sit in silence for 15 minutes of prayer.
- Pray for someone each day. Assign each day of Lent to pray for a specific person.
- Commit a prayer or a Scripture verse to memory.
- Create a new habit by doing a daily examen each day/evening.
- Stop hitting snooze and give Jesus your first 5 minutes of the day.
- Challenge yourself to a Holy Hour in Adoration each week.

### Fasting

- Give up multitasking and be truly present to the person or task in front of you.
- Switch from secular music/books/podcasts to options that will build and increase your friendship with Jesus.
- Fast from looking at your phone for a block of time where your loved ones would benefit from your full attention.
- Give up gossiping. Every time you are tempted to speak about someone else unkindly share a compliment instead.

### Almsgiving

- One day a week, eat ONLY 2 bowls of oatmeal, cereal, or rice. Offer it in prayer for those living without food.
- Make a point of saying thank you ten times each day.
- Set aside one item from your pantry each day and donate it to the food pantry. Give of your first fruits instead of your leftovers.
- Introduce yourself to someone new at church.

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Finance Council: Charlotte Charbonnier  
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**Strong in Faith  
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# WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH

*We Invite You to Join Us Often!*

*March is dedicated to Saint Joseph*

## March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:**

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### Parish Directory

PHONE: (618) 877-3300

Mass & Confession Times: 1

Parish Office 2

Grade School 3

*See bulletin cover for additional info.*

*After selecting Office or School there are additional menus.*

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER- 314-266-8387**

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## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
& Sundays 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. (with Vespers)**

**PLEASE CONSIDER COMMITTING TO AN HOUR  
WITH THE LORD ON THURSDAY EACH WEEK!!**

**Eucharistic Adoration on our part is the appreciation for  
the total gift of Christ's presence among us. It expresses to  
Him that He is truly welcomed and loved by us.**

**Becoming a saint is between God and us. No excuses needed,  
He knows our inner most thoughts. Most of the time we just  
have to adjust our schedules to make time for our spiritual  
growth. Eucharistic Adoration is a means at our disposal  
that we can use to grow in holiness.**

*And on Sundays, join us for Exposition & Adoration with  
Benediction & Vespers from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Come and spend  
an hour with the Lord to end your weekend and start your  
week.*

### Liturgical Schedule

**Monday, March 7 (Lenten Weekday/Saints Perpetua and  
Felicity, Martyrs)**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 8 (Lenten Weekday/Saint John of God,  
Religious)**

**8:15 a.m.-** Delores Scaturro+ by Nancy Gray

**Wednesday, March 9 (Lenten Weekday/Saint Francis of Rome,  
Religious)**

**8:15 a.m. –** Mark Malone+ by Jane Jackstadt

**Thursday, March 10 (Lenten Weekday)**

**8:15 a.m. –** Bill Loftus+ by Ann Czwoznowog

**Friday, March 11 (Lenten Weekday)**

**8:15 a.m.-** Mary Ellen Becherer+ by Cathy Cassy

**3:00 p.m.-** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 12 (Lenten Weekday)**

**8:15 a.m.-** No Communion Service

**Sunday, March 13 (Second Sunday of Lent) –**

**4:30 p.m. (Saturday)-** Ralph Byrd+ by Richard P. Willaredt

**8:00 a.m. –** Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

**10:30 a.m.\* –** Charles Ross Halbhook+ by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbhook

*(Note: incense will be used at most 10:30 Masses and others  
noted with \*)*



## Altar Flowers & Mass Offerings

*You can provide fresh flowers for the Altar of Reservation for  
a weekend & through the following week for the greater glory  
of God & in honor or memory of someone, for a \$50 offering.  
Contact the parish office for information & to schedule a  
week.*

*Mass offerings and 14 Day Candle memorials are also available.  
Contact the parish office for more info.*

### Sunday's Mass Readings

**First Sunday of Lent – 06 March 2022**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10. Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15. Romans  
10:8-13. Luke 4:1-13.

**Reflecting on Baptism and Temptations.** Luke's gospel recounts that  
Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit at Jordan's baptism, is led by that same  
Spirit into the desert – a place for reflection and prayer. And hunger.  
And temptations by *diabolos*, the false accuser. What happens?  
Strengthened by baptism at which he is called "beloved", temptations are  
resisted – not easily, but resisted nonetheless. Food for our thoughtful  
reflections this Lent.

