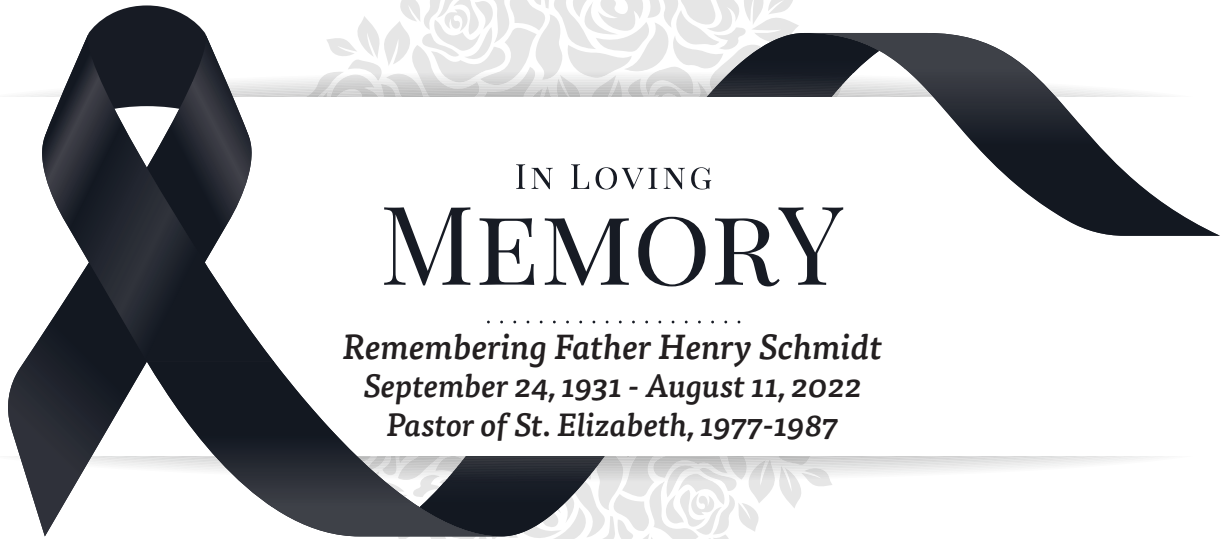


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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 21, 2022



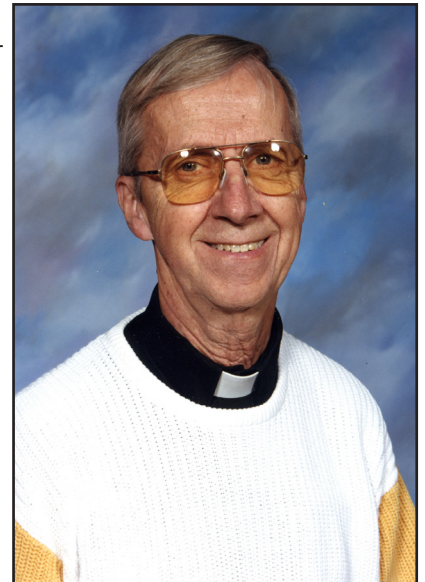
IN LOVING MEMORY

Remembering **Father Henry Schmidt**
September 24, 1931 - August 11, 2022
Pastor of St. Elizabeth, 1977-1987

Father Henry Schmidt, 90, of Carrollton, passed away August 11, 2022 at Jerseyville Manor. He was born September 24, 1931 in Carrollton, and was raised by his father and mother, Henry and Anna (Meyer) Schmidt, along with his five brothers, Fred, Joe, John, Charlie and Bob, and his sister, Henrienne, on a farm in rural Carrollton.

He worked the farm until his graduation from St. Johns Catholic High School in 1949. He then entered the seminary and was ordained a priest in 1957. He served in that capacity for 65 years in many parishes in the Springfield Dioceses, including as pastor of St. Elizabeth in Granite City from 1977-1987. In July of 2002, he was assigned to his hometown parish St. Johns the Evangelist Church in Carrollton, along with St. Michaels Parish in Greenfield and All Saints Parish in White Hall.

