

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 4, 2022

## Celebrating Saint Peter Claver

*The Memorial of St. Peter Claver is celebrated on September 9 - this Friday.*

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit.

Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

Peter Claver's predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work, declaring himself "the slave of the Negroes forever."

As soon as a slave ship entered the port,



Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's love. During the 40 years

of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

Fr. Claver's apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, Claver died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried

at public expense and with great pomp.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

Saint Peter Claver is the Patron Saint of African Missions, Colombia, and Interracial Justice.

Saint Peter Claver, pray for us!

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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik

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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, September 5**

**Monday of the 23rd Wk in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 6**

**Tuesday of the 23rd Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Uzunoff+ by Patricia Uzunoff

**Wednesday, September 7**

**Wednesday of the 23rd Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Ellen Becherer+ by Nancy Santana

**Thursday, September 8**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by Norma Lesko

**Friday, September 9**

**Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Janice Dittman

**Saturday, September 10**

**Saturday of the 23rd Wk in Ordinary Time**


No Mass or Communion Service

**Saturday-Sunday, September 10-11**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Catherine Sertich+ by Dorothy Pawlak


8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by Larry & Cheryl Mangi

 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.

September is dedicated to  
the Our Lady of Sorrows

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September:  
For Abolition of the Death Penalty:**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

### SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b. Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17.  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17. Luke 14:25-33.

What Does It Take to Be a Disciple? Jesus is relentlessly traveling to Jerusalem. He urges the following crowds to be relentless disciples. How? (1) Be loyal to me and my Father. (2) Carry your own cross – every day. (3) Don't let possessions get in the way.

What does my loyalty to God expect of me?

What cross will I carry today, tomorrow, and each day this week?

What of my possessions will I share in merciful ways?



### 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 Brian Foreman+**. 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 gratitude to God for 18 years of Marriage by Deacon & Mrs. Michael Halbrook**. 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

Czworog 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

## HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED 50+ YEARS?

Thank you for your witness to this beautiful vocation! You are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki on Sept. 18 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Register at [dio.org/familylife/goldenanniversarymass](https://dio.org/familylife/goldenanniversarymass)

## SEEKING THE LONGEST-MARRIED COUPLE

It's time to honor married couples for their long marriages! Do you know of a married couple who danced and partied in the 1930s and 1940s? Did they only listen to radio shows? If you answered YES, please nominate that couple for the Longest Married Couple Project, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) starting today. Nominations can only be made until September 15, 2022. Go to [wwme.org](https://wwme.org) (Longest Married Couple link) to place your nomination, or call 321-544-3440, or email [dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org](mailto:dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org)

## NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS QPR SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING & CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Wednesday, September 7, 6-7 p.m. at the Shrine of our Lady of the Shows Guild Center (near Shrine Church). Learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to "question, persuade, and refer" someone to help. Registration is required due to space limitations. [SNOWS.ORG/Vigil](https://SNOWS.ORG/Vigil) or call 618-394-6281. Followed by a Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide at the Shrine's Lourdes Grotto from 7:30-8 p.m. Registration: [SNOWS.ORG/Vigil](https://SNOWS.ORG/Vigil) or call 618-394-6281.

# Vessels

A PRAYERFUL DAY FOR WOMEN TO EXPERIENCE THE  
POWER OF CHRIST IN SCRIPTURE AND SACRAMENTS

OCTOBER 8, 2022

Filled

JANET KEHOE  
& MGR. DAVID HOEFLER  
Registration Opens 8/1/22

DECEMBER 3, 2022

Poured

SR. M. KAROLYN, FSGM  
& FR. BRIAN ALFORD  
Registration Opens 10/1/22

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR ONE OR ALL OF THE DAYS OF REFLECTION ABOVE!

VILLA MARIA RETREAT CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, IL

8:30AM - 4:00PM

\$35.00 PER REFLECTION DAY (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

REGISTER AT [WWW.DIO.ORG/VESSLS](https://WWW.DIO.ORG/VESSLS)

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE - PARTICIPANTS LIMITED TO 80



Sponsored by the Diocesan Women's Ministry



## MOVIE NIGHT: UNPLANNED

40 Days for Life Granite City invites you to come watch the movie *Unplanned*. We are hoping to educate and ignite a fire in hearts across Southern Illinois prior to our Fall Campaign, Sept 28 - Nov. 6. What better way to do this than to watch the true story of Abby Johnson, the real-life person whom the movie is about?

Friday September 9th at 6:30 pm

St. Cecilia Church, 155 N Main St., Glen Carbon, IL 62034

AND Thursday, Sept 15th, 6:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City

It's free! If you haven't seen it, you will love it! If you have, come watch it again. Please bring a friend.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Abortion facilities in Illinois have fewer regulations by law than nail salons.