- ◆ How does my Baptism strengthen me for Christian living?
- ◆ How can I face temptations of eating, of power, of vain glory  
this Lent?
- ◆ How will I pray for and support the elect throughout the  
diocese called this day to Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist at  
the coming Easter Vigil?

### In Memoriam



**THE 14 DAY CANDLE** will be burning in memory of  
Halfred & Fern Fossie.

## Divine Mercy Minutes from the Diary of St. Faustina

“Today I heard these words: ‘The graces I grant you are not for you alone, but for a great number of other souls as well....and your heart is My constant dwelling place, despite the misery that you are. I unite Myself with you, take away your misery, and give you My mercy. I perform works of mercy in every soul, The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine, and his enemies will be shattered at the base of My footstool.’” (Diary, 723)

## Parish & School Events

### Sunday, March 6 – HARMONY CAFÉ

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. - PSR (PLC)  
9:00 a.m.- Men at Prayer (Choir Room)  
10:30 a.m. Mass – RCIA Rite of Sending  
2:30 p.m.- RCIA Rite of Election (Cathedral)  
5:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.- Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m.- Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers (Church)

### Monday, March 7-

6:30 p.m.- Forgiveness – Lenten Series (Harmony Room)

### Tuesday, March 8–

6:30 p.m.- Forgiveness – Lenten Series (Harmony Room)

### Wednesday, March 9–

3:45 p.m.- Girl Scouts (Cafeteria)  
6:30 p.m.- Forgiveness – Lenten Series (Harmony Room)  
7:00 p.m.- BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, March 10-

9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. – Adoration  
6:30 p.m.- Learning in the Library/RCIA (PLC Library)  
9-10 p.m.- Exodus 90 Fraternity Meeting (Harmony Room)

### Friday, March 11 –

3:00 p.m.- Stations of the Cross (Church)  
4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.- Fish Fry (Cafeteria)

### Saturday, March 12-

5:30 p.m.- PTO Auction (St. Mary’s Engelbert Hall)

### Sunday, March 13-

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – PSR (PLC)  
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – Young Disciples Society (Harmony Room)  
1:00 p.m.- Secular Franciscans (PLC)  
5:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.- Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m.- Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers (Church)

## Prayers for our Military

Please reach out to the parish office and let us know of any active military persons for whom you would like the parish to pray. Thank you!

### Prayer for Military Members and Their Families

*Almighty and Eternal God, protect the members of our Armed Services as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Nolan Yehling- USAF, Whiteman AFB; Justin Niles- USAF, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richarson; Brandon Weidner, Mobile, AL; Kody Presswood- US Army, Naples, Italy*

## Prayers for our Clergy

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays in March: 3/3- Fr. Hyland Smith, 3/9- Fr. Brian Alford & Fr. Dominic Vahling, 3/10-Fr. Michael Trummer, 3/15- Fr. Mark Schulte, 3/16- Fr. Samuel Bagyo, Jr., 3/17- Fr. Pat Jakel, 3/26- Fr. Daren Zehnle, 3/27- Fr. John Nolan

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 3/9- Fr. Martin Reidy & Fr. Michael J. O’Mullane, 3/10- Fr. Peter Curran, Fr. A.B. Rinkes & Fr. Raymar Bobber, OFM 3/11- Fr. Herman Lurimann, Fr. David Moroney & Msgr. Lawrence Mattingly 3/12- Fr. Thomas Carroll, Fr. Peter Klapp & Msgr. William Croke



## Theological Thoughts with Deacon Michael

At the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, we will celebrate the *Rite of Sending* with **Lisa Marie Dean**, our one catechumen (candidate for full initiation at the Easter Vigil – Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion).

Where are we “sending” her? To the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, where Sunday afternoon at 2:30 we will celebrate the *Rite of Election*. In the *Rite of Election*, Bishop Paprocki calls the catechumens of the diocese and acknowledges and ratifies the call of Christ in their lives on behalf of the church.

This is an important step on the journey that is the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA), the ongoing Rite by which the church welcomes and initiates new adult members. By ongoing, I mean that it is always running – all year every year – always welcoming new members and journeying with them to the Sacraments of Initiation. Pray for and help encourage more catechumens here at St. Elizabeth Parish!

Those of us involved in RCIA are extremely excited for Lisa as she takes this next step in her journey of faith, and for her daughter Meghan (our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher who came into the church two years ago), and their whole family. Watching the faith continue blossom in their family has been a true blessing. Please join us in prayer for them, and especially Lisa as she encounters these Rites.



