

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 18, 2022

Around St. Elizabeth This Week...



Father Alfred had a blast with the other golfers at the annual Ladies Sodality Golf Tournament last Sunday.



The Rescue Project kicked off, and it's not too late to join in. The Tuesday morning group had 21 participants. There are Tuesday morning & Thursday evening options. Thank you to Chris Spanberger and Norma Lesko for hosting this program, including with our school 7th & 8th graders during the week too!



Mission Night was a success with our 3 guest speakers and over 20 parishioners in attendance to learn more about mission efforts in Uganda and around the world. Some are starting to talk about a possible trip to Uganda in the summer of 2024. Would you be interested in joining us or supporting that in some way?



Every young reader's favorite time of year at school... the Book Fair hit St. Elizabeth School this week!

Thank you to all who made it possible.


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**Strong in Faith
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As we enter our next 150 years as the Roman Catholic parish of St. Elizabeth, striving to become saints, we commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition.

We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

Hospitality: To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;

Prayer: To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer;

Formation: To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and

Service: To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, September 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

No Mass

Tuesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Pual Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. Communion Service
(No Mass Intention)

Wednesday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:15 a.m. Communion Service
(No Mass Intention)

Thursday, September 22

Thursday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Communion Service
(No Mass Intention)

Friday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass:
Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, September 24

Saturday of the 25th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Communion Service
(No Mass Intention)

Saturday-Sunday, September 24-25

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:
Jim Dittman+ by Janice Dittman


8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by Juliann Burns

 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7. Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8. 1 Timothy 2:1-8. Luke 16:1-13.

How to Use Material Possessions? This is a tough gospel today. An employee squanders the boss's property. That same employee, on firing, gives away even more. What is the point? Don't let possessions possess. In the words of Amos, the prophet, do not trample the needy or destroy the poor.

What do I own that controls my life?

How can I trust more in God than in the things I have?

How will I tend to the poor and needy with this merciful behavior: ___?



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



This week, Altar Flowers are **in gratitude to God for 56 years of Marriage by Andy & Joann Yurko**. 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

PICNIC RESULTS

I know that it has been a couple of months since the picnic, but wanted to share our final results. Some of the delay is tied to waiting on invoices to be submitted, but most of the delay rests with me. Work and other life events have hampered my abilities to work on these numbers sooner. For that, I apologize.

If you recall, we started off very good with attendance on Friday. Crowds were good and money was flowing. However, the rains came and the rains lasted too long, driving away any crowds that were already there and deterring any crowds that might have wanted to come up.

Saturday was a great day. Large crowds, great band, and great time.

Sunday was a different story. Reaching temperatures of over 100, the crowds were small. It was just too hot for anyone to enjoy themselves at an outdoor event.

So, even with all of the challenges, we were still able to make around \$80,000!!! That to me is incredible.

This is a parish event and we can never achieve success without the Parish getting involved. It takes so many people to realize success and there are so many people that do so much work leading up to the picnic, and then well after the last carnival ride is loaded up and the last zip tie is swept up off the parking lot.

GRATITUDE/APPRECIATION – Thanks to all who volunteered and gave of their time and talent to this event. Special thanks to Father and the staff for all the support/guidance. I am glad that Father was able to experience his 1st Picnic! Thanks to Bud and his crew, Dennis Krystopa and his crew, Andy Yurko and Paul Mills with handling all of the financials, Rob Hutson for taking ownership of food/product ordering, Beth Dittman with the Carnival, Michelle Williams and Loretta Joyce for all of the interaction with the school and school families/students.

Mary and I really do appreciate this parish family. Thanks so much.

Already looking forward to next year.....

Steve and Mary Hay

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.



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

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[BIT.LY/SPIPROLIFE](https://bit.ly/spiprolife)



FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church

This Week on FORMED®



Padre Pio Between Heaven & Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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.

Mercy Minute

"I feel certain that my mission will not come to an end upon my death, but will begin. O doubting souls, I will draw aside for you the veils of heaven to convince you of God's goodness, so that you will no longer continue to wound with your distrust the sweetest Heart of Jesus. God is Love and Mercy." (Diary, 281).



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

There's still time to sign up for PSR for students in Grades 1-5 to continue religious ed. Thursday nights, 6:30-7:30. Sign up at stelizabethgc.org/formation.

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 THE RESCUE PROJECT

It's not too late to jump into The Rescue Project in the Harmony Room



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

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

Thursdays 6:30-8:15 p.m.:

Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3.

VESSELS: A ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Join women from across the diocese to experience the power of Christ in Scripture, prayer, and sacrament. Janet Kehoe and Msgr. David Hoefler will be presenting on Filled Vessels. This one day retreat will be hosted at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield, IL on Oct. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$35.00. To register, go to dio.org/vessels.

REBOOT!

