

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 24, 2022



Called to the
Joy of Love

Natural Family Planning, Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

Natural Family Planning Week 2022

There is a profound and basic truth proclaimed repeatedly in Sacred Scripture. It is a very simple truth: God loves us. In love, God created the world. In love, God breathed life into Adam and Eve as He created them in His image. In love, God the Father sent his son as our Savior. His gift of love became visible in the flesh of Jesus Christ. Through his love, we are forgiven. In imitation of the love that we have received, we are called to embody God's love. This is the cause of our great joy!

All are called to love

Every person is called to the joy of love - just as God has loved us! As St. John proclaims: *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God... Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us.* (1 John 4: 7-12)

This beautiful proclamation expresses

the vocation of all people, which is to be open to God's love and to embody God's love in return. As Christians, it is our universal call to give love and to receive love.

The ability to know, give, and receive love is a gift from God—it is a sharing in His divine nature. Since God is love itself, we were created by love, in love, to love. This fundamental truth should guide all relationships between people, not least those between people called to share their lives in the covenant of


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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 25

Sts. James, Apostle

No Mass

Tuesday, July 26

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Norman & Mary Danheiser+
by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, July 27

Wednesday of the 17th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

James Dittman+ by Woody & Rita Halbrook

Thursday, July 28

Thursday of the 17th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Uzunoff+ by Gene & Maria Augenbaugh

Friday, July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Ross Halbrook+
by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbrook

Saturday, July 30

Saturday of the 17th Wk in Ordinary Time


NO Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, July 30-31

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Lorayne Mills+ by Paul & Joyce Mills

8:00 a.m. Mass: 


Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Kimura Halbrook+

by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbrook

 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32. Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8.

Colossians 2:12-14. Luke 11:1-13.

About Praying. Abraham is persistent in his pleading with the Lord. And the Lord listens and relents. A disciple asks Jesus, after seeing him pray, how to pray. Jesus gives a form that we use at every Mass and that we hand on to the elect each Lent. He then goes on about persistence in our praying.

How does my prayer plead for the Kingdom of God to come?

How does my prayer ask for what I need to do God's mercy work?

How does my prayer seek and offer forgiveness?



14-Day Sanctuary Lamp

The 14-day Sanctuary 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 repose of the soul of Patsy Bohn+**. For information on offering the 14-day candle in honor or memory of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.



Altar Flowers

This week, Altar Flowers are **in honor of the preschool and school staff at St. Elizabeth Catholic School**. 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 Dederda

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

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

Czornog 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

NFP Week 2022 (continued from page 1)

marriage. God's love is at the heart of marriage. Married love is free, faithful, permanent, and fruitful—open to life (see *Gaudium et Spes*, 49–50; *Humanae Vitae*, 9; *Amoris Laetitia*, 74, 125). Married love joins husband and wife so that they become “one flesh” (Gen 2: 24). Within the arms of husband and wife, God desired the perfect environment be created to welcome new life into the world. Marriage creates the family!

Chastity helps us to love deeply and selflessly!

God has written the capacity to give and to receive love into the hearts of every person. One beautiful expression of God's plan of love is that He created us with sexuality - male and female. Human sexuality - whether male or female - is woven into our very bodies, and affects all aspects of human existence, including our relationships with one another.

In a world wounded by sin, the virtue of chastity strengthens us to express love in ways that are holy and genuine - whether we are married, single, celibate, or vowed in religious life. In fact, loving chastity enables us to maintain “the integrity of the powers of life and love” that have been given to us and therefore helps us to respect ourselves and the personal boundaries of other people (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2338). Within marriage, chastity protects the integrity of husband and wife, especially with respect to their gifts of union and procreation. Chastity calls husband and wife to a right order of their love for each other within God's design for their marriage.

Marriage and parenthood

In marriage, human sexuality brings together the fullness of love and life. The precious gift of fertility is a beautiful participation in the creative Spirit of God as He calls into existence a new person. Of all the various profound forms of human relationship, marriage, or Holy Matrimony, was willed by God as a blessing from the beginning of creation (Gen 2:18–25; Mt 19: 1–6). God did not want the man to be alone. God made a suitable partner for him - the woman. Together, they form the one-flesh union of marriage which has the potential to give life and create a family. God intended marital love to accept and nurture the power of life.

The nature of marriage calls spouses to a sacred stewardship over the twofold gifts of love and life. Within this vocation, a husband and wife celebrate their human sexuality in all its fullness. Their conjugal union is “meant to express the full meaning of love,” as willed by God, “its power to bind a couple together and its openness to new life” (USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*, 4).

