Disciples Stewards

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 17, 2022



The Lord said to her in reply...

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Luke 10:41-42

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Strong in Faith since 1871

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

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, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest No Mass

Tuesday, July 19
Tuesday of the 16th Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:
Phyllis Syzdek+ by Mary Jane Johnson

Wednesday, July 20 St. Apolinaris, Bishop & Martyr 8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor 8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jack Folkerts+ by Dolores Folkerts

Friday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene 8:15 a.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by Carol McGee & Family

Saturday, July 23 St. Bridget, Religious NO Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, July 23-24 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass: Mary Konarcik+ by Janice Willardedt

8:00 a.m. Mass: • Mel Stroud+ by Lea, Kim & Tammy Ames

10:30 a.m. Mass: Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

Denotes liturgy when incense will be used

Denotes liturgy that will be streamed online

Mass offerings are available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle / Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Flowers. Contact the parish office.

July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July:

For the Elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 18:1-10a. Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5. Colossians 1:24-28. Luke 10:38-42.

About Worry and Anxiety. Jesus is invited to a home. Martha bustles about. Mary sits and listens. We do not know that Lazarus does.

What worries me, make me anxious?

How does this rate in the scheme of Kingdom of God values?

If I sit and listen to Jesus, what is he telling me?

14-Day Sanctuary Lamp

The 14-day Santuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle and reminds us of the real presence of Jesus therein. This week, it also reminds us to pray for **the fallen soldiers of our community**. For information on offering the 14-day candle in honor or memory of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.



This week, Altar Flowers have been donated in honor of all priests and religious who have ministered at St. Elizabeth Parish. You can honor your loved one by donating the altar flowers during the weekend of your choosing. For information, contact the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Bill Loftus Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality Lisa Dellamano Richard A. Willaredt Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

> Gene Cassy Jim Dedera Pieper Family Crawshaw Family

Cassy Family Binney Family

Chad Sigite

Rose Vierdag Charles Dickey

Angela & Ronald Briggs, Jr. Robert & Lorriane Joshu

> Billy Adams Jim Gray

Jim Gray
Lesko & Danheiser Families
Pawlak & Sertich Families
Joseph & Victoria Krystopa
Pfaff & DeRuntz Families
John & Theresa Straubinger
Winters & Huff Families
Votoupal- Bursik Family
Connie B. Hayes

Jim Noeth & Brothers Noeth & M. Papp Families

Jim Alsop Leonard Hylla

Lisa Garcia- Fensterman Bob Scaturro

Dortch Family

The Kierski Family James Dittman

Michael & Leona Banach Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Men's Club

Czwornog and Ostrenga Families Ida Gragg & Patti Jackson

Tony & Mary Bellue Brian Foreman Merry Trtanj

We have recently updated to include our 2022-2023
First Friday Memorials.
Contact the parish office to add yours to the list.

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

Learning from St. Martha's Example

From te Catholic Apostolate Center

We've heard the story of Martha and Mary welcoming Jesus into their home. Martha is busy tending to hospitality needs while Mary listens to Jesus. Martha complains to Jesus requesting Mary's help. Instead, Jesus answers, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Lk 10:38-42)

As a young girl, I found the story of Martha and Mary difficult to understand. Growing up in a family valuing hard work, I often associated myself with Martha's work ethic. I couldn't figure out why Jesus would value inaction rather than work. Proverbs 12:24 says, "The hand of the diligent

will rule, while the lazy will be put to forced labor." But then I realized I had the point of the story wrong.

Jesus' response has nothing to do with working hard. It has everything to do with listening to his message. We can then see in ourselves what Jesus points out in Martha - we can be easily distracted and worried by tasks we need to accomplish in this world. Through Martha's story, Jesus reminds us that there is one thing that is important: following Jesus' message and his individual calling for each of us.