## FALL CAMPAIGN: SEPTEMBER 28 - NOVEMBER 6

St. Elizabeth parishioners are invited to join over 1 million volunteers in 855 cities across 61 nations for a peaceful, life-saving campaign to end abortion.

## PRAYER & FASTING

During the 40 days from September 28 to November 6, all are invited to spend time during their normal day fasting and praying for an end to abortion.

## PEACEFUL VIGIL: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

In addition, each Christian church or group is invited to select 1 day for its members to take turns praying at their local abortion facility.

**St. Elizabeth has adopted Saturday, October 8 as our day.**

Sign up for 1 hour to pray at the abortion facility in Granite City: <https://signup.com/go/imdTxBJ>

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS

This year's annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass and prayer procession is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1 at Holy Family**. Bishop Paprocki will celebrate Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a prayer procession around the abortion facility. Lunch and speaker will follow the procession. To register to attend go to: [signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ADAD2A-A3FB6-2022](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ADAD2A-A3FB6-2022)

## PROJECT RACHEL

Trust in the mercy of God's love. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5. Pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God's infinite mercy.

## FORMED® Pick of the Week



**Network of Freedom**  
Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.

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](http://FORMED.org) and type our Postal Code (62040) to easily find and select our parish.

## Mercy Minute

"I feel that I have been totally imbued with God and, with this God, I am going back to my everyday life, so drab, tiresome and wearying, trusting that He whom I feel in my heart will change this drabness into my personal sanctity."

(Diary, 1363)



## Elementary School PSR

For students in Grades 1-5 not enrolled in a Catholic grade school. Includes Sacramental prep for grades 1-3, for First Reconciliation in grade 2 and Confirmation & first Holy Communion in Grade 3.

**Thursday nights, 6:30-8:15 at St. Elizabeth School**  
Register via [stelizabethgc.org/formation](http://stelizabethgc.org/formation)

Retreat for Confirmation candidates & parents & sponsors:  
Saturday, December 3: 9 a.m. to Noon

## RCIA: Inquiring about Catholicism

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church? Are you a Protestant Christian visiting us, or maybe even someone with no church affiliation? Are you married to a Catholic but not yet Catholic yourself? Or are you perhaps a Catholic who hasn't yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

RCIA - the "Rite of Christian Initiation" - is the place for you! Whether you want to enter into the full sacramental life of the Church, or just want to learn more about Catholicism, please come join us for our 2023 RCIA class. We'll discuss the faith and the life of the Church on a weekly basis from September 15 until just after Easter next year.

Exploring RCIA isn't a commitment to enter the Church at Easter, but is the path to explore that as an option.

**Thursday nights, 6:30-8:15, starting September 15**  
with **THE RESCUE PROJECT** for our first few weeks  
Email Deacon Michael at [mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org](mailto:mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org)

## Adult Formation & Hot Topics



### Starting the year with 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 Harmony Room.

#### Option 1:

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

#### Option 2:

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

### Followed by "Hot Topics"

**Thursday nights, 6:30-8:15**  
Hot Topics in Catholic life & faith Open to adults of all ages.

## Junior High & Teens

We'll journey together through small group experiences from YDisciple (from NET Ministries) and a teen-oriented Bible Study called "Venture" in our new "Upper Room" for junior high & teens in the Parish Life Center. Plus we'll share some fun social time and grow in discipleship through a service project or two.

**Thursday nights, 6:30-8:15, starting September 15**  
Register via [stelizabethgc.org/formation](http://stelizabethgc.org/formation)



### HIGH SCHOOLERS: OVERNIGHT NET RETREAT

Saturday-Sunday, October 29-30, 2022, grades 9-12.

5:45 pm Saturday to Noon Sunday.

Open to all high schoolers - invite a friend! Sign up here:

<https://stelizabethgc.org/net-hs>

### HIGH SCHOOLERS: GC ROCK

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

Sunday, September 11- Early gathering at 12 NOON for lunch together at Pizza World

Sunday, September 18- Gathering 6:30-8pm at Holy Family with a special guest

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

# PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

## Parish & School Events

### Sunday, September 4

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

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

### Monday, September 5

Labor Day Holiday - Parish Office & School closed

### Tuesday, September 6

7:30 p.m. - Men's Club (Cafeteria)

### Wednesday, September 7

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, September 8

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony Rm)

### Friday, September 9

### Saturday, September 10

### Sunday, September 11

12 Noon Registration, 1 p.m. Tee off Golf Tournament

12 Noon - GC Rock gathering for lunch at Pizza World

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

## Further Out...

### September 14

Senior Luncheon + Mission Night

### 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

## Father Alfred invites YOU to MISSION NIGHT Wednesday, September 14, 6-8 p.m. in the Harmony Room

Join Father Alfred and **THREE special guest speakers:**

**Dr. Gerrard MacLeod**, Founder & CEO of Savanda (facebook.com/Savanda.org), **Tom Mayer**, president of Friends of Shalom for Uganda (friendsofshalomforuganda.com), and **Shelly Sands**, President of Missions International (misisterparish.org)

We'll enjoy refreshments and hear about the different experiences of mission responses to the international mission needs of our brothers and sisters in faith halfway around the world. Call the parish office for more information.

