

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 28, 2022

Catholic formation
for all ages &
states in life



Thursday nights
6:30-8 p.m.
at St. Elizabeth

Elementary School PSR

Adult Formation & Hot Topics



Learning our faith in 1st-5th grades, for students not enrolled in Catholic grade schools. Includes preparation for Reconciliation in 2nd grade and preparation for Confirmation & first Holy Communion in 3rd grade.

Hot topic sessions, book clubs & Bible studies, woven throughout the year. Come and learn more about our faith with others desiring to go deeper.

RCIA: Inquiring about Catholicism

Junior High & Teens



Designed for those inquiring about our faith and interested in possibly becoming Catholic.

Discipleship formation, Bible studies, and more for our junior high students and teenagers.


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Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson
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 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

No Mass

Tuesday, August 30

Tuesday of the 22nd Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Uzunoff+ by Juliann Burns

Wednesday, August 31

Wednesday of the 22nd Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Dittman+ by Paul & Jane Jackstadt

Thursday, September 1

Thursday of the 22nd Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Ellen Becherer+
by Marlys & Mitchell Akin

Friday, September 2

Friday of the 22nd Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

Saturday-Sunday, September 3-4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Larry Hock+ by Paul & Joyce Mills

8:00 a.m. Mass: 


Jack Folkerts+

by Brett, Chris Brandon & Tyler Ahring

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

 Denotes liturgy when incense will be used

 Denotes liturgy that will be streamed online

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

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

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 **our School Parents**. 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

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



Elementary School PSR

Parish School of Religion ("PSR") is for students in Grades 1-5 who aren't enrolled in a Catholic grade school. It includes Sacramental prep for grades 1-3, leading up to 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

Parent Prep Nights for parents of 3rd graders + Retreat for Confirmation candidates

In parallel, we'll also host prep nights at which the parents and/or sponsors of 3rd graders preparing for their Sacraments will be expected to join us: October 13 and November 10

Retreat for Confirmation candidates & parents & sponsors:
Saturday, January 3: 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Parishioners, please consider cutting this out and sharing with a friend.
And keep praying for RCIA Inquirers every day at 10 a.m.

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 "NEST" 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.

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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 PLC.

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

Option 2: Thursdays 6:30-8:15 p.m.:
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Followed by "Hot Topics"

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

November 17: The Mass

December 1: Adoration for Beginners

December 15: Mary

January 5: Prayer

January 19: Sacramentals

January 26: Reconciliation

February 9:

The Saints & Intercessory Prayer

February 23: Scripture & Tradition

March 9: Marriage

March 16:

Christian Moral Living & Social Justice

March 23: Holy Orders

March 30: The Meaning of Holy Week

April 13:

The Real Presence in the Eucharist

April 20: Theology of the Body

April 27: The Trinity

FORMED
Pick of the Week



Augustine: A Voice for all Generations with Mike Aquilina
During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be “the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy.” To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy Augustine: A Voice for all Generations!

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

“Virtue without prudence is not virtue at all. We should often pray to the Holy Spirit for this grace of prudence. Prudence consists in discretion, rational reflection and courageous resolution. The final decision is always up to us. We must decide; we can and we ought to seek advice and light...” (Diary, 1106).



Vessels

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

<p>OCTOBER 8, 2022</p> <p><i>Filled</i></p> <p>JANET KEHOE & MSGR. DAVID HOEFLER <i>Registration Opens 8/22</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 3, 2022</p> <p><i>Poured</i></p> <p>SR. M. KAROLYN, FSGM & FR. BRIAN ALFORD <i>Registration Opens 10/17</i></p>
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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/VESSELS
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE - PARTICIPANTS LIMITED TO 80

Sponsored by the Diocesan Women's Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FAMILY FAITH NIGHTS - FOR TEENS
Check page 3 for the details on the junior high & high school component of Family Faith Nights, and tell a teen-age friend to join us!

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!
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.

ON CATECHESIS
“...The specific aim of catechesis is to develop, with God’s help, an as yet initial faith, and to advance in fullness and to nourish day by day the Christian life of the faithful, young and old. It is in fact a matter of giving growth, at the level of knowledge and in life, to the seed of faith sown by the Holy Spirit with the initial proclamation and effectively transmitted by Baptism.”
- from the Apostolic Exhortation *Catechesi Tradenda* (on Catechesis in Our Time) by Pope John Paul II, paragraph 20



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FROM QUARTERBACK TO THEOLOGY TEACHER
Sean Hussey set records as a quarterback for Charleston High School. Today, our Catholic faith is his passion. This year, he starts as a theology teacher at St. Anthony High School in Effingham, but that passion for our faith wasn’t always part of his life. Hear his story by going to dio.org/podcast to listen or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms.



PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

Parish & School Events

Sunday, August 28

1 p.m. - Father McGivney High School
10th Anniversary Mass & Social

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

Monday, August 29

6:30 p.m. - 40 Days for Life Information
Meeting (Harmony Room)

Tuesday, August 30

Wednesday, August 31

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach Committee
Meeting (Harmony Room)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, September 1

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

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Join us for MISSION NIGHT

Wednesday, September 14 from 6-8 p.m. in the Harmony Room

Join Father Alfred and special guest speaker Dr. Gerrard MacLeod MD, Founder & CEO of SAVANDA, visiting us to share his experiences and the unique needs of missionary work in Uganda. We'll enjoy some refreshments and hear about the projects Dr. MacLeod has been able to accomplish in Father Alfred's homeland, and what the ongoing needs there are. September 14, 6-8 p.m. in the Harmony Room. Call the parish office for more information.

Sign up at stelizabethgc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1414611

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.*

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>

LADIES SODALITY: SEEKING SHELVING UNITS

We are in need of shelving units to be used in the room upstairs in the PLC for staging baskets and then moved to the cafeteria for the Bazaar. If you have plastic storage units that you are no longer using please let me know and we can arrange for a pick up, or they can be dropped off at the office. We prefer heavy duty plastic with four or five shelves. Thank you, Tammi M. 618-920-1792.

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 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 home-made/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.

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

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

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

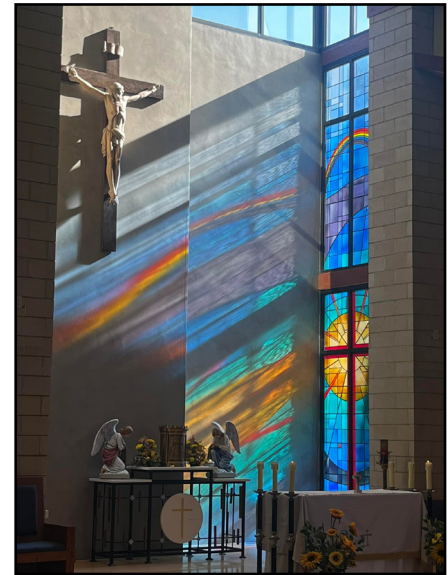
St. Elizabeth School is a Catholic center of education, a service to the parish and the community at large. The mission of St. Elizabeth School is to provide an environment which will foster Catholic moral values and academic excellence. The school, working together with family, faculty and parish community, 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL - AND MASS!

It was so good to be back at Mass at our first all-school Mass last Friday!



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: 8/28- Rev. Charles Oberprintracher 8/29- Rev. Gerald J. Griffin, Rev. William E. Kekeisen 8/30- Rev. A. Rotte, Rev. Thomas Quigley 9/2- Rev. Edward Groesch



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 21, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 8 Regular Income	\$5,564.00		
90 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$61.82			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$343.00		
Online Giving	\$1,227.00		
TOTAL	\$7,134.00	\$8,871.00	(\$1,737.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$62,623.00	\$70,968.00	(\$8,345.00)

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	\$335.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$390.00
Special Projects	\$170.00
Votive Offering	\$124.00
Assumption of Mary	\$178.00
Other Not Specified	\$105.00

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 was \$3,272.

Scrip Progress

Date: August 21, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$975	/	\$31,325
National	\$2,215	/	\$40,065
Total Sales	\$3,190	/	\$71,390
Annual Gross Profit to-date	\$2,907.00		
Approx. Credit Card Fees	(\$250.00)		
Approx. Net Profit to-date	\$2,657.00		

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.
Remember that this is free money
for our school & parish!

Upcoming Special Collections

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

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” - Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

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/allevments>

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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & ADVERTISING

Published weekly by St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School and printed by Schwartzkopf Printing in Alton, Illinois. To recommend content for inclusion in the bulletin, email bulletin@stelizabethgc.org prior to Tuesday at Noon. For information on bulletin advertising, contact Bret Ware in the parish office.

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.

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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.