In John 11:17-27, Martha meets Jesus as soon as she learns he is coming after hearing Lazarus has died. Immediately we see a change in this narrative of Martha. She purposefully goes to Jesus and when he asks her about his belief in him she responds, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

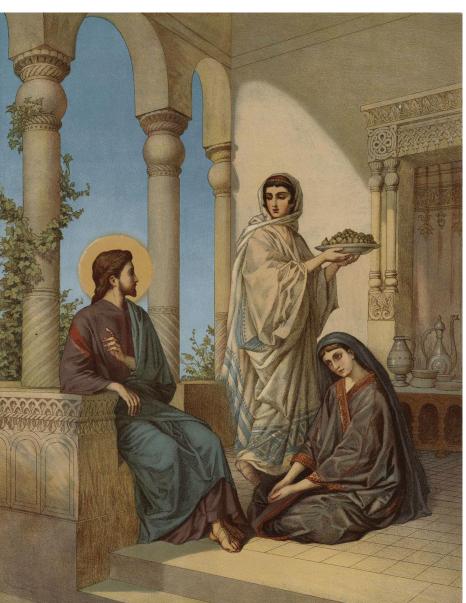
Next, Martha has the opportunity to serve Jesus six days after the Passover (John 12:1-8). She does so humbly and quietly. We come to understand Martha's role is a different calling than Mary's, much like in our own lives when those around us may not be called to the same occupations, tasks, talents, and other circumstances. Martha has chosen to serve with love instead of with bitterness and arrogance.

Martha's story gives us hope. Even though we can fall into the trap of trying to complete tasks on our own without God, there is opportunity for us to try again. When Jesus speaks to Martha, he is not unkind. His response is a loving

one. As sinners we can only strive to learn and grow from our mistakes to make the next opportunity filled with Christ.

Known as the patron saint of cooks. homemakers, and servants. St. Martha reminds us to thank those in our lives who serve us. This can be our parents or those who cook for us, those who work in public service, or even the waiter or waitress at our next restaurant meal. As a way to celebrate St. Martha's feast day with our families this July 29th, we can pray to serve Jesus better:

Saint Martha, pray for us that we might serve Jesus better. Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to his words and be present to him this day. Amen.



FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church





Who Am I to Judge? Session 1: Don't Impose Your Morality on Me!

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? These are difficult questions in our culture, in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality, that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. How do we talk about right and wrong in this world? Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.

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

Go to FORMED.org and type our Postal Code (62040) to easily find and select our parish.

Mercy Minute

"During Vespers, I heard these words, 'My daughter, I want to repose in your heart, because many souls have thrown Me out of their hearts today. I have experienced sorrow unto death. I tried to comfort the Lord by offering Him my love a thousand times over. I felt, within my soul, a great disgust for sin." (Diary, 866)



Vacation Bible School Evenings, July 31 - August 4 5:30-8:30 each evening

Registration \$15, with a \$2 discount if registered by July 18

Info & sign up at: stelizabethgc.org/VBS

You can still volunteer to help! Contact Deacon Michael.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR ALARMS SET?

10:00 each morning - say an 'Our Father' for the intention of 10 new Catholics to inquire about RCIA and becoming members of our church this year. & **4:40 each afternoon** - say a 'Hail Mary' for Mary's intercession for 40 seminarians for our diocese. Pray for vocations!

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.

RCIA IS STARTING SOON

It's almost time to start to gather this year's class of RCIA inquirers - people who may be interested in becoming Catholic and entering the church this year. This is the time to continue to pray for inquirers, and to talk with your friends and family about it. Talk to, or introduce them to, Deacon Michael to start the conversation.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Keep an eye on the bulletin for high school activities on our Family Faith Nights, Thursday nights this coming school year, and for our upcoming season of Open Gym Nights.

GC ROCK Our tri-cities parishes' youth group GC Rock is also here for you!

July 17 - Gather at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Crossnet time! Wear tennis shoes, bring a friend and activity ideas.

July 31-August 4 - Volunteer/Service Time at Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Elizabeth. Sign up at stelizabethgc.org/VBS for more information.

August 7 - Gather at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Sort & organize school supply drive items.

August 13 - Outreach at Community Care. Setup 12 Noon, Outreach 1-3pm.

August 21 - Gathering/Activity TBD.

Watch our FB Group (GC Rock Youth Group) for any changes or additions.

Rocks and Parents, On the Sundays that we do not Gather, please join us at Vespers/Adoration for 1 hour 7:30-8:30, at St. Elizabeth.

MEN - GET INVOLVED!

