Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 14, 2022



Blessing of Backpacks at 10:30 Mass this weekend! Prayers for all of our students & teachers as they return to school.



Burgers & Brews + Cornhole Tournament

Hosted by the men of our Exodus 90 Fraternity for the men of St. Elizabeth, Holy Family, & St. Mary/St. Mark Parishes

Sunday, August 14 - 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tournament at 5:30 p.m.; Optional Holy Hour at 7:30 St. Elizabeth Church Parking Lot

> Young men in high school & up welcome RSVP & Tournament Signup at stelizabethgc.org/exodus

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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, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Vigin Mary

Tuesday, August 16 Saint Stephen of Hungary

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mathias & Mary Lesko+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, August 17 Wednesday of the 20th Wk in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Uzunoff+ by Gene & Maria Augenbaugh

Thursday, August 18 Thursday of the 20th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Dittman+ by Premo & Kay Clay

Friday, August 19 Saint John Eudes, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, August 20
Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
NO Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass: Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: Dale Fletcher+ by Darlene Fletcher

10:30 a.m. Mass: Louis & Neva Jackstadt+ by Paul & Jane Jackstadt

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.

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: For Small Businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10. Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18. Hebrews 12:1-4. Luke 12:49-53.

Why Does Jesus Jar the Crowds? He startles us today by announcing his baptism by fire (his coming Passion and Death). And he further reminds us that our own Baptism empowers us to undertake something new. Discipleship. It is constantly learning anew how to live in this world as preparation for living forever in the next. But we do this not alone. The writer of Hebrews reminds us we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

What surprise does Jesus present? Whom will I want to surround me? Why? What discipleship work does Baptism empower me to do today?



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



This week, Altar Flowers are for **Catholic School Leadership, Teachers, Parents and Students**. 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 Grav

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 Carl Williams

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

Monumental Vacation Bible School

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for Vacation Bible School, and everyone who helped make it possible: Marla Weis for leading the opening & closing ceremonies; Thomas Halbrook for mainstage decorating; Joseph Halbrook for playing Pharaoh & Jesus; Gabriela Ramos for handling snacks in 'Oasis Tastes'; Kathy Byrd for leading Imagination Station; Amy Guenther & daughters, and Christa Willaredt leading Bible Adventures; Tom Cholevik running KidVid Cinema; Chris Spanberger & Beth Masters for helping with check-in & leading our crew leaders & crews; and Bret Ware for managing the Spotlight Cinema each night; plus all of our great junior helpers leading crews! We had a blast and a great success!



FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church

FORMED Pick of the Week



The Woman

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman." This reference should draw our attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is this "Woman," and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary's role in our own lives!

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.

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.



THE RESCUE PROJECT

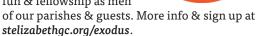
How does Jesus answer the deepest cry of the heart? Join us this fall as Chris Spanberger & Norma Lesko host The Rescue Project, opening the truly good news of the Gospel and an understanding of the mission that God has uniquely entrusted to YOU. Completely FREE, in the Parish Life Center.

Option 1: Tuesdays 9:15-10:45 a.m.: September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1.

Option 2: Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.: September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3.

MEN: JOIN US

Men, bring a friend and join us - our Exodus fraternity is hosting a night of free burgers, brews, and an optional cornhole tournament THIS SUNDAY. Just a night for some fun & fellowship as men





Family Faith Nights

THURSDAY NIGHTS STARTING THS SEPTEMBER

Family Faith Nights will be for everyone seeking formation across all of our local parishes - St. Elizabeth, Holy Family, & St. Mary/St. Mark.

Thursday nights, 6:30-8:15 starting September 15, at St. Elizabeth.

PSR Religious education & faith formation for public school students in grades 1-5, including Sacramental preparation for grades 1-3.

YOUNG ADULT Faith formation, Bible Studies, & unique experiences for grades 6-8 & high school.

ADULTS "Hot topics" in Catholic life and faith for adults of any age.

RCIA Journeying together with those inquiring about entering the Church as adults.

PARENTS Special sessions through the year on set dates, for parents & sponsors of those youth preparing for Sacraments.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE PREP

Special sessions on set dates for Baptism & Marriage prep, integrated into the broader formation community.

More information & registration available this week at stelizabethgc.org/formation.

If you are interested in more info or helping, please contact Deacon Michael.

Mercy Minute

"I have experienced an increasing devotion to the Mother of God. She has taught me how to love God interiorly and also how to carry out His holy will in all things. O Mary, You are

joy, because through you God descended to earth (and) into my heart. (Diary, 40).



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!

GC ROCK thanks all who donated to our Learning Kindness school supply drive. The items were sorted by our Rocks and taken to students and staff at Coordinated Youth in our community. Thank you for showing kindness in a simple way to help local children.



August 21 - Gathering, Back to School, S'mores & Kickball

at Holy Family. 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.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

Parish & School Events

Sunday, August 14

11:30 a.m. Blessing of Backpacks (Church)

4:30-7:30 Burgers, Brews, & Bags w/ Exodus fraternity (all men welcome) (Parking Lot)

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

Monday, August 15

Tuesday, August 16

6 p.m. Ladies Sodality Meeting (Harmony Room)

Wednesday, August 17

First Day of School!

7 p.m. BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 18

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

6 p.m. School Parents / Teachers Meet & Greet (Cafeteria)

Friday, August 19

Saturday, August 20

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Blood Drive (Cafeteria)

Sunday, August 21

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

6:30-8 - GC Rock Gathering, Back to School, S'mores & Kickball (Holy Family)

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

15th ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 11! 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. Registration at Noon, tee off at 1 p.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.

