

Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 11, 2022



The Rescue Project Starts This Week

Join Chris Spanberger and Norma Lesko this week as they start leading small groups through **The Rescue Project**.

How does Jesus answer the deepest cry of the heart? **The Rescue Project** helps to answer that, opening the truly good news of the Gospel and an understanding of the mission that God has uniquely entrusted to YOU.

There are two options to take part in **The Rescue Project**: Tuesday mornings from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. or Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00. The program runs for eight weeks, from this week through the week of November 1.

The Thursday night meeting time overlaps with the start of RCIA for this year,

so if you have a family member, friend, or neighbor looking to explore more about our church, invite them to this.

The groups meet in the Harmony Room, and there'll always be some good food to share.

In addition, Chris and Norma will be hosting the program in the school classrooms for our 7th & 8th graders.

The program is a free offering, and participant guides have been funded by our faith formation program, thanks to parishioners' generous donations to the Mission & Ministry envelope fund.

Join us for **The Rescue Project** and bring a friend!

Welcome Seminarian Phillip Gorrell

This weekend, we welcome Seminarian Phillip Gorrell who will be with us on Sundays and occasionally during the week for part of his pastoral formation this school year.



Born in Flora, Illinois, Phillip is the son of Daniel and Marie Gorrell. A graduate of Marshall Community High School in Marshall, Illinois, he entered seminary for our diocese in 2018 and graduated Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana this past spring. Recently, Phillip entered Kenrick-Glenon Seminary in Saint Louis, Missouri to begin graduate theological studies.

Phillip began discerning a vocation to the priesthood while a junior in high school, after he started asking himself, "What is God calling me to do with my life?" With much joy, he felt a calling to the priestly life and is continuing his discernment while in seminary formation.

Seminarian Philip, welcome to St. Elizabeth Church & School! We are excited that you are with us for part of your pastoral formation and look forward to journeying with you and praying for you.


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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 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

No Mass

Tuesday, September 13

**Saint John Chrysostom,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Uzunoff+ by Patricia Uzunoff

Wednesday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Jones+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, September 16

**Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Alsop+ by The Alsop Family

Saturday, September 17

Saturday of the 24rd Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, September 17-18

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Lisa Dellamano+ by The Willaredt Family


8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Noeth Family Members+ by Noeth Family

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14. Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19.

1 Timothy 1:12-17. Luke 15:1-32.

Why Hang Around with the Lost Ones? We can read Luke Chapter 15 as parables of lost sheep, lost coin, and lost child. But basically, they are stories of joy resulting in lavish parties for what is found: a full flock, a complete dowry, a returned relationship of parent and child. They show God's desire to be reunited with anyone who becomes lost in little or big ways. It needs to be our desire, too. For whom will I go looking who needs to be found? Who am I called to hang around (I may be surprised)? How will I be like the generous father standing on the porch awaiting the return of _?



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 memory of Catherine Sertich+ by Dorothy Pawlak**. 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



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a diocese, we will soon take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. In his 2020 encyclical *On Fraternity and Social Friendship (Fratelli Tutti)*, Pope Francis wrote, "It is... urgent to continue to bear witness to the journey of encounter between the different Christian confessions" (no. 280). In this spirit of encounter and dialogue, in September 2020, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference organized a symposium on ecumenism, interreligious dialogue, and dialogue with secular culture. Participants including priests, men and women religious, and members of the laity from dioceses across South Africa and Botswana gathered for presentations and discussions with non-Catholic Christians and Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Bahai, and traditional African religion representatives. At the conclusion of the symposium, participants returned to their dioceses to share with their neighbors the message of openness and unifying dialogue.

This vital work of encounter was made possible through funding from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your support of the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been crucial to fostering tolerance and respect between neighbors, including those belonging to different faiths, which has contributed to interreligious cooperation and more peaceful communities in a number of places across Africa.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. Please be generous to the Solidarity Fund through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit uscba.org/africa.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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

Please also let the Parish Office know. We would like to include wedding photos for our long-married parishioners in the bulletin the weekend of September 24-25, and invite you for a blessing at our Sunday 10:30 Mass on September 25.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®] THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

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?

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.

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 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>

Respect Life Mass & Rosary Walk

DETAILS

9 a.m. Respect Life Mass
Celebrated by
Bishop Paprocki

10:15 a.m. Rosary and
Prayer Walk

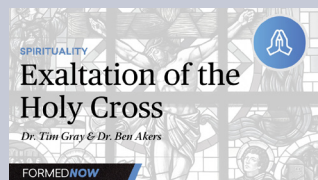
Luncheon Guest Speaker
Amy Gehrke, Executive Director
Illinois Right to Life

OCTOBER 1, 2022
Holy Family Church
2606 Washington
Granite City, IL

REGISTER
[BIT.LY/SPIPROFLIFE](https://bit.ly/spiproflife)

FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church

This Week on FORMED®



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Every year Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, but why? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss the history and meaning behind this feast on Formed Now.

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 signup.FORMED.org and select our parish name.

Family Faith Nights start THIS THURSDAY. Are you signed up & ready?

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR has begun for students in Grades 1-5 to continue religious ed, including preparation for first Reconciliation in 2nd grade, and Confirmation and Holy Communion in 3rd grade. Thursday nights, 6:30-8:15. Sign up at stelizabethgc.org/formation.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. All Catechists are asked to attend one of the Masses for recognition and a blessing as we begin the new formation "school year."

RCIA

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.

For more information email Deacon Michael at mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org.

ADULT FORMATION 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.



Tuesdays 9:15-10:45 a.m.:

Sept. 13, 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1.

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.

November 17: The Mass

December 1: Adoration for Beginners

December 15: Mary

...and more continuing into the Spring!

YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY

4th-8th graders - JOIN US!

It's time to kick off the year!

First gathering of the year: Sunday, October 23, 9:15-10:15 in the Harmony Room.

Come to Young Disciples, earn a token, learn about the year, then head to Mass and the Ladies Sodality Turkey Dinner!

Next gatherings: November 20, December 11

Mercy Minute

"Know, My daughter, that between Me and you there is a bottomless abyss, an abyss which separates the Creator from the creature. But this abyss is filled with My mercy. I raise you up to Myself, not that I have need of you, but it is solely out of mercy that I grant you the grace of union with Myself." (Diary, 1576)



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



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

Don't miss Mission Night - THIS Wednesday night from 6-8 in the Harmony Room

Parish Chicken Dinner
NEXT 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



Parish & School Events

Sunday, September 11

12 Noon Registration, 1 p.m. Tee off
Golf Tournament
12 Noon - GC Rock gathering for lunch at
Pizza World
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour
with Vespers & Benediction

Monday, September 12

Tuesday, September 13

9:15-10:45 - The Rescue Project daytime
group (Harmony Room)
6 p.m. - School Board
7 p.m. - PTO

Wednesday, September 14

School Book Fair opens
11:30 - Senior Luncheon (PLC)
4:30 p.m. - Royals Baseball vs. St. Boni-
face at Fr. McGivney
6-8 p.m. - Mission Night (Harmony Rm)
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, September 15

School Hearing & Vision Screenings
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Benediction
at 9 p.m.)
6:30-8:15 - Family Faith Night (with The
Rescue Project)
9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony Rm)

Friday, September 16

4:30 p.m. - Royals Baseball vs. Maryville
Christian at Maryville Christian

School Grandparent Ice Cream Social

Saturday, September 17

Sunday, September 18

Catechetical Sunday - Blessing for Cate-
chists at all Masses
9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room)
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Chicken Dinner (Cafe)
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
6:30-8:15 - GC Rock gathering at Holy
Family, with special guest!
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour
with Vespers & Benediction

Father Alfred invites YOU to MISSION NIGHT THIS 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 ([friendsofshalomforu-
ganda.com](https://friendsofshalomforuganda.com)), and **Shelly Sands** of Missions Internat'l (misisterparish.org).

Enjoy refreshments and hear about 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

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.

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

New members are welcome with open
arms and big smiles. Share in music,
praise, fellowship, fun, and more! Join in
our ministry to sing praise to our Lord
and enrich the services with God's Word
in song. Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, Bass,
families, friends, and students ages 11
and up are invited to come join our choir
family. We would love to have some
instrumentalists join us too. If you're in-
terested, let Cathy know or leave word at
the parish office. Rehearsals are Sunday
Evenings, 6-7:15 p.m., Sept 11th through
June. Come spend a rehearsal with us.
You'll surely want to join us!

LADIES SODALITY NEWS

Desserts are needed for the Chicken
Dinner on September 18th. Please make
a dessert or two for the dinner. Desserts
can be dropped off in the Harmony
Room before and after the 4:30 Saturday
Mass or 8 a.m. Sunday Mass. Drop Des-
serts on Sunday at the cafeteria. Mark
your calendars to bake and and enjoy a
great meal and fellowship.

The next Ladies Sodality meeting will be
Tuesday, September 27th, all Ladies of
the school and parish welcome.

SENIOR LUNCHEON THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Join us for Senior Luncheon, this
Wednesday 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!

TUESDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Starting Tuesday, October 4, the Tuesday
(8:15 a.m.) Mass will be moved to 6 p.m.
each Tuesday. This is based on many
requests for an evening Mass during the
week. We hope more people will be able
to attend a mid-week Mass with this shift
of one daily Mass to the evening.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE IS BACK

We're holding another Scrap Metal
Drive on Saturday, October 15 from 9
a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym parking lot. IF
you missed our first one in the Spring,
now's your chance! Bring your alumi-
num, copper, steel, cast iron - anything
metal that you no longer need. Have old
appliances? We will take those off your
hands too! We also offer local pickup
service for large metal items that are on
the main floor of your home or business.
Help raise money for St. Elizabeth and
clean out your garage or basement at the
same time. Contact the parish office with
questions or to schedule a pickup.

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!

9/14, 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)

FR. MCGIVNEY

SCHOOL CALENDAR

mcgivneygriffins.com/
school-calendar



GRIFFINS ATHLETICS NEWS & SCHEDULE

il.8to18.com/McGivneyGriffins/

ADMISSION KEY DATES

September 1: Application Opens

September 26: Shadow Days Begin

October 16: Fall Preview Day

November 19, 8 a.m.: Freshman Placement Test

December 15: Application Deadline



MARQUETTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN ALTON

Open House: Sunday, September 25, 2022, 1-3 p.m. Middle school students and parents - stop by, take a tour, and meet some of our faculty and students! Questions? Contact Karen Coles: kcoles@mymchs.org or (618) 463-0585 x2.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 9/11- Rev. Henry Becker, Rev. Dennis Tierney 9/13- Rev. Herman Gesenhues, Rev. John Daw, Rev. Patrick Carroll, Rev. Francis Corbett 9/14- Rev. Anton Wienke, Rev. Martin Mangan 9/15- Rev. Joseph Kuenster, Rev. John Reis, Rev. Aloysius Schwellenbach 9/16- Rev. Robert C. McCarthy, Rev. William Hembrow



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.

Vessels

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

OCTOBER 8, 2022

Filled

JANET KEHOE
& MSGR. DAVID HOEFER
Registration Opens 8/22

DECEMBER 3, 2022

Poured

SR. M. KAROLYN, FSGM
& FR. BRIAN ALFORD
Registration Opens 10/17

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

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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

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 September 4, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 10 Regular Income	\$9,542.00		
104 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$91.75			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$226.00		
Online Giving	\$1,692.00		
TOTAL	\$11,460.00	\$8,871.00	\$2,589.00
YTD TOTALS	\$79,949.00	\$88,710.00	(\$8,761.00)

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	\$471.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$310.00
Special Projects	\$310.00
Mission & Ministry	\$195.00
Assumption of Mary	\$20.00
Other Not Specified	\$325.00

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: September 4, 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)
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!

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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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.