There are a lot of great ways to connect and get involved in our parish:

St. Elizabeth Men's Club

Join our Men's Club at one of our monthly Tuesday night meetings.

Men at Prayer

Men at Prayer is a group of men who gather to pray for shared intentions every other Sunday between the Masses.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights are the Catholic fraternal benefit society putting faith into action.

Exodus

Exodus is a movement to free & form men for others.

Maintenance Team

The men of our parish maintenance team put in countless hours around our campus on everything from routine maintenance to special projects, saving our parish tens of thousands of dollars a year.

Tech Team

This small group of younger dads helps maintain & administer our parish & school technical equipment & networks.

For more information on any of these opportunities, contact the parish office.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

Parish & School Events

Sunday, July 17

9:00 a.m. Men at Prayer (Choir Room)

7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

Monday, July 18

Tuesday, July 19

Wednesday, July 20

7 p.m. BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, July 21

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Adoration (Church)

Friday, July 22

Saturday, July 23

1 p.m. Baptisms - join us! (Church)

Sunday, July 24

7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

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.

GC ROCK SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

School starts soon, and there are many children in our community from grade school to high



school age needing school supplies. GC Rock will be collecting these items July 23-24, July 30-31 and August 6-7. Please bring folders, spiral notebooks, pens, mechanical pencils, washable markers, and new backpacks for all ages including high school. We'll collect in the large bins in the gathering space. Thank you from GC Rock!

FATHER CHRIS SHARES STORIES FROM THE BALLPARK

It is a dream come true for Father Chris Comerford, former pastor of St. Elizabeth and current pastor of St. James and Patrick in Decatur. A huge baseball fan, he has been combining two of his loves, the sport and our faith, for more than 12 years as Chaplain for the St. Louis Cardinals. Fr. Chris shares funny stories, players he has gotten to know, and what it's like ministering in Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen

or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms

SDCCW CONVENTION

SDCCW invites all women of diocese to convention in Mattoon - The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) are inviting all women of the diocese to their 93rd annual convention called "Women of the Bible" on Wed. Sept. 28 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon (1920 Richmond Ave.) It takes place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program starts at 9 a.m. with Mass at 11 a.m. The speakers are Dr. Dee Stern a grief therapist and chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Dr. Stern, who recently authored the book "Comforting the bereaved through listening and positive responding: What are the bereaved trying to tell us?" will give a talk titled "Comparing their grief to how women grieve today." Patty Winn, a character of true faith and grit, will use her talents to portray historical and biblical characters and present "Women at the well." Women of all ages are welcome to attend the convention which seeks to enhance. enrich, and renew family life with the beauty and riches that God planned for it from the time of creation. The cost is \$50 and includes breakfast and lunch. A block of hotel rooms in Mattoon have also been reserved at the Super 8 and Comfort Suites. Registration is due by Sept. 7. Make checks payable to SDCCW and mail the payment to Jody Secondino-Crandell, 12872 N. 1900th St., Paris, IL 61944. For more information, contact Jody at or call 812-208-4293.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays soon: 7/12- Rev. Michal Rosa 7/13- Rev. John Ossola 7/15- Rev. Robert Spriggs 7/22- Rev. Michael Kuse & Rev. Seth Brown

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 7/15- Rev. J. Phillip Johnson, Rev. Wilbert Hegener, OFM, Dcn. William J.Maurer 7/16- Rev. John Sullivan 7/16- Rev. Adolphus Jacques 7/18- Rev. Anthony Roettger, Msgr. Casimir Toliusis 7/19- Rev. William Murphy, Rev. Francis J. Hogan, Rev. Linus G. Kipping, Msgr. Frank Dirksen 7/20- Msgr. Jesse L. Gatton, Rev. Maurice John Quilligan 7/21- Rev. Francis M. McVeigh