## Holy Week & Easter at St. Elizabeth

As we journey through Lent, mark your calendars now for the **Holy Week & Easter liturgies. Resolve to join your parish family for as many as you can!**

### April 9-10: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

**After all Masses: Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Bake Sale**  
**Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday**

### THE HOLY TRIDUUM

*The holiest liturgy of the Church Year:  
One liturgy spread over three days*

### Thursday, April 14: Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7 p.m.\*  
Silent Adoration until Midnight; Night Prayer at 11:45 p.m.

### Friday, April 15: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m.  
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 3 p.m.\*  
Followed by the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena

### Saturday, April 16: Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Foods at 10 a.m., Church vestibule  
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter at 8:00 p.m.\*  
Divine Mercy Novena Day 2 at 3 p.m., Church

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Masses: 8 a.m.\* & 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet each day at 3 p.m., in the Church, through next Sunday.**

**Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Church)**

\* *Streamed on our Facebook Page & YouTube Channel*

## Sacraments of Initiation

Do you or someone you know need to finish receiving their Sacraments of Initiation – Confirmation and/or first Holy Communion? Deacon Michael has a class in progress for those above 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, to receive the Sacraments this summer. Email him at [mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org](mailto:mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org) or call the parish office for more information.

## Baptism Preparation & Scheduling

Know someone who needs to prepare for and have their child scheduled for Baptism? Send them to [stelizabethgc.org/baptism](http://stelizabethgc.org/baptism) for more information.

## Learning in the Library

*Thursdays 7-8:15 in the Parish Life Center Library*

**Mar. 10:** The Creed (Seminarist Dan)

**Mar. 24:** The Role of the Laity / Spiritual Gifts / Discernment / Our Call to Holiness (Deacon Neil)

**Mar. 31:** The Lord's Prayer (Bret Ware)

**Apr. 7:** The Meaning of Holy Week (Deacon Michael)

## YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY

Young Disciples Society is for ALL 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*Sundays from 9-10 a.m. in the Harmony Room:*

*Young Disciples – don't forget to ask for your wooden nickels when you attend Mass, serve Holy Hour, etc.*

**March 13:** St. Joseph & God's Plan: Men, Women, & Marriage

**March 27:** The GIFT of the Eucharist

**April 24:** Divine Mercy & the Power of Reconciliation

**May 8:** The Apostles

**May 15:** 12:30-2 p.m. BBQ at Norma's Place.

## Parish School of Religion (1st-3rd)

*9-10:15 a.m. Sundays (between Masses):*

**Mar. 6:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. (PLC Library)

**Mar. 13:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. (PLC Library) & 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. (PLC Upstairs)

**Mar. 20:** Break week (full facility in use for Koinonia)

## FORMED® Pick of the Week

Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners can access free Catholic content on FORMED, on your smart TV, computer, or mobile. To register, go to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org), sign up as a parishioner, and type our Postal Code (62040) to easily find and select our parish.

**Everyday Heroes:** <https://watch.formed.org/everyday-heroes/videos/everyday-heroes>

Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!

**All High School Youth:**  
*GC Rock is for you!*

We're cooking up some more great new events – check for more soon!

**GC Rock**  
Youth Group

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MATTHEW

*Rocks and Parents*, join us at Vespers/Adoration 7:30-8:30 pm on Sundays at St. Elizabeth. Watch our FB Group (GC Rock Youth Group) or GroupMe for changes or additions. Questions? Rita 972-4022, Woody 876-7551, or Dawn 709-3565



Join our 3-night journey through *Forgiven* as a parish, this Monday-Wednesday, March 7-9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night.

*Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether you haven't been to Confession in a long while or you go regularly, you don't want to miss this series.

*Sign up at [stelizabethgc.org/lent](http://stelizabethgc.org/lent) or by calling the parish office.*



**March 18-20 | St. Elizabeth Catholic Church**

Friday evening 5 p.m. to approx. 9:15 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to approx. 9:15 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m. to approx. 3 p.m.

