

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 8, 2022

"My mom :)" -Jonah B. "Because she takes care of me" -Abby
 "My mom is good" -Sander "She takes care of me" -Finlay
 "My mom helps me with my homework" -Eloise "My mom is good" -Dalryn "She is nice and she takes me to my maw-maw's" -Zachary "She helps me with my homework" -Mackenzie "She takes me to fun place" -Mariann "She makes food" -Sam "She takes me to fun places" -Josephine "She helps me with my homework" -Bryan "My mom is nice" -Presley "She is nice" -Rachel "She loves me and she helps me too" -Marisol "She gave me roboux" -Landon "My mom is encouraging and she always makes me laugh" -Natalie "She gets me really expensive stuff" -Camden "I love my mom because she is very kind and loving" -Henry "She is fun" -Luke "She was my teacher" -Jackson "She is fun" -Benjamin "I love my mom's joyful attitude" -Shawn "My mother works hard at work, and comes home to make me and my brother a healthy and delicious dinner" -Lilly "My mom plays soccer with me almost every day" -Jordyn "I love my mom's cooking because it's the best" -Conner "My mom has a difference than other mom, she walks differently. But she doesn't let that stop her. When my dad is at work, she takes care of me and my brother and does a great job at that. That's why I love my mom." -Charlie "She is nice and always goes on trips with me, she plays basketball with me and goes fishing with me and we both love the Memphis Grizzlies" -Grant "That she is teaching me how to bake" -Lindsay "She loves and cares for me" -Simon "Lots of things but number one is her cooking" -Caroline "She tucks me in, studies, cooks, buys me amazing things" -Isabel



"She sacrifices a lot for me" -Layla "She is nice and funny<3" -Morgan "How kind and loving she is" -Madison "She works so hard at work and still comes home and makes me dinner" -Mason "How kind and loving she is" -Madison "She takes me to swim practice" -Alexander "She is super sweet" -Ava "She is very nice and caring" -November "She's loving" -Karter "Her personality" -Aiden "She takes care of me" -Abigail "She cares about me, she's nice to me" -Gage "She loves me" -Grayson "I love her respect and her helpfulness" -Molly "Her personality" -Gavin "She easy to talk to and what all the amazing stuff she can do" -Sue-Haydee "She gives me care" -Max "She cares about me" -Gage "She has a good personality and she has a good heart" -Gabriella "She is sweet, kind, and loving" -Leo "She loves me a lot" -Emmy "She takes care of me" -Vera "She loves me" -Owen "She's cute :)" -Connor "I love my mom so much" -Lali "She loves me" -Abby "She is the best mom" -Aaleyah "She loves me" -Madison "She is nice" -Tyson "She is nice to me" -Kennedy "She is nice to me" -Quinn "She loves me" -Tegan "She is nice and food" -Brynleigh "She is nice" -Madison "She is nice" -Olive "She loves me" -Cade "She loves me" -Aubree "She loves me" -Kinleigh "She loves me" -Adalynn "She loves me" -Aleyah "That she cuddles with me" -Ezra "I like her giving me hugs" -Noah "I love that I can help her" -Stephanie "That I can help her" -Sadie "She is nice" -Baylee "She helps me with my baby brother" -Gavyn "She makes everything better when I am sad" -Ella "I love that she takes care of me everyday" -Arden "She holds me" -Ben "She makes me a birthday cake" -Kimiko "She takes care about me a lot" -Dean


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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As we enter our next 150 years as the Roman Catholic parish of St. Elizabeth, striving to become saints, we commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition.

We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

Hospitality: To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;

Prayer: To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer;

Formation: To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and

Service: To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 9

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, May 10

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, May 11

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, May 12

Easter Weekday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, May 13

Easter Weekday / Our Lady of Fatima

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Marla Alamo by Olga Martinez

Saturday, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle


8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, May 14 - Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth


8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Bill Loftus+ by James Ridenour

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Phyllis Syzdek+ by Donald & Kathy Byrd

 Denotes liturgy when incense will be used

 Denotes liturgy that will be streamed online



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Show appreciation for Christ's presence among us.
Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Eucharistic Adoration is a means to grow in holiness.

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May:

Faith-Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 13:14, 43-52. Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5. Revelation 7:9, 14b-17. John 10:27-30.

Hearing the Voice of the Shepherd. Oh, to hear the voice of the One who keeps us safe. The One who protects us all. The One who leads us to the Father. We do know and believe that this shepherd still speaks today – often very softly.