NFP - cooperating with God's design for married love

In marriage, serious reasons may arise that cause husband and wife to limit the size of their family. These reasons can include financial stresses, physical illness, psychological and even spiritual difficulties. So, what are the moral ways for a couple

to accept God's gift of fertility and yet cooperate with God to plan their families?

Authentic family planning honors God's design by supporting the love-giving and life-giving nature of sexual intercourse. It promotes openness to new life and the value of the child. And it helps to enrich the marital bond between husband and wife. Authentic family planning builds healthy and holy families. In the world of family planning, only the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) check “Yes” to all these moral characteristics!

NFP methods make use of fertility education. All NFP education teaches husband and wife about their fertile time (the time of the wife's ovulation when an egg is released from her ovary). NFP methods can be used to either attempt a pregnancy or avoid one. When avoiding, couples abstain from conjugal relations during the fertile time of the woman. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used with NFP. Any woman, no matter the variety in her menstrual cycle, can use an NFP method. That is because NFP methods help the wife to recognize her unique signs of fertility, which she will observe daily.

Love, naturally and generously

It is time to consider and embrace all that God has given us. Take the time to learn, reflect, and pray about God's marvelous plan for men, women, and Holy Matrimony. Answer the call to cooperate with God's design for married love. Share God's vision of human sexuality lovingly with your family members, friends, and neighbors. Accepting

God's invitation to the joy of love is to embrace all aspects of His divine plan for your marriage. If accepted, it will bring joy to your marriage!

Learn more

Catholic teaching on love and human sexuality

usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/love-and-sexuality

Catholic teaching on married love and the gift of life

usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/catholic-teaching/upload/Married-Love-and-the-Gift-of-Life-English-version.pdf

Natural Family Planning

usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/what-natural-family-planning

Where to learn an NFP method

usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/find-nfp-class

Useful marriage-focused websites

foryourmarriage.org; marriageuniqueforareason.org

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FORMED
Pick of the Week



Companions in Shipwreck

Good relationships are a vital part of human well-being. In fact, studies show that those with the healthiest relationships live the longest! But where can we see these friendships lived out? Look no further than the life of famed author J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it's all about being "companions in shipwreck."

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

"Today bring to me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over My Passion and entered most deeply into My Spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death." (Diary, 1224).



**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.**

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 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 TBT!

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.

Questions? Call Rita 972-4022, Woody 876-7551, or Bret in the St. E Parish office.



FATHER MCGIVNEY
TEN 10 YEARS
GRIFINS
2012 2022
OUR SCHOOL SINCE 2012
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

**TO CELEBRATE
THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF OUR SCHOOL.**

Join us for Mass with Bishop Paprocki
Sunday, August 28 at 1 PM | FMCHS Gymnasium
7190 Bouse Rd. | Glen Carbon, IL 62034
Celebration & Open House to follow after Mass.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

Parish & School Events

Sunday, July 24

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

Monday, July 25

11:30 a.m. Senior Luncheon (PLC Library)

Tuesday, July 26

7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, July 27

7 p.m. BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, July 28

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

Friday, July 29

Saturday, July 30

Sunday, July 31

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

5:30-8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School! Enter in the front of the gym.

15th ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH GOLF TOURNAMENT

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. *We are in need of additional hole sponsors for the event as well. Cost is \$60. See the parish office or call Tom C. at 618-789-0337 for more information.*

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!



FALL BAZAAR NEWS

We would like to introduce ourselves. I am Nanette Bladdick, my daughter is Michelle Uhercik. We have volunteered to take over the basket booth for the Fall Bazaar. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Now that the picnic is over, we are able to start collecting items for the Bazaar basket booth. Hard to believe it is only 3 months away. Anyone wishing to donate baskets and/or new items, please place them in the marked basket located across from the

Harmony room in the Church. Please note that perishable food/drink items need to have an expiration date of at least 12-01-22. This will allow winners time to enjoy their basket. We would also like to request more kid items/baskets for all age groups. Those seem to be the first baskets to be picked. If you would like to donate items and not able to bring to the church, please call either one of us to arrange a time for your donation to be picked up. Michelle and I would like to thank everyone for their donations in advance. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions you may have: Nanette: 618-444-3688 Michelle: 618-255-3177.