Cost per person \$50, scholarships available  
Includes: All Meals (Friday Lenten Dinner; Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner; Sunday Breakfast & Lunch);  
Snacks & Beverages; Retreat Materials; Fun & Fellowship

For adults 18 years & older, with priority given to St. Elizabeth, Holy Family, & St. Mary/St. Mark Parishioners

Say YES to a weekend of fun, fellowship,  
& Community in Christ

**Sign up at [stelizabethgc.org/koinonia](http://stelizabethgc.org/koinonia)**

## Parish News

**FISH FRY SEASON-** Is here at last! Come out to the cafeteria on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent from 4pm to 7pm for the best fish dinner in town!

**HARMONY CAFÉ-** The March Harmony Café will be Sunday only. Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is the 150 Club Banquet. Please have an enjoyable evening!

**COLLECTION TO AID THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE-** Please be sure to use your envelopes this week to contribute to this very critical collection. These funds will also be used to provide assistance to the victims of war in Ukraine, among many other projects the Collection supports in the region.

**REISKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP-** Applications are now available at the Parish Office. Any college-bound parishioner is eligible who:

- Graduated from St. Elizabeth School
- Presently is a member of St. Elizabeth Parish
- Is active in the Parish
- Attends Mass EVERY WEEKEND
- Has financial need

Applications are due by Friday, April 1, 2022 no later than 4:00 pm. First time applicants will have preferential consideration and no one applicant will be awarded the scholarship more than two times.

**PARDON OUR DUST!-** On Monday, March 7, the process to replace the carpet in the gathering space and church will begin. It should require minimal disruption to the regularly planned events in the church complex. Any men of the parish that can help move a few items on Sunday at 5pm, please come by and assist. Please pay attention to any signage or messages we send so that you will be able to safely access the church.

**LADIES SODALITY NEWS-** What a great celebration for Howard's 20<sup>th</sup> year of service as our sacristan! Thank you to everyone who attended; it was a fun reception. Amazing job by Bootsie, Carol, Norma, Marilyn and all that provided the Hawaiian themed food and desserts.

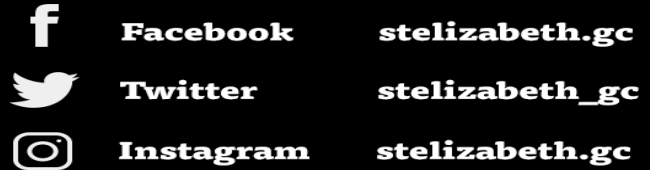
Congratulations go to Debbie Krystopa, who won the beautiful quilt this month, made by our talented quilters. Please remember to turn in your quilt raffle tickets. Extras can be found in the parish office or the gathering space.

The reception for our First Communion and Confirmation children was this past Sunday. We had a good turn out, great food and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Sodality for hosting and to the team that made it happen: Tammi M, Norma, Laura S, Gabriela R. and her daughter Gabby! May God continue to bless these children on their faith journey.

**CRS RICE BOWLS-** Collections continue throughout the Lenten season. If you need another bowl, you should be able to find them in the gathering space. Please return the bowl, filled to church or the parish office.

## Follow Jesus. Follow His Church.

Follow St. Elizabeth on the socials for updates & inspirational content:



## Pride of our School

**WILD WEST PTO AUCTION-** Still time to join us at the Wild West PTO Auction! Don't miss out on fellowship, great food and the chance to bid on great auction items! Tickets can be purchased at:  
<https://handbid.app.link/stewildwest22>.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION-** Registration for the 2022-2023 school year continues. If you or someone you know might be interested in enrolling at our wonderful school, please contact Mrs. Joyce in the school office.



**OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-** Students Layla Juarez and Simon Wagoner were selected as the Granite City Optimist February Students of the Month from Mrs. Cheryl Wegner's fifth grade class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.

Layla Juarez is ten years old. She is the daughter of Susana Gomez and Rolando Juarez. Layla's favorite class is art. She loves drawing and painting and has put together a journal full of her creations. She even draws in her free time outside of school. Another hobby that she enjoys is playing videogames especially Roblox. Layla is a member of the St. Elizabeth's Newspaper Club. She has been given many different assignments for the newspaper, and most recently, she collected jokes for humor section. When asked to name one place in the world she would like to visit, Layla picked Japan. This is because she is intrigued by the different Asian cultures and is a big fan of anime, a style of Japanese film animation. As an adult, Layla would like to put her creativity and love of drawing to work as an animator.