How will I listen for the voice of the Shepherd every day?

How will I choose to follow the voice of this Shepherd and not other voices?

How can I help others to listen to this voice? And follow?

IN MEMORIAM:

ALTAR FLOWERS & 14 DAY CANDLE

The flowers on the Altar of Reservation this weekend are in memory of Vivian Broadwater.

The 14 Day Candle will be burning in honor of Religious Sisters who have served St. Elizabeth Parish & School.

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 are also available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle.. Contact the parish office.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

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 &

Kutzera 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

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima

Mary's apparitions at Fatima occurred during a time of turmoil. World War I was raging throughout Europe, and the threat of atheism and Russian communism taking over parts of the world was a great concern to Mary. Mary's message to the world was to pray the Rosary, make amends for sins, and to become devoted to her Immaculate Heart. She wanted to make known that God grants graces through her Immaculate Heart, and that they can ask them from her. Mary made a number of predictions, requests, warnings and promises concerning the Faith and the world to the three shepherd children.



Mary promises that if her requests at Fatima are carried out there will be peace in the world, an end to wars, and souls will be saved. Mary told the three shepherd children, "My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father (pope) will consecrate Russia to Me, which will be converted, and a period of peace

will be granted to mankind."

Mary's request at Fatima is simple: pray the Rosary daily, abandon sin, and fulfill Jesus' wish for the world (especially Russia) to become devoted to her Immaculate Heart. Mary instructed that the faithful can devote themselves to her Immaculate Heart by doing the following on the first Saturday of five consecutive months: Confess their sins, Receive Communion, Recite the Rosary, Keep her company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

While Fatima happened almost 100 years ago, the message of Mary to pray for the salvation of souls and for peace in the world still applies today. In fact, with the current situation in Ukraine, and the threat of Russian military troops taking over Ukraine's Crimean peninsula, the message of Fatima to pray for peace is important now more than ever.

-via CatholicFaithStore

Join our Living Rosary



JOIN US IN MAY FOR THE LIVING ROSARY

Please join us each Sunday between the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Masses to pray a living Rosary!

We have our large rosary and will gather about 9:30 a.m. in front of the portico. We need about 60 people to pray the Rosary and hope you will commit to this great opportunity to pray in public together.

If you are with a parish ministry, please encourage your members to attend and help us to ask our Mother Mary to intercede for our parish, our community and our world.

You will also have another opportunity to pray the living Rosary with the school kids after Mary Mass on Friday, May 13.

Sign Up for our First Friday Memorials

The First Friday Memorial is a special offering made by parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish, which lists your intentions for deceased loved ones in our bulletin and these listed names are then remembered monthly at Mass each First Friday throughout the entire year. The Memorial names are printed each week in our Sunday Bulletin. A yearly donation of \$60.00 is requested for these intentions to be listed. This donation allows the names to be printed constantly in our bulletin in the exact same way other bulletin ads are funded, and all the funds go to help offset the cost of printing our weekly bulletin.

This is not a donation for a Mass intention since the money does not, and by Canon Law cannot, go into the Mass stipend account, as taking any money for large, so-called "collective intentions" (where multiple names are listed for the Mass intention) is explicitly forbidden. Father is happy to remember these names collectively once a

month at Mass with no stipend involved. Your donation is a publishing fee for the bulletin, sent ultimately to the printing company in Godfrey.

You are encouraged to attend this weekday Mass. You may list your intentions as one individual name: Mary Jones, or you may list family groupings: The Jones Family. You may NOT submit a litany of individual names or multiple families, as space will not permit. If you wish to continue having your past intentions remembered at these Masses, you will be asked to renew your donation to the printing company each year.

Please fill out this form below, and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible with the requested donation. Feel free to call the Parish Office and we will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding those who are remembered each First Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS SIGN-UPS & RENEWALS

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER:

INTENTION:

Please clearly mark your envelope or the memo line on the check- First Friday Memorials, and please return ASAP. Thank you!

FORMED® Pick of the Week



Fatima Gems

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.

Thanks to our Men's Club, ALL parishioners have access to free Catholic video & audio programming on FORMED, available on your smart TV, streaming device, computer, and mobile device.

To register, go to FORMED.org, sign up as a parishioner, and type our Postal Code (62040) to easily find and select our parish.