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

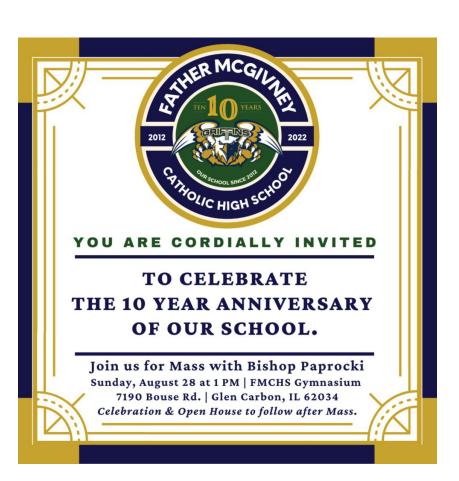
Springfield in Illinois Diocesan Council of Catholic Women WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD

This award honors one woman from each parish in the Springfield Diocese for her service to God, parish, and community. By this recognition, we honor one lady who represents all the women in our parish. This year's nominees were: Charlotte Charbonnier, Kay Clay, Rose Krystopa, and Norma Lesko

ALL are truly deserving the award but only one could be named this year's Woman of Distinction. Votes were tallied from Ladies Sodality, Pastoral Council, Men's Club, Father Alfred, and the parish leadership team.

The winner is Charlotte Charbonnier. Charlotte will be honored at a Mass in Springfield with Bishop Paprocki on July 23rd along with approximately 100 other women in our diocese. Congratulations, Charlotte, and thank you for your dedication to our parish and school.





RECTORY LAWN CARE

We are on the lookout for a responsible young adult (teenage or older), to cut the grass at the rectory each week. This person would need their own equipment to start. Pay to be negotiated/could be in exchange for service hours. Interested parties, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

ACCOUNTING MANAGER JOB OPENING

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Collinsville, IL is a dynamic and growing community seeking to help our parishioners grow closer to God in every aspect of life. We are searching for an Accounting Manager to help advance our mission through financial recording, planning and reporting. The responsibilities include entering and managing ongoing financial transactions, monitoring cash flow, preparing monthly financial statements and reports, coordinating financial aid for school families, and handling payroll and other human resources administrative duties. This opportunity calls for an openness to serve God and His people as part of a collaborative team in a dynamic environment with parish/ school staff as well as ministry volunteers. The candidate should have 2-5 years of experience in handling accounting related and administrative duties in a professional environment. Salary commensurate with experience. Position is full time but hours are flexible. Interested candidates can send their resume to Teri Lesicko at: tlesicko@ saintspeter-paul.org.



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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship July 10, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 2 Regular Income	\$5,233.00		
107 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$48.91			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$308.00		
Online Giving	\$532.00		
TOTAL	\$6,073.00	\$8,871.00	(\$2,798.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$18,018.00	\$17,742.00	(\$273.00)

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 \$200.00 Building Repair/Maintenance \$50.00 Special Projects \$50.00 Baptismal Stipend \$100.00 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus \$25,000.00 Votive Offering \$138.00 Peters Pence \$5.00 **Retired Priests** \$25.00 Other Parish Not Specified \$25.00

Upcoming Special Collections

October 23: World Mission Sunday November 20: Diocesan Campaign for Justice & Hope

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 May tithe is \$4,322.

Scrip Progress

Date: July 10, 2022

	Current	/ YTD	
Walmart	\$1,250	/ \$27,250	
National	\$2,665	/ \$36,160	
Total Sales	\$3,915	/ \$63,410	
Annual Gross Profi	\$2,603.00		
Approx. Credit Card Fees		(\$222.00)	
Approx. Net Profit to-date		\$2,381,00	

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.

Remember that this is free money

for our school & parish!

A NOTE FOR OUR NEW FISCAL YEAR

With the new budget for fiscal year 2022-23, you will notice we have increased the ordinary giving Sunday Collection weekly goal to \$8,871. Like you, we anticipate a large increase in energy costs this year, in addition to salary increases and supply cost increases. We are so very fortunate for the support from our Parish and School Organizations including BINGO, PTO, Men's Club, and Ladies Sodality, in addition to the Knights of Columbus. Without these generous organizations, our weekly goal would be approximately \$4,000 higher! So please support them whenever you can. Every year we are so grateful for the ministry assistance provided by our Finance Council. They truly give excellent guidance to us and they very much value their role as parish-wide representatives. We plan to give the yearly financial update to the whole parish during the Masses one weekend this fall. As always, to every one of you who gives time, talent, or financial support to St. Elizabeth Church, Thank You! Have a great week.

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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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