GETTING THROUGH IT TOGETHER

If you have recently suffered the loss of a loved one, or are continuing in your grief process, our friends at Holy Family invite you to their campus on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.. Walk the path of grief together, supporting one another through a difficult time. 2606 Washington Ave. Granite City. For more information, call Keith at 877-7158.

LADIES SODALITY NEWS: MEETING DATE CHANGE

We will hold our August meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. We have had several requests from the Knights of Columbus Ladies to move our meeting due to it conflicting with their meeting night. We will take a vote at the meeting, August 16th, to make a change to the bylaws, if everyone is in agreement. I hope this change will allow more ladies to attend. Remember all ladies of the parish are welcome. Snack and fellowship 6:00pm, meeting 6:30-7:30

NEW ADULT SAFE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS TRAINING

Beginning July 1, the adult safe environment awareness training transitioned from VIRTUS' Protecting God's Children to Catholic Mutual Group's (CMG) Safe Haven. This training, offered on a fully virtual platform, allows the user to complete the course on

their own time and provides more engaging content than past trainings. The virtual platform will also allow for background checks to be completed electronically. The results of training and background checks will all be housed in one database, CMG Connect. Fingerprint processes will be unchanged, but results will be housed in the database as well. Be on the lookout for information being sent to individuals who need new background checks or to update other information. Please follow the directions as soon as possible so that we can maintain our status as a parish and keep everyone safe. Thank you in advance!

THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE - STUDY GROUP AT HOLY FAMILY

The Church invites Catholics into a deeper understanding and devotion of the Holy Eucharist. Unfortunately, many Catholics either do not believe or simply do not know that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. A recent Pew Study revealed that 70% of Catholics polled fall into this category. It will take each of us to grow deeper in our faith, knowledge, and devotion of the Eucharist to convert souls and help our brothers and sisters encounter Christ through the Eucharist. Holy Family in Granite City, will be offering an adult faith formation opportunity, beginning on September 12, 2022, in the parish conference center at 2606 Washington Ave. To register or seek additional information, contact the parish office at (618) 877-7158. The cost of this scripture study is \$24.95 to cover the cost of the articipant workbook. Registration and workbook fee are due to the parish office by August 31, 2022. In The Eucharist in Scripture, discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. This six-lesson study will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 8/13- Rev. Henry B. Schnelten, Rev. Patrick J. Muldoon, Rev. Robert L. Meyer, Deacon Frank Maynerich 8/15- Rev. Daniel O'Grady, Rev. Oscar J. Wernet, Rev. James Keefner, OFM 8/17- Msgr. William J. Cassin, Rev. Vincent Heraty 8/18- Rev. Roman Weinzaepple, Rev. Richard Welsh, Rev. David W. Munn 8/21- Rev. William Futerer



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

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY, AUGUST 19

Drawn together by the call to bring those on the margins to the center, each of us stands with the most vulnerable on this World Humanitarian Day.

Some prepare papers for those in need of health insurance, others offer nutrition to children in refugee camps, while a community health worker knocks on doors to understand the needed health resources in a village. We respond to the cry of the lonely, those whose humanity is forgotten, those whose leaders see them as invisible. Let us listen to their voices in restoring humanity. Let us pray...

God of unity, we ask you to bless the humanitarians who serve others in war zones, among inadequate living conditions, under governments unaware of destructive infrastructures, and even in their own communities. Bring aid to every corner of the earth so that all your children may find themselves able to live full lives; lives that walk with each other as sisters and brothers united with a common humanity. We ask all these things in your name. Amen.

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.

St. Elizabeth School

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Mark your calendars for the Blessing of Backpacks at the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, August 14.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Elizabeth School is a Catholic center of education, a service to the parish and the community at large. The mission of St. Elizabeth School is to provide an environment which will foster Catholic moral values and academic excellence. The school, working together with family, faculty and parish community, strives to open new avenues of learning, stimulate critical and creative thinking, stress personal values and promote an awareness of our uniqueness in God's redemptive plan. As an instrument of the Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth School focuses its education on growth in Christian living and service.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Elizabeth Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. St. Elizabeth Grade School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. All students entering St. Elizabeth School must be admitted by the Principal who determines if St. Elizabeth can sufficiently meet a child's needs. Special financial hardship requests must be made directly to the Pastor for approval. We comply with Title IX, IDEA, ADEA, Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act, and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Thank you to all of our parishioners who donated to tuition assistance over the last year. Due to your generous contributions, 21 students will benefit from your support. Thank you so much for your commitment to Catholic education and to our school!



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 August 7, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 9 Regular Income	\$6,999.00		
90 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$77.77			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$301.00		
Online Giving	\$667.00		
TOTAL	\$7,967.00	\$8,871.00	(\$904.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$49,123.00	\$53,226.00	(\$4,103.00)

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	\$872.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$716.00
Special Projects	\$211.00
Funeral Stipend	\$100.00
Mission & Ministry	\$326.00
Assumption of Mary	\$188.00
Other Not Specified	\$530.00

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 June tithe is \$3,230.\$1,275

Scrip Progress

Date: August 7, 2022

	Current	/ YTD
Walmart	\$1,000	/ \$30,350
National	\$275	/ \$37,850
Total Sales	\$1,275	/ \$68,200
Annual Gross Profit to-date		\$2,731.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees		(\$239.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date		\$2,522,00

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.

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

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life,



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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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