Fr. Henry loved to interact with his family and his 23 nieces and nephews. He worked very hard in many youth activities in addition to his parish duties by incorporating the beauty of the outdoors. Fr. Henry was an accomplished writer and published a book, "The Pastor's Sandal Path", in which many of his sermons and life experiences were shared for all to read. Fr. Henry is survived by his brother, John Schmidt and his sister, Sister Henrienne Schmidt. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Fred, Joseph, Charles and Bob Schmidt. A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Johns Catholic Church in Carrollton, with burial in St. Johns Cemetery.



See more memories on page 3


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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik

Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames

Athletic Director: Matt Schwendemann

Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

**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 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 23

Saint Rose of Lima

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Uzunoff+ by Barbara Buster

Wednesday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Dittman+ by Karen Campbell

Thursday, August 25

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Ellen Becherer+
by Marlys & Mitchell Akin

Friday, August 26

Friday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jack Folkerts+
by Brett, Chris, Brandon & Tyler Ahring

Saturday, August 27

Saint Monica


NO Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, August 27-28

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Vivian Broadwater+
by Roger & Machele Knobeloch


8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by Jeanette Stunkel

 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29. Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11.
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a. Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Who Is Being Carefully Watched? We all know what it is like to be scrutinized by prying eyes and nosey noses. We might be tempted to bloat ourselves up to look better, to garner the praise and esteem of others. Jesus preaches some different behavior today. Don't seek the exalted places. Care for the poor, the cripple, the lame, the blind.

What tempts me to feed my ego?

What can I learn by watching those who are humble?

What mercy work will I do to care for the sick and poor this week?



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 Ed Jacobs+**. 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 for **Humanitarian workers everywhere, bringing Christ to those who are suffering**. 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 Deder

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

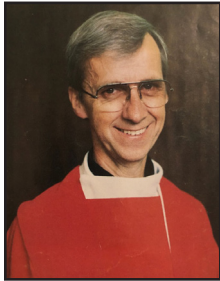
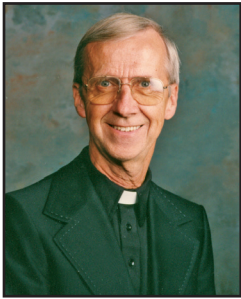
Carl Williams

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

Remembering Father Henry Schmidt

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Cathy Pabst recalls, "Fr. Schmidt was a very spiritual, holy man. I used to watch him pray his Office in the small chapel of the old church before Mass. Nothing showy, just simple, quiet prayer that spoke volumes of his faith. It always touched my heart."

Two memories shared by the Loftus family include, "Father Schmidt would walk to our house every year on the first snow of the year. He always wore sandals and showed up knocking on the door. We would invite him in but he wouldn't want to come in and miss the new snow! We also remember Father getting to ride in a hot air balloon. We can't remember exactly why we had this event but he was so excited. He was like a little kid that got the best present ever. He always had a smile on his face but it was even bigger that day."

The Groboskis write, "Fr Schmidt was the originator of our church family picnic. The first picnic was simply that all families brought their own food! The picnic just kept building each year until it became what it is today. We can still picture Fr Schmidt on the tractor in his jean shorts mowing the grass around the property no matter how hot it was!"

Tom Layloff shares, "I fondly remember Fr. Schmidt's leadership in re-establishing the picnic. He also conducted my instruction in becoming a Catholic."

Steve Hay shares this memory: "When Mary would play guitar for the various religious ceremonies, Fr. Schmidt would always rescue me at the receptions afterwards and play "Greed" (dice game) to keep me entertained. Although Fr. Schmidt always seemed to enjoy it as much as I did! He always carried them in his shirt pocket!"

And Mary Hay recalls, "We met with Fr. Schmidt for our Pre-Cana test results on a beautiful spring evening. There was a generous amount of tension between our families and surrounding our wedding and he spoke with us about that. Our wedding day was a couple months away but he offered that night to marry us, right then and there. It was so peaceful and there was a gentle breeze blowing the curtains and at that moment we both had a reprieve from everything that had been going on. As we sat there and pondered we were both so tempted, but I realized my mother would've never forgiven me! What a sweet memory of that special night and the gentleness of his spirit... When we moved into our apartment after we were first married, Fr. Schmidt came over one morning. He visited with us for a while and he taught us that day what a mourning dove was and what it sounded like. The mourning dove has since been my favorite bird because of its peaceful nature, much like Fr. Schmidt."