Sign up at [stelizabethgc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1414611](http://stelizabethgc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1414611)

**NOTE:** The parish office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

### NEED A RIDE TO MASS?

Do you or someone you know need a ride to Mass? If so, contact the parish office.

We have some parishioners who may be willing to help! Call Bret at 618-877-3300.

### 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.*

### 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 618-791-7081.

### LADIES SODALITY

#### BAZAAR & TURKEY DINNER

It is time to start preparing for the Ladies Sodality Bazaar and Turkey Dinner, October 23 from 11 am - 5 pm. 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 offset 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. 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.

### SENIOR LUNCHEON

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Join us for our next Senior Luncheon, Wednesday, September 14 at 11:30 in the Parish Life Center. Our guest speaker is Woody Halbrook, and tacos & nachos are on the menu. Call the parish office to sign up. We hope to see you there!

## Parish Chicken Dinner Sunday, September 18

11 a.m. until 5 p.m. or sold out

\$12 Adults; Under 12 \$6; Under 2 Free

All-you-can-eat dine-in, or 3 pc. carry-out

Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy  
green beans, applesauce, bread,  
coffee & tea, dessert



# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

## ROYALS BASEBALL

This is the first year that our St. Elizabeth Royals have had a baseball team. Holy Family has also started a team this year. Come out and support our Royals at an upcoming game!

9/8, 4:15 vs. St. Ambrose at Glazebrook Park Field #5, Godfrey

9/14, 4:30 vs. St. Boniface at Father McGivney

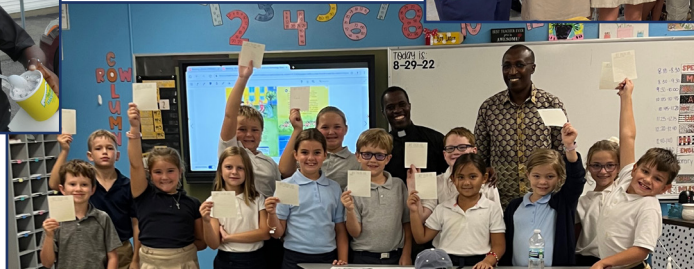
9/16, 4:30 vs. Maryville Christian at Maryville Christian

9/21, 4:30 vs. St. Paul Highland at Wilson Park Field #2 (Granite)

9/26, 4:30 vs. Holy Family at Wilson Park Field #2 (Granite)

## FATHERS ALFRED & ROBERT VISIT

Students enjoyed visiting with Father Alfred & Father Robert on Monday before Father Robert departed Granite City. (Father Alfred treated him to some Ted Drewes before the airport too.) Pray for Father Robert on his journeys and in his ministry!



## 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:9/4- Rev. Thomas Materman, Rev. James M. Huck 9/5- Rev. Geoffrey Egan, Rev. Charles O'Reilly, Rev. Thomas Connolly , Msgr. James A. Suddes 9/7- Rev. A.J. Van Speybroeck 9/8- Rev. Anthony Rustige, Rev. Anton Kersting, Rev. Vincent Jalinsky 9/9- Rev. Frederick Neveling, Rev. Alphones J. Bertman, Msgr. Michael F. Donahue, Rev. Francis C. Schlepphorst

## 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.

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## Admission Key Dates

Application  
Opens

01  
Sep

Fall Preview  
Day

16  
Oct  
1PM

Freshman  
Placement  
Test

19  
Nov  
8AM

Application  
Deadline

15  
Dec

# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship August 28, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 8 Regular Income	\$4,683.00		
90 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$61.82			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$341.00		
Online Giving	\$842.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,866.00</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$3,005.00)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$68,489.00</b>	<b>\$79,839.00</b>	<b>(\$11,350.00)</b>

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	\$65.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$55.00
Special Projects	\$60.00
Votive Offering	\$190.00
BINGO Profit	\$10,000.00
Mission & Ministry	\$35.00
Assumption of Mary	\$80.00
Other Not Specified	\$26.00

### Upcoming Special Collections

September 17-18: Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa  
 October 22-23: World Mission Sunday  
 November 19-20: 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 July tithe was \$3,272.

### Scrip Progress

Date: August 28, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$31,325
National	Not	/	\$40,065
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$71,390
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$2,907.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees			(\$250.00)
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**"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."**

**- Luke 14:33**

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

### GIVE ONLINE

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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](http://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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### My Parish Prayer

Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am.  
Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.  
It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,  
and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is -  
am filled with these same qualities.  
Therefore, with the help of God,  
I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be.  
Bless my journey Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

