

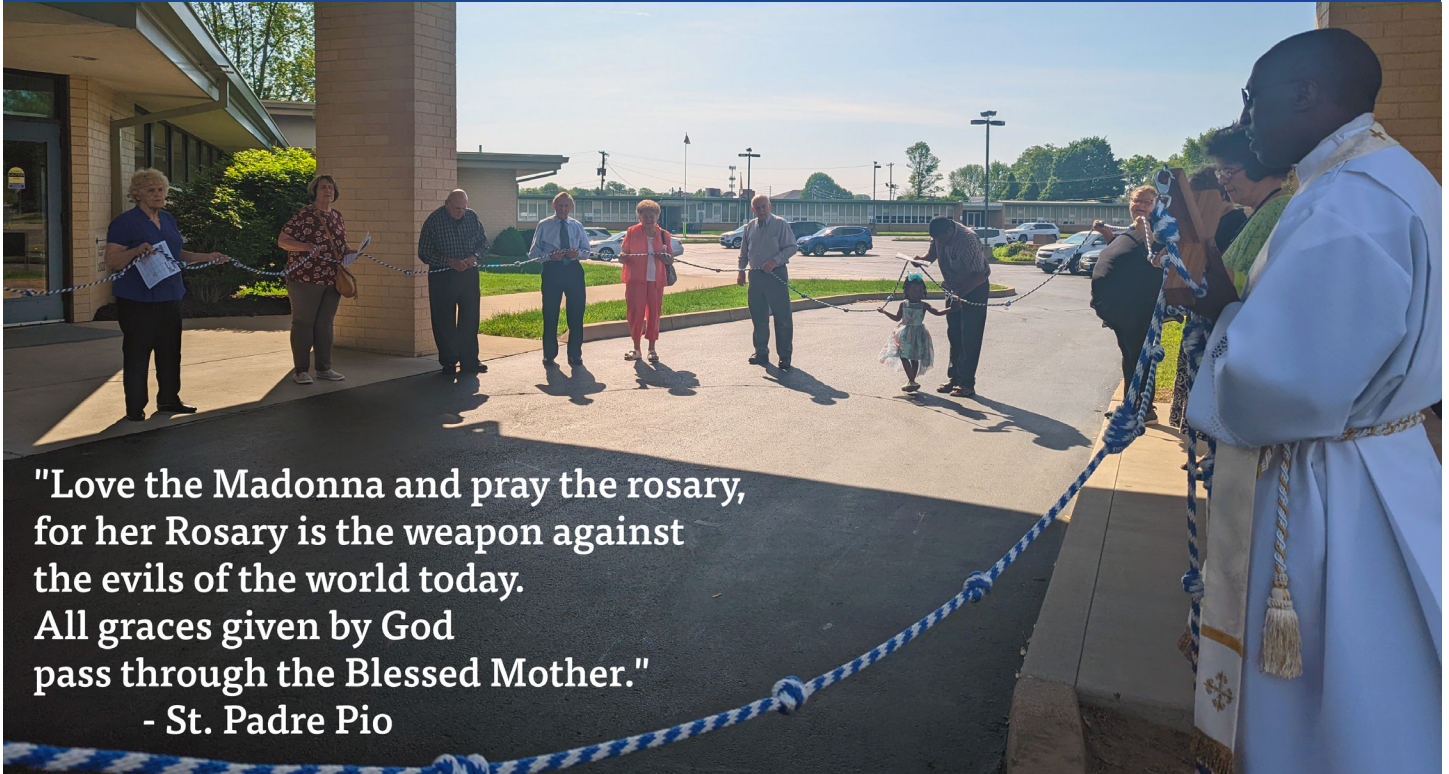
Disciples Stewards

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 22, 2022



"Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."
- St. Padre Pio

JOIN OUR LIVING ROSARY

The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother.

We hope that you will join us following the 10:30 Mass this Sunday and following the 8:00 Mass next Sunday to pray a living rosary. We have our large rosary and will gather immediately following Mass in front of the portico.

We would love to have a full 60 people to pray the rosary and hope you will commit to this opportunity to pray in public together. Please join us in asking our Blessed Mother Mary to intercede for our parish, our community and our world.


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since 1871**

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 23

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, May 24

Easter Weekday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Carich+ by Pat Alsop

Wednesday, May 25

Easter Weekday / St. Bede the Venerable

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Rita Lynch+ by Eric & Denise Mooshegian

Thursday, May 26

Easter Weekday

8:15 a.m. Mass:

James Dittman+ by Louis Bisto

Friday, May 27

Easter Weekday /

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jack Folkerts+

by Dan, Cheryl, Danielle & Ciara Folkerts

Saturday, May 28

Easter Weekday

NO Communion Service

Saturday, May 29 - Sunday, May 30

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Vicki Jacobs

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Ed Jacobs+ by Vicki Jacobs

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

☩ 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 14:21-27. Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13. Revelation 21:1-5a. John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

Loving One Another. The gospel today is short and sweet. Glorify God – Jesus does it first and implies we should, too. Love one another – a direct command to each one of us. These are disciple activities. These are essentials for our way of life.

