# Disciples Stewards

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 🔶 October 16, 2022

# **Calling All Youth**

Invite & send your children & grandchildren. Bring your friends & neighbors.



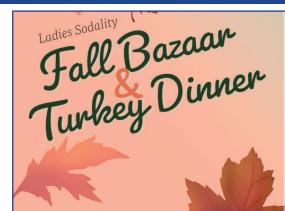
New Jr. & Sr. High School Youth Group 2nd meeting after 10:30 Mass THIS Sunday Come join us!



**MNC** 4th-8th Grades - Young Disciples Society SCIPLES 1st meeting of the year 9:15-10:15 NEXT Sunday October 23 in the Harmony Room



**High School NET Lock-In Retreat** Saturday, October 29 to Sunday, October 30 After 4:30 Mass to Noon Sunday Sign up at stelizabethgc.org/net-hs



# Sunday, October 23 11:00 - 5:00

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cole slaw, cranberry relish, roll, coffee & tea.

#### \$13 Adults \$7 Child 4-10 3 & under free!

Dine In or Carry Ouk!

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

Finance Council: Charlotte Charbonnier School Board: Ron Perich Parent/Teacher Org.: Shelly Perich Ladies Sodality: Tammi Mooshegian 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, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr No Mass

**Tuesday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist** 6:00 p.m. Mass: John Uzunoff+ by Sharon Hillmer

Wednesday, October 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs 8:15 a.m. Mass: Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

**Thursday, October 20 Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time** 8:15 a.m. Mass: Laura Cox+ by Nancy Gray

**Friday, October 21 Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time** 8:15 a.m. Mass: Shelby Jones+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, October 22 Saturday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time NO Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, October 22-23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass: Bill Schrenk+ by the Schrenk Family

8:00 a.m. Mass: **O** Lisa Dellamano+ by Janice Willaredt

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. October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: For a Church Open to Everyone** We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and coura-

geous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

#### **SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 17:8-13. Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2. Luke 18:1-8.

Is God Slow to Answer Prayer? Moses wearily struggles to keep his hands raised in prayer for the benefit of the People. He needs help. Don't we all! Timothy is charged to remain faithful to the Scriptures. Us, too! Jesus tells a parable about praying. Don't be weary, he says. Be persistent, he says. Do it always, he says.

How is my life of prayer? How will a small daily dose of reading the Bible foster my daily prayer? If unsure where to start, read and reread the Sunday texts. How can I be relentless in praying day after day, even if it seems God is slow to act?



The 14-day Santuary 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 priests, deacons, and religious of our diocese**. 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 **for stepparents**, **navigating the challenges of parenthood and blended families.** 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 Dedera Pieper Family Crawshaw Family Cassy Family **Binney Family** Chad Sigite Rose Vierdag **Charles** Dickey Angela & Ronald Briggs, Jr. Robert & Lorriane Joshu Billy Adams Jim Grav 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 Hvlla 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 Cliff Jones Rene Zayner Dennis Riggs Alma & Greg Voss

Contact the parish office to add yours to the list.

# **LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES**

#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Pray for the upcoming marriage of

Calob P. Southerland & Tessa C. Winn who will be married here on October 29.

We offer our best wishes and prayers that the peace of Christ may live always in their hearts and in their home!



#### DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 23, World Mission Sunday, we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church.

Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Beginning in 1822, the universal fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provided some \$7 million in help to the new and growing Churches in the United States. Your prayers and generous support today sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago. As Pope Francis reminds us, "She accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth." Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support missionary activity.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

I encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday, especially in this bicentennial anniversary year. Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities. Thank you, and God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprock:

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

# respect life





called to serve moms in need

Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

#### A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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#### FALL CAMPAIGN

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, through November 6.

#### MIDPOINT RALLY

Sunday October 16, 5-6 p.m. at the abortion business. Keynote speaker: Rev. Jess Biermann, Assoc. Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Edwardsville.

#### **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.

# **FORMATION** Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church



#### The Jeweler's Shop by Pope John Paul II

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweler acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."

Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on smart TV, streaming device, computer, and mobile device.

#### **Mercy Minute**

"My daughter, I want to instruct you on how you are to rescue souls through sacrifice and prayer. You will save more souls through prayer and suffering than will a missionary through his teachings and sermons alone. I want to see you as a sacrifice of living love, which only then carries weight before Me. You must be annihilated, destroyed, living as if you were dead in the most secret depths of your being. You must be destroyed in that secret depth where the human eye has never

penetrated; then will I find in you a pleasing sacrifice, a holocaust full of sweetness and fragrance..." (Diary, Part 1, 1767)



#### RCIA: LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH

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

#### THE RESCUE PROJECT

The Rescue Project continues! Tuesdays 9:15-10:45 a.m. or Thursdays 6:30-8:15 p.m., through November 3. Join us!



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**.

#### NEW ST. ELIZABETH YOUTH GROUP

Junior High and High Schoolers: Join us this Sunday, October 16th after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass for the first meeting of our new St. Elizabeth youth group. We will share community, pray together, and grow in our Catholic faith. Starting around 11:30 a.m., we will conclude in about one hour; lunch will be provided. Non-Catholics are welcome to join us, so bring a friend. We will meet in the Harmony Room. Adults interested in helping run the meeting, please contact Seminarian Phillip Gorrell at pgorrell@dio.org.

# 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.

#### **DIVE DEEP**

He grew up non-Catholic, was thinking marriage, then became a priest - The Story of Father John Titus, pastor of Immaculate Conception in Mattoon and St. Columcille in Sullivan, is a road not taken too often to priesthood. At one point, he says that marriage was "on the horizon," but then he had this "crazy thing." Go to **dio.org/podcast** or search Dive Deep on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

# NEARBY

#### **CHICKEN DINNER**

Mother of Perpetual Help in Maryville will host their annual All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 16th from 11:30-5:30. We will serve fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, apple sauce, green beans, sauerkraut slaw, dessert and a beverage. Dine in or carry out. \$13 for adults, \$7 for children 6-13 and children 5 and under are free.

#### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IN ALTON**

Ye Olde Cathedral Christmas Bazaar is back. Come one, come all! Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Ss. Peter & Paul Community Center in Alton. \$1,000 raffle, baskets, crafts & artisans. Drawings at 6:30 p.m.

# JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLERS

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#### **HIGH SCHOOLERS: OVERNIGHT NET LOCK-IN**

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

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

Sunday, November 5- Gathering at Holy Family 6:30-8 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10 - Help at Billie's Kids Christmas!



# **PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY**

#### WE WANT YOUR INFO

Do you or someone you know need a ride to Mass? Someone in your world Catholic, but homebound or in a facility? If so, contact the parish office. We have some parishioners who may be willing to help and we want to make sure our homebound are covered! Call Bret at 618-877-3300.

#### SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Don't forget our Scrap Metal Drive this Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym parking lot. Bring your aluminum, copper, steel, cast iron anything metal that you no longer need. We'll take old appliances, and also offer local pickup service for large metal items on your main floor. Contact the parish office with questions or to schedule a pickup.

#### HELP WANTED

We are looking for a few good men, women or families to help in a number of different ways around the parish. If you would be interested in being a part of our funeral luncheon group (meal prep or service), a member of one of our cleaning teams, or perhaps you are handy with tools and want to help with our Wednesday Worker