Jackie Jones recalls that "Fr. Schmidt married Dennis and me on April 23, 1982, 40 years ago."

"Fr. Schmidt will always live in our hearts. Rest well good and faithful servant." - Cathy Pabst

Love does not come to an end,

Father Henry Schmidt

Above: From a bulletin letter from Father Schmidt
Below: Father with Ladies from the Ladies Sodality Bazaar
Left: On a float trip



With Father Tom, at Pat Loftus's retirement party



At Steve & Mary Hay's wedding & reception



Father last year when Cathy Pabst went to visit him with Lori and Tony Silva and Ruth Malottki.



FORMED® Pick of the Week



Into the Breach
Episode 3: Leadership
Among many other things, Pope St. Gregory the Great is known for his incredible pastoral presence and servant leadership. In honor of this magnanimous Saint, enjoy this episode of Into the Breach! Although primarily targeted at men, this video and its emphasis on service will be fruitful to anyone who desires sanctity and self-mastery!

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

"The quintessence of love is sacrifice and suffering. Truth wears a crown of thorns. Prayer involves the intellect, the will, and the emotions." (Diary, 1103).



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 PLC.

Option 1: Tuesdays 9:15-10:45 a.m.:
Sept. 13, 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1.

Option 2: Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.:
Sept. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3.

BURGERS & BREWS

Thanks to the 20 men who joined us for some fellowship over burgers & brews last Sunday. We had a blast! More info at stelizabethgc.org/exodus



THURSDAY NIGHTS STARTING THIS 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 ADULTS Formation, Bible Studies, & 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 at stelizabethgc.org/formation.

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OVERNIGHT NET RETREAT

Saturday-Sunday, October 29-30, 2022, grades 9-12. 5:45 pm Saturday to Noon Sunday. Sign up here: <https://stelizabethgc.org/net-hs>

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

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 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

Monday, August 22

Tuesday, August 23

Wednesday, August 24

7 p.m. BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 25

Friday, August 26

The 99 Retreat at the Villa Maria

Saturday, August 27

The 99 Retreat at the Villa Maria

Sunday, August 28

The 99 Retreat at the Villa Maria

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

Mark Your Calendars

September 14

Senior Luncheon

September 18

Parish Chicken Dinner

October 1

Life Mass & Walk with Bishop Paprocki

October 8

St. Elizabeth Day of 40 Days For Life

October 19

Senior Luncheon

October 23

Ladies Sodality Bazaar & Turkey Dinner

October 27-28

7th & 8th Grade NET Retreats

October 29 (or possibly 30)

Trunk or Treat

October 29-30

NET High School Overnight Retreat

November 16

Senior Luncheon

November 17

Solemnity of St. Elizabeth of Hungary

December 17-18

Ladies Sodality Cookie Sale

December 18

The Longest Night Luminary Walk

THANK YOU

The family of Lonnie DeRuntz would like to express our sincere gratitude during this difficult time to Father Alfred, Bret Ware, the choir & the ladies who prepared the luncheon. It was all deeply appreciated & will forever be remembered. Thank you.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, August 29, 2022, 6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church: At the meeting, we will discuss: adopting a day, what to expect when praying at the abortion facility, examples and materials for promoting the event, strategies for overcoming common obstacles, methods to increase participation, and much more. More information at our website, www.40Daysgc.com

St Elizabeth day for life is October 8. Sign up today at <https://signup.com/go/imdTxBJ>

HELP WANTED

We have a couple of requests for help from our funeral luncheon team. First, they are in need of plastic containers for leftovers. Please leave any that you have to donate in the Harmony Room. This same group needs more volunteers to prepare dishes for funeral luncheons from time to time. Please contact Pam at 618-791-701.