Mercy Minute

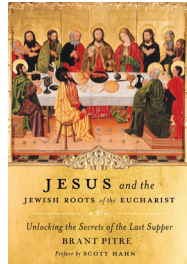
"In the moments when I am between heaven and earth, I keep silent, because even if I did speak, who would understand what I say? Eternity will reveal many things about which I am silent..."

(Diary, 1119)



LEARNING IN THE LIBRARY

We need to reschedule our final Learning in the Library of the season, Women of the Bible, from June 2 to later in the summer. Watch for more information soon.



BOOK CLUB

Parishioner Mary Lou Lyerla will be hosting a book club & discussion group exploring Brant Pitre's book Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, over a period of 8 weeks. Learn more about the depths of the Holy Eucharist.

Come any or all weeks: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7. If you're interested, email Deacon Michael at mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org or call Bret in the parish office for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School 2022, "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness!" will be held the evenings of Sunday, July 31 through Thursday, August 4. We need volunteers! If you'd like to help, please let Deacon Michael know via email at mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org, or let Bret know in the parish office. Thank you!

YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY

4th-8th graders - JOIN US!
Year-end BBQ at Norma's Place
Along the Way Bed & Breakfast
152 Central Avenue
NEXT SUNDAY, May 15, 12:30-2 p.m.

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

PSR HELP FOR 2022-2023

We're looking for a few new teachers & other volunteers (door monitor, etc.) to help us continue to grow our Parish School of Religion & formation programs this coming year. If you're interested in learning more about how you could help, email Deacon Michael.

CATHOLIC 101 & Q&A

Do you know someone (friend, family, neighbor) who has always had a burning question about what we believe as Catholics? Invite them to join you at Deacon Michael's Catholic 101 & Q&A, Saturday, May 21 from 9-10:30 in the Harmony Room. A very brief presentation of "Catholic 101" will be followed by ample time to ask questions. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to explore what we believe - or even ask your own questions!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY & FORMATION

HOOPS NIGHTS: Gentlemen, shoot hoops & scrimmage in the gym from 8-9:30. Your first visit, you AND a parent must stop in to sign waiver & permission forms. Come play some basketball with the guys: May 11 & May 25. Bring a friend! Men: If you're willing to help chaperone, let us know. Call Bret in the parish office for info.

TOTUS TUUS: Totus Tuus will be in town the week of June 26-July 2. Junior high & high schoolers can help the younger students during the day (Mon-Fri), and a special program is held at St. Elizabeth for the junior high & high schoolers in the evenings (Sun-Thurs). Mark your calendar!

CALLED & SENT: Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity for fellowship & leadership training with other Catholic youth at the Villa Maria on Lake Springfield at Called & Sent, July 10-13. If you're interested, contact Deacon Michael or the parish office. Scholarships are available for youth of our parish.

GC ROCK (Tri-Cities parishes joint youth group):

June 11: Homeless Outreach at Community Care. Noon setup, 1-3 p.m. outreach.

June 19: Gathering at Holy Family Community Center Rock Room 6-7:15 p.m.

July 17: Gathering at Holy Family, time TBA

GC Rock also held their Senior Send-Off & Meet 'n Greet Last Sunday:



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MAY 18

GC Rock
Youth Group

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

Parish & School Events

Sunday, May 8

9-10:15 a.m. - Sacramental Prep (Harmony)
9:30 a.m. - Living Rosary (Church)
5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with
Vespers & Benediction

Monday, May 9

Tuesday, May 10

6-7 p.m. School Board; 7-8 p.m. PTO (Cafe)

Wednesday, May 11

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)
8-9:30 - High School Boys' Hoops (Gym)

Thursday, May 12

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Church)
9 p.m. - Exodus 90 Fraternity (Harmony)

Friday, May 13

Saturday, May 14

Sunday, May 15

9:00 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir/Bride Rm)
9:30 a.m. - Living Rosary (Church)
12:30 p.m. - Young Disciples BBQ at Norma's
5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with
Vespers & Benediction



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays soon: 5/7- Fr. Jeffery Grant 5/8- Fr. Piotr Kosk 5/9 Fr. Dominic Rankin 5/10- Bishop Kevin Vann & Fr. Christopher House 5/12- FATHER ALFRED TUMWESIGYE!! 5/24- Fr. David Peters 5/28- Fr. Scott Snider



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!