How will my words and actions glorify God today?

Whom will I love – even someone who makes it hard for me to do so?

How will this glorifying God and loving others change me for the better?

IN MEMORIAM:

ALTAR FLOWERS & 14 DAY CANDLE

The flowers on the Altar of Reservation this weekend are in memory of **Mary Blankenship+** on the occasion of her 100th Birthday.

The 14 Day Candle will be burning for all mothers who have lost a child.

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.

Ascension Thursday - I Mean Sunday!

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord celebrates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Two of the evangelists give an account:

"Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."-Luke 24:50-51

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God."-Mark 16:19

For all Catholics, this day is a Holy Day of Obligation: "Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed: the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption, Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles, and All Saints." -Code of Canon Law #1246 §1

Historically, this feast was celebrated on Thursday because the Book of Acts tells of Jesus appearing to his followers for forty days after his resurrection:



"After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God."-Acts 1:3

The 40th day after Easter Sunday will always be a Thursday, therefore the Church, from very early on, celebrated Christ's Ascension on this day.

So why do we celebrate it next Sunday instead of next Thursday? This is a subject of great debate. Some say that, in recent history, attendance at

Ascension Thursday Masses had been steadily declining. Consequently, the U.S. Bishops petitioned the Holy See to transfer the day in accord with Canon Law. Ever since, the decision when to celebrate the Ascension is up to the ecclesiastical province, which is a large archdiocese and other dioceses that are bound to it through geography or history. In the United States, there is typically one ecclesiastical province per state. We are in the Chicago Province. In the U.S., all ecclesiastical provinces have transferred the celebration of the Ascension to Sunday except Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and Omaha. They have decided to leave Ascension on Thursday.

We're not alone - Several other countries have obtained permission from the Holy See to move the celebration of the Ascension to the following Sunday including Canada, Australia, Ireland, England and Wales.

This messes with the "liturgical timing" of Jesus's Ascension 40 days after Easter, and Pentecost 50 days after Ascension, but the important thing is to mark & celebrate the feasts, and understand what they teach us about our faith.

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



St. Philip Neri: The Apostle of Joy

This week we celebrate St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome. To a Rome ravaged by war and wearied by the decadence of the Renaissance popes, St. Philip Neri came as an unlikely reformer. Mystic, hermit, prankster, and effortless leader of men, Neri had a great sense of humor and an even greater heart.

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

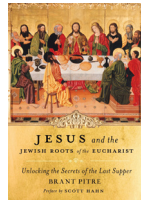
To register, go to FORMED.org and type our Postal Code (62040) to easily find and select our parish.

Mercy Minute

"Bear with great calm and patience everything that befalls you. Do not defend yourself when you are put to shame, though innocent. Let others triumph. Do not stop being good when you notice that your goodness is being abused. I Myself will speak up for you when it is necessary. Be grateful for the smallest of My graces, because your gratitude compels Me to grant you new graces." (Diary, 1701)



BOOK CLUB



Parishioner Mary Lou Lyerla is hosting a book club 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. We meet at 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center Library. Call Bret at 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!

MID-LIFE SINGLES

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 3-5, 2022. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

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.

DIVE DEEP: DEALING WITH DEATH

Losing a loved one is painful. How we handle that loss depends on each person, but are we grieving in a healthy way? What should we say and not say to someone who lost a loved one? What should we do if the pain of a loss is just as apparent today than when it occurred? Dr. Dee Stern, a Springfield Catholic grief therapist, authored a new book to help people grieve healthier and better comfort those who lost loved ones. It's called *Comforting the Bereaved Through Listening and Positive Responding: What are the Bereaved Trying to Tell Us?* Dr. Stern offers her advice on Dive Deep. Go to dio.org/podcast or search Dive Deep on the major podcast platforms.



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/buildachurch for more information, rules, and to submit pictures of your creations.

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 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



PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

Parish & School Events

Sunday, May 22

After 10:30 Mass - Living Rosary (Church)
5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour
with Vespers & Benediction

Monday, May 23

Tuesday, May 24

6 p.m. - Ladies Sodality Potluck & Meeting
(Harmony Room)

Wednesday, May 25

12 Noon - Senior Luncheon (PLC Library)
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)
8-9:30 p.m. - High School Hoops (Gym)

Thursday, May 26

6:30 p.m. - Baptism Prep (PLC Library)

Friday, May 27

Saturday, May 28

10 a.m. - Ordination of Priests
Streamed from the Cathedral in Springfield

Sunday, May 29

After 8:00 Mass - Living Rosary (Church)
9-10:15 - Sacramental Prep (Harmony Room)
5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour
with Vespers & Benediction

SCRAP METAL RECYCLING

Scrap Metal Recycling Day is this 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. Send an email to secretary@stelizabethgc.org with address, type of item(s) and a phone number. Help raise money for St. Elizabeth and clean out your garage at the same time!