Simon Wagoner is also ten years old. He is the son of Austin and Leanne Wagoner. Social Studies is Simon's favorite class. He likes learning about American History and finds the study of United States military conflicts and battles very interesting. Simon is a member of the Gators baseball team and plays three positions: pitcher, third base, and short stop. He has been playing ball for three years and hopes to be playing for many years to come. The one place that Simon would like to visit would be Paris, France. If he were in Paris, he would climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower. Also, he would spend a whole day watching professional soccer matches. He would be cheering for his favorite team, the Paris St. Germaine. Simon hopes to be a professional baseball player when he grows up. He hopes to be drafted by the Dodgers. He feels that the Dodgers have the biggest hiring budget and can offer him the highest salary.

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: *"Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Prayer:** *"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."* -St. Therese of Lisieux (CCC 2558)

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Dive into God's word in Scripture this Lent or pray the rosary with your family.

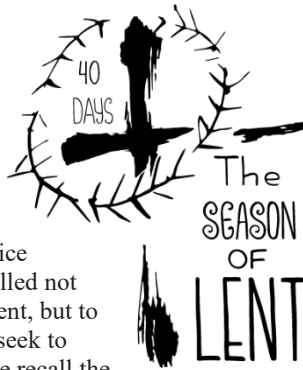
**Fasting:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

CRS Rice Bowl is also one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to Catholic Relief Services in order to help those who do not have enough to eat.

**Almsgiving:** The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).



## Our Financial Stewardship

### Did you remember your gift?

February 27, 2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/ (Short)</u>
<b>Week 35</b>			
Regular Income	\$ 5,297.00		
108 Envelopes	(Average Gift \$49.05)		
<b>Loose</b>	475.00		
<b>On-Line Giving</b>	792.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 6,564.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,606.00</u>	<u>(\$ 2,042.00)</u>
<b>YTD Totals</b>	<u>\$ 284,012.64</u>	<u>\$301,210.00</u>	<u>(\$17,197.36)</u>

Weekly and YTD Goals were calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and is what is required to break even.

### OTHER GIFTS

Tuition Assistance	60.00
Bldg. Repair/Maintenance	122.00
Special Projects	10.00
Mission & Ministry	10.00
All Saints Day	20.00
Christmas Offering	20.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	30.00
Easter Flower Offering	25.00
Ash Wednesday	100.00
Votive Offering	137.00
Catholic Charities	25.00
Catholic Relief Services	45.00
Aid to Church in Central/Eastern Europe	95.00
Other Parish Offerings – Not Specified	440.00

## Scrip Progress

Week Ending 02/27/2022

	Walmart	National	Total Sales
	\$1,025.00	\$2,860.00	\$3,885.00
<b>Year to Date:</b>			
	Walmart	National	Total Sales to Date
	\$8,475.00	\$13,620.00	\$22,095.00
<b>APPROX. GROSS PROFIT TO DATE</b>			\$945.00
<b>APPROX. CREDIT CARD FEES</b>			(\$ 77.00)
<b>APPROX. NET PROFIT TO DATE</b>			\$868.00

**Remember this is FREE money for our school & parish!**

## Parish Tithing Reporting

Parish Tithe for January 2022

\$3,162.00

## Upcoming Special Collections

March 2, 2022- Aid to the Church in Central/Eastern Europe

March 12, 2022- Catholic Charities

March 26, 2022- Catholic Relief Services

April 15, 2022- Holy Land

## REQUEST VISIT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON REQUESTING \_\_\_\_\_

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## NEW PARISHIONER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2021-2022 First Friday Memorials for St. Elizabeth Church

Deceased Members of the Mens Club

Huff Family

Winters Family

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy

Jim Deder

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Charles Dickey

Jim McDonnell

Binney Family

Laura Antoff

Czwornog and Ostrenga Families

Dortch and Jones Families

Connie Hayes Family

Votoupal-Bursik Family

Bussen- Friedel Families

Lisa Dellamano

Richard A. Willaredt

Betty Hill and Families

Pawlak and Sertich Families

Michael and Leona Banach

Joseph and Victoria Krystopa

Ida Gragg

Jim Alsop

John & Theresa Straubinger

Deceased Members of the Shambro &

Kutzerer Families

Conrad & Mullen Families

Noeth and M. Papp Families

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

Chad Sigite

The Kierski Family

Tony & Mary Bellue

Angela & Ronald Briggs, Jr.

Robert & Lorriane Joshu

Billy Adams & Jim Gray

Merry Trtanj

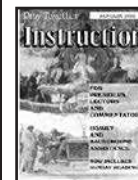
Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality

James Dittman

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