Basket Booth Donation List Suggestions:

Teen Boys: \$5-10 Gift Cards, Body Wash, Hair Gel, Pop Socket, Tech Gifts, Big League Chew, Sunflower Seeds, Beef Jerky, Sunglasses, Sports Water Bottle, Gum

Teen Girls: \$5-10 Gift Cards, Body Wash, Lip Gloss, Tech Gifts, Chapstick, Fuzzy Socks, Pop Socket, Sunglasses, Tumblers, Bath Bombs, Gum

Young Boys: Play Doh, Gum, Board Games, Small action figures, Coloring books, Crayons/markers, Slime, Card games, Stuffed animals, Puzzles

Young Girls: Play Doh, Gum, Board Games, Headbands, Activity books, Crayons/markers, Slime, Candy, Stuffed animals, Puzzles

Baskets: Coffee basket, Wine/beer basket, Movie night basket, Baking basket, Cooking/grill basket, Tool basket, Men's products basket, Art supply basket, Candy basket, Pet basket, Women's bath basket



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays soon: 8/2- REV. THOMAS LIEBLER 8/5- MOST REV. THOMAS JOHN PAPROCKI & Rev. D. Patrick Gibbons 8/8- Rev. Trenton Rauck SJC 8/13- REV. ZACHARY EDGAR 8/14- Most Rev. Carl Kemme 8/16- Rev. Martin Smith.

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 7/22- Rev. Terrance Brady Rev. David Scully, Rev. Richard Buchanan Rev. Jeremiah J. Cronin Rev. Charles A. Muskus 7/23- Rev. James Hasty Rev. Joseph S. Miller 7/24- Rev. Patrick Malloy Rev. John Murphy 7/26- Rev. Stanley O. Yunker 7/27- Msgr. Joseph O'Dwyer 7/28- Rev. Daniel Ryan Rev. Mike Clifford Rev. Edward J. Kowalski



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

Thank you note from the Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women President, Sue Schwegel:

How do we begin to thank you and your wonderful ladies for the outstanding day yesterday (June 22)? You went way beyond and everything was wonderful. The Mass was beautiful and to have the choir added and music was a wonderful addition. Also, we appreciated the recitation of the Rosary with all of us together. Food was so delicious. Our President from the Diocesan Council was very impressed by all of you. Msgr. gave many compliments to the ladies.

All of you were so warm and comfortable. Too bad we aren't all from the same parish as think we could certainly work hard together with add'l hands to make it easier.

All the best, Sue

I would also like to add my note of gratitude to the ladies of our parish that helped and that attended. Special thank you to:

- Kathy Byrd for the beautiful table decorations, set up, clean up and muffins.
- Norma Lesko for the linens, glassware, fruit platters, set up, clean up and muffins.
- Patty Knobeloch for set up, clean up and the Madison Coffee Cake.
- Paula Thouvenot for coffee cake, serving, and clean up.
- Mary Ann Williams for serving and clean up.
- Rose Krystopa for set up and coffee cake.
- Cathy Cassy and the choir for the beautiful music.

Along with an inspirational speaker we introduced the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of Distinction Award nominees; Charlotte Charbonier, Kay Clay, Rose Krystopa, and Norma Lesko. The 2022 award went to Charlotte. She will be honored at a mass with the Bishop, July 23rd. Congratulations and thank you to the ladies of our parish for the many hours of work that goes into keeping our church at its best.

-Tammi Mooshegian, Ladies Sodality President



WE'RE HIRING!

St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Granite City, Illinois is looking to fill a 4th Grade Teacher position starting the 2022-2023 school year



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INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR FAITH-FILLED FAMILY?

Send letter of interest, resume, and transcripts to Principal Michelle Williams
mwilliams@stelizabethgc.org



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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 17, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 3 Regular Income	\$4,374.00		
72 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$60.75			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$391.00		
Online Giving	\$1,297.00		
TOTAL	\$6,062.00	\$8,871.00	(\$2,809.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$24,077.00	\$26,613.00	(\$2,536.00)

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	\$130.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$275.00
Special Projects	\$25.00
Votive Offering	\$20.00
Mission Appeal	\$2,167.00
Mission & Ministry	\$5.00
Other Parish Not Specified	\$100.00

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 June tithe estimate is \$3,230.

Scrip Progress

Date: July 17, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$26,000
National	Not	/	\$33,495
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$59,495
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$2,426.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees			(\$209.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date			\$2,217.00

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.

Upcoming Special Collections

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

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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