LADIES SODALITY BAZAAR & TURKEY DINNER

It is that time again to start preparing for the Ladies Sodality Bazaar and Turkey Dinner. The date this year is, October 23rd, from 11:00am-5:00pm. Please mark your calendar. If you are hitting yard sales or flea markets and see a new item for cheap pick it up and donate it. Place in basket booth box by choir room. We need large size baskets too. We will be asking for turkey money again this year to help off set the expense of the dinner. Place cash in an envelope marked turkey and place in collection basket at mass or drop off at church office. If you have any yard signs from last year please drop them at the church office so we can update and have them ready for promoting the event. Finally, please plan to prepare homemade/homecooked/canned items for the Country Store! Thank you for helping us with this yearly fundraiser. Tammi, General Chair, 618-920-1792.

SCOUTS BSA - GIRLS' TROOP

Scouts BSA Troop 103, which covers St. Elizabeth and Holy Family, is interested in forming a girls' troop. This troop will have its own leadership separate from the current Boys' Troop 103. To join, girls must be between the ages of 11 and 18. For more information, contact Paul Yehling at 618-581-7206 or Cindy Meredith at 618-975-9507.

AUDITIONS FOR THE YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

The choir and orchestra of The Young Catholic Musicians is holding auditions in preparation for their 48th Year of service to the Church. These young people [aged 10-17] represent many parishes and schools in the St. Louis Metro area. They learn quality liturgical music and lead the music for Mass once each month at different parishes. Singers and instrumentalists (Brass, Woodwinds, Strings, and Percussion) call Fr. Bruce Forman (314 231-7464) or Mrs. Mary Smith (314-749-1444) for additional information and to schedule an audition. Visit our web page at www.youngcatholicmusicians.org.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

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.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

It was a joy to see the students and teachers who came for the blessing of backpacks (and of students and teachers) at last Sunday's 10:30 Mass. Here's to a wonderful school year!



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 9/6- Rev. Suresh Sambaturu, 9/7-Rev. James Isaacson SJC, Rev. Adam Zawadzki 9/8- Rev. Anthony Chowrapp 9/9- Rev. Daniel Wilenborg 9/10- Rev. Nicholas Husain 9/11- Rev. John Beveridge 9/12- Rev. Joseph Kerber 9/27- Rev. James Flach, Rev. Michael Haag 9/28- Rev. Thomas Meyer 9/29 Rev. Victor Balke+, Rev. Bernard Meyer

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 8/22- Rev. Ferdinand Stick, Rev. John Pleuner 8/23- Rev. Lawrence C. Ryan 8/24- Rev. Charles Englum 8/25- Rev. Francis Reinhardt, Rev. Charles Oppenheim, Rev. Jerome L. Jacek, Rev. William Michael Wand, Rev. Floribert Veverka, OFM



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



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 14, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 10 Regular Income	\$5,325.00		
115 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$46.30			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$419.00		
Online Giving	\$622.00		
TOTAL	\$6,366.00	\$8,871.00	(\$2,505.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$55,489.00	\$62,097.00	(\$6,608.00)

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	\$255.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$335.00
Special Projects	\$80.00
Funeral Stipends	\$250.00
Mission & Ministry	\$45.00
Easter	\$10.00
Assumption of Mary	\$260.00
Other Not Specified	\$29.00

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 July tithe estimate is \$3,102.

Scrip Progress

Date: August 14, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$30,350
National	Not	/	\$37,850
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$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!

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

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." - Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

GIVE ONLINE

Don't forget that there are online options to maintain stewardship. Consider online giving through GIVE CENTRAL. No checks or envelopes needed. No remembering to tithe when you are out of town. For more information, visit <https://www.givecentral.org/location/412/allevants>

GC ROCK IS STILL STEWARDING SUPPLIES TO THE HOMELESS

GC Rock's sock bins continue to help those in need, collecting items like clean white socks and any size new or gently used men's white undershirts. You can also done small packs of baby wipes, purse-size tissue packs, toilet paper, ChapStick, any travel size toiletries, new combs, gently used or new bath washcloths. We take these items to the monthly outreach on the open lot at Community Care so they can be freely given to those who need a helping hand. Thank you from GC Rock for your generosity to help us be the hands of Christ to others.

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