LOST AND FOUND

There is a women's black jacket that was left in the cafeteria after the Parish Appreciation Dinner. If you believe it is yours, please see Bret in the parish office to retrieve.

15th ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date for August 13, 2022. Join us for a great day of golf in support of our Ladies Sodality. 4 Person Scramble, cash prizes, flighted play, 50/50 and mulligans! Teams can be mixed and entry fee is \$280 per team. Tee off at 8:30 a.m., Legacy Golf Course. See the flyer in the gathering space or the parish office to register!

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 25 at Noon in the PLC Library. There will be no speaker this month, but plenty of good food and fellowship. Call the parish office to register.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? Do we know about it? If you haven't reported these changes to the parish office, it can effect how easily we are able to contact you to let you know what is happening! Please consider reaching out to us by phone or email to update your information. Thank you.

PICNIC CARNIVAL WEEKEND WRISTBANDS

Wristbands are available at Parish Office for \$70. When the picnic begins, they will be \$80. 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, \$30 each: Saturday afternoon, Sunday afternoon & Sunday evening.

PICNIC SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is now live! Visit steauction.com to view items that will be in this year's Silent Auction. Donations are being accepted and items are being added daily. Start bidding now. Contact the Parish office if you would like to make a donation. We look forward to another successful Picnic.

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/



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays soon: 5/24- Fr. David Peters 5/28- Fr. Scott Snider 6/1- Fr. Paul Bonk 6/4- Fr. Adam Prichard 6/7- Fr. Chima Frederick Mbiere **6/9- Fr. Christopher Comerford** 6/11- Msgr. David Hoefler 6/16- Fr. Joseph Ring, Fr. Pawel Luczak 6/21- Fr. Aloysius Ndeanaefo 6/24- Fr. Allen Kemme 6/27- Thomas Hadstrom 6/29- Fr. Charles Dahlby, Fr. Jason Stone

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 5/17- Rev. Hugh Brody, Jr., Rev. Francis Lucius 5/19- Rev. Bernard Claus, Rev. Francis Derwin 5/20- Rev. Paul Skelton 5/21- Rev. Francis Meyers, 5/24- Rev. Louis Lammert



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

THE ST. ELIZABETH PARISH

PICNIC

JUNE 10TH - JUNE 12TH

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- > FOOD
- > MUSIC

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CHICKEN DINNER

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11:30 - 5:30

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FRIDAY 7-12

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SATURDAY 7-12

Vote For Pedro

SUNDAY 6-10

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

FMCHS Job Opening

Father McGivney Catholic High School in Glen Carbon is seeking candidates for a full-time Math Teacher for the 2022-23 school year. We are a faith-filled high school focused on developing our students fully; mind, body and spirit. Candidates who have endorsements in multiple subject areas are preferred. Qualified candidates please send a cover letter, resume, completed application to Joseph Lombardi, Principal at jlombardi@mcgivneygriffins.com. Applications and more details can be found on our website <https://mcgivneygriffins.com/employment-opportunities/>

MARQUETTE JOB OPENING

Marquette Catholic High School in Alton is in search of a High School Theology Teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Please Contact Tim Harmon at tharmon@mymchs.org or 618-463-0580 x242.



FUND A GRIFFIN

The motto of FMCHS is "Serving the Culture of Life." Last year, our students gave 5000+ volunteer hours in their parishes and community as they lived their faith and modeled the teachings of Jesus Christ. Help us continue our mission of a Catholic education and Fund A Griffin at McGivneyGriffins.com/Annual-Appeal.



STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship May 15, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 46 Regular Income	\$4,145.00		
82 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$50.55			
One-Time Donation	\$4,491.15		
Loose	\$376.00		
Online Giving	\$1,032.00		
TOTAL	\$10,044.15	\$8,606.00	\$1,438.15
YTD TOTALS	\$379,946.12	\$395,876.00	(\$15,929.88)

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	\$325.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$25.00
Special Projects	\$25.00
Mission & Ministry	\$59.00
Votive Offering	\$117.00
BINGO Profit	\$16,000.00
Catholic Comms. Campaign	\$119.00
Other Parish Not Specified	\$45.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

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

Our April tithe was \$4,619.

Scrip Progress

Date: May 8, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$21,050
National	Not	/	\$28,675
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$49,725.00
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$2,053.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees			(\$174.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date			\$1,879.00

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.
Remember that this is free money
for our school & parish!

Upcoming Special Collections

June 5: Retired Diocesan Priests

Made Possible Through Stewardship

Thanks to the efforts of the parishioners who helped to build our large rosary for the "Living Rosary", our school students were also able to pray the rosary together outside the church after last week's Mary Mass.



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & ADVERTISING

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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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