Chris Stefanick, an internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker, author, and TV host will present REBOOT!, an experience of learning how to better apply the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of life at the Effingham Performance Center Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Purchase tickets at reallifecatholic.com.

ACTING FOR GOD: THE CONVERSION OF ACTOR MARIA VARGO

Maria Vargo is an actress, singer/songwriter, director, and Catholic speaker. She even starred as St. Faustina in a one-woman show, but her life wasn't always faith-filled. Hear her conversion story, what is it like working in the film industry, and her connection to the actor who plays Jesus in The Chosen! Go to dio.org/podcast or search Dive Deep on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

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

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 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 Chicken Dinner THIS 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



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 interested, 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 Desserts on Sunday at the cafeteria. Mark your calendars to bake 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.

THANK YOU!

Ladies Sodality would like to say thank you to Tom Cholovik, Pam Winn, Kathy Byrd, and Joan Hartwick for all of the prep work to organize the Golf Tournament event. We would also like to thank the ladies that worked the event and baked goodies for the golfers. From the pictures and comments it looks like a fun and successful event.

Thank you Tom for helping the Ladies Sodality with this fundraiser and for the golfers that supported us.

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 aluminum, 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.

JOB OPENING

Professional Counseling Solutions, a program of Madison County Catholic Charities, has a part-time opening (30 hours/week) for a Licensed Mental Health Therapist in the Alton Office. Flexible schedule offered based on client needs. Duties include counseling services to parochial schools, in-person, telehealth and group sessions to insurance and private pay clients. Must have or be working towards a LMFT, LCPC or LCSW. Must have a valid driver's license and proof of vehicle insurance. Some driving required. Paid time off benefits provided; sick, vacation, personal and pension. Join a small but growing, supportive team that offers a variety of services to the community. Email resume to: burton_ccmc@cc.dio.org. Attention: Denise Burton, Area Director.

Parish & School Events

Sunday, September 18

Catechetical Sunday - Blessing for Catechists 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

Monday, September 19

MAP Testing begins at school

Tuesday, September 20

9:15-10:45 - The Rescue Project daytime group (Harmony Room)

Wednesday, September 21

4:30 p.m. - Royals Baseball vs. St. Paul Highland at Wilson Park Field #2

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

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, September 22

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 23

Saturday, September 24

Sunday, September 25

Blessing for Couples Married 50+ Years at 10:30 Mass

1 p.m. - 40 Days For Life Opening Rally (Abortion Facility)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

Further Out...

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

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, October 2, 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.



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Early Bird Drawing: September 17th

Grand Prize Drawing: December 16th

Support Father McGivney Catholic High School! PLUS, \$10 of every ticket sold will go to the charity of your choice, including our feeder schools!

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PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 9/18- Rev. Edward D. Adamski, Rev. John Savoree 9/19- Rev. D. Byrne, Rev. James McCarthy, Rev. Casimir W. Andruskevitch, Rev. William Overmann 9/20- Rev. Francis Trojan, Rev. J.B. Schnelten, Rev. Henry J. Schwener 9/21- Rev. Miles Sweeney, Rev. Peter Kaenders, Rev. Henry F. Kozak, Rev. Stanley J. Swiatek, Rev. Thomas Davenport, Rev. J. Michael Jenkins



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 September 11, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 11 Regular Income	\$5,834.00		
108 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$54.02			
One-Time Donation	\$1,000.00		
Loose	\$270.00		
Online Giving	\$622.00		
TOTAL	\$7,226.00	\$8,871.00	(\$1,145.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$87,675.00	\$97,581.00	(\$9,906.00)

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	\$632.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$146.00
Special Projects	\$291.00
Mission & Ministry	\$21.00
Votive Offering	\$102.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$25.00
Funeral Stipend	\$150.00
Other Not Specified	\$35.00

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 August estimated tithe is \$3,874

Scrip Progress

Date: September 11, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$1,150	/	\$32,475
National	\$990	/	\$41,055
Total Sales	\$2,140	/	\$73,530
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$2,987.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees			(\$258.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date			\$2,729.00

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

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." - Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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. <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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

Madison County Catholic Charities has openings for Advisory Board Members. Share your time and talent with like-minded people dedicated to providing help and hope to those in need. Please contact Denise Burton for more information at (618) 462-0634, ext. 232 or Burton_ccmc@cc.dio.org.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & ADVERTISING

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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: If you have been away from the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a while, feel free to contact the parish office for guidance & materials to help you prepare to return to the Sacraments. In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you could also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism and sign up for a Baptism Preparation class at least a month before your desired date of Baptism. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Michael. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30 Mass most Sundays or at 7 p.m. some Wednesdays.

Matrimony: To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact Father Alfred or Deacon Michael at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults: Contact Deacon Michael via the Parish Office.

PASTORAL CARE

Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

Communion to the Homebound: If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

Declarations of Nullity: In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.') Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Laura Black are available as Advocates before our diocesan tribunal for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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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.