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, South Korea; Brandon Weidner, Mobile, AL; Kody Presswood, U S Army, Naples, Italy

NO DAILY MASS MAY 10-11

Due to Father Alfred joining the 8th graders on their end of year retreat, we will NOT have daily Mass this coming week on Tuesday, May 10 or Wednesday, May 11. This is in addition to no Mass on Monday May 9 as usual.

LADIES SODALITY NEWS

Thank you to all of the Harmony Cafe volunteers last weekend: Nanette Bladdick, Patty Knobloch, Rose Krystopa, Norma Lesko, Gabriela and Gabby Ramos, Pam Winn, and special thank you to Andy Yurko for trash detail and help with loading items into the Sisters' cars. Of course, the weekend would not have been a success without the generosity of our parishioners. You answered the call to provide pantry items and linens and the Sisters were very appreciative of the many items they were gifted with.

Watch for the next Harmony Cafe and be part of the fun, fellowship, and food. This is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

The next Ladies Sodality meeting will be on May 24 at 6 p.m. in the Harmony Room. This will be our annual potluck. All Ladies of the parish are invited to bring a dish to share. We will provide fried chicken and beverages.

SCRAP METAL RECYCLING

St. Elizabeth is holding a Scrap Metal Recycling Day on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym parking lot. Bring your aluminum, copper, steel, cast iron ... anything metal that you no longer need. Have old appliances? We will take those off your hands too! Can't bring your items? No worry. We will offer local pickup services for large metal items that are on the main floor of your home or business. Watch for details coming soon. Help raise money for St. Elizabeth and clean out your garage or basement at the same time.

PICNIC CARNIVAL WEEK-END WRISTBAND PRE-SALE UPDATE

Pre-sale weekend will be NEXT weekend, May 14-15, after all Masses. Cost is \$60.00 (for all three days). After this pre-sale weekend they will be available at Parish Office for \$70.00 and at the picnic for \$80.00. This is your best value as single ticket prices are \$1.25

Each and rides take 4 & 5 tickets each. Tell your family, friends & neighbors WE WILL HAVE THREE MATINEES: Saturday afternoon, Sunday afternoon, & Sunday evening. Matinee cost \$30.00 each.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who came out to pray at the abortion facility during our spring campaign. Every campaign God continues to bring more and more people out to the sidewalk to pray. All of the prayer hours were covered for 40 straight days for 12 hours a day in a prayerful and peaceful manner and lives were saved!

Over 1,700 hours were peacefully prayed. That is our second largest turnout for a campaign! Over 85 hours were prayed by our clergy and religious brothers and sisters. 39 churches and organizations adopted a day or partial day. Prayer partners from as far away as West Virginia and Florida came to peacefully pray with us.

You are making Christ present on the sidewalk by your presence there. Please continue to pray for an end to the demand for abortion where we live and the healing of those impacted by abortion. Thank you!

Our Fall campaign for 40 Days for Life in Granite City is September 28 to November 6.

PICNIC SIGNUP LINK

Please take a look at the following page to sign up for shifts for the Parish Picnic. We need all the help we can muster, so please sign up today. There is literally something for everyone in the parish to do to help us with this popular event and important fundraising opportunity:

stelizabethgc.org/picnic-signup/

LEGO CHURCH CONTEST

To celebrate the first year of the nationwide Eucharistic Revival starting in June, Catholic Times is hosting a contest to see what young architect/builder can create the most impressive Lego church from scratch. Winners receive \$100! Go to dio.org/builda-church for more information, rules, and to submit pictures of your creations.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

- 5/9 - 5/11 - 8th grade overnight trip
- 5/13 - Mary Mass 8:15 AM
- 5/13 - 8th grade graduation
Mass 7PM
- 5/15 - Young Disciples Society BBQ
- 5/18 - Kindergarten graduation
Mass 8:15AM
- 5/19 - Last day of school
10:00 Dismissal
- 5/24 - Preschool graduation 7PM

ORIGINAL POEM

by Isabel S.

I love my teachers
They're so cool
They help me learn
and get through school
And though we complain
and scream and shout
We love our teachers
without a doubt



APRIL OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Seventh grade students Sebastian R. and Danielle G. were selected as the Granite City Optimist April Students of the Month. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.

Sebastian R. is thirteen years old and is the son of Jeremy and Jeri. He is in Ms. April Hawley's seventh grade. His favorite class is math because he feels that math comes easily to him and makes perfect sense. After school Sebastian spends time playing video games, chess, and tennis. He enjoys playing tennis so much, he would like to participate on a tennis team when he gets to high school. Sebastian was asked if there was a person who has lived within the last 500 years that he would wish to meet. He picked the

actor, Dwayne Johnson. He feels that Mr. Johnson has been a big motivation in his life and would want to ask him what it means to him to be a famous actor. In two years, Sebastian will attend Edwardsville High School. After high school, he would like to attend MIT, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to major in math.

Danielle G. is also in Ms. Hawley's seventh grade class and is thirteen years old. She is the daughter of Thomas and Amy. Science is Danielle's favorite class, especially when the study of space is the topic. When not studying in school, Danielle enjoys reading historical fiction and fantasy. The most entertaining book she has read so far is *Mrs. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Danielle is a runner on the St. Elizabeth Royals Track Team. She specializes in the 100 and hurdles. If Danielle could meet anyone who has lived during the last 500 years, she would choose to visit with Pope Francis. She would ask him to tell her about his favorite saint. Danielle plans to attend Marquette High School and sees attending a good college once she graduates.

The Granite City Optimist Organization is an international society dedicated to helping the youth of the world. For more information about the Granite City Optimists, contact our parish office.

8th GRADE FORMAL

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus (especially the Mills & Wilburs) for sponsoring and hosting the annual 8th Grade Formal for our St. Elizabeth & Holy Family 8th graders and their families last Saturday evening. A fun time was had by all!




FUND A GRIFFIN

At FMCHS, we nurture our students' Catholic faith so they can go into the world and do God's work. Make a Catholic education for these students possible and donate now at McGivneyGriffins.com/Annual-Appeal.



FR. MCGIVNEY

Father McGivney Catholic High School in Glen Carbon is the Catholic high school for our area of the Alton deanery

Griffins This Week

- 5/9, 4:30: JV/V Boys Volleyball vs Alton
- 5/9, 4:30: V Baseball vs Nokomis
- 5/9, 4:30: Softball @ Christ Our Rock Lutheran
- 5/10, 4:30: JV Softball @ Greenville
- 5/10, 7p: New Leader Commissioning & Reception
- 5/11, 4:30: JV Baseball @ Edwardsville
- 5/11, 4:30: V Baseball @ Christ Our Rock
- 5/11, 5p: JV/V Boys Volleyball @ ME Lutheran
- 5/11, 5p: Girls Soccer Regionals vs Roxana @ Althoff
- 5/12, 4:30: JV/V Baseball vs Civic Memorial
- 5/12, 4:30: JV/V Boys Volleyball vs Edwardsville
- 5/12, 4:30: Softball vs Gibault, Field Dedication
- 5/13: Boys Track @ Gillespie
- 5/13: 1:55 Dismissal
- 5/14, 11am: V Baseball vs Cahokia
- 5/14, 11am: JV Baseball vs Edwardsville
- 5/14, 1:30: Softball vs Mater Dei
- 5/15: Graduation

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship May 1, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 44 Regular Income	\$8,322.00		
128 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$65.02			
Loose	\$486.00		
Online Giving	\$1,152.00		
TOTAL	\$9,960.00	\$8,606.00	\$1,354.00
YTD TOTALS	\$360,082.87	\$378,664.00	(\$18,581.13)

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

Other Gifts:

Tuition Assistance	\$665.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$385.00
Special Projects	\$325.00
Mission & Ministry	\$200.00
BINGO Profit	\$10,000.00
Funeral Stipend	\$150.00
Votive Offering	\$94.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$35.00
Calvary Catholic Cemetery	\$140.00
Catholic Comms. Campaign	\$50.00
Other Parish Not Specified	\$351.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithe to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.

Our March tithe was \$3,332.

Scrip Progress

Date: May 1, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$16,700
National	not	/	\$22,915
Total Sales	balance	/	39,615
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$1,638.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees			(\$139.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date			\$1,499.00

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.

Remember that this is free money for our school & parish!

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: If you have been away from the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a while, feel free to contact the parish office for guidance & materials to help you prepare to return to the Sacraments. In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you could also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism and sign up for a Baptism Preparation class at least a month before your desired date of Baptism. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Michael. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30 Mass most Sundays or at 7 p.m. some Wednesdays.

Matrimony: To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact Father Alfred or Deacon Michael at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults: Contact Deacon Michael via the Parish Office.

PASTORAL CARE

Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

Communion to the Homebound: If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

Declarations of Nullity: In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.') Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Laura Black are available as Advocates before our diocesan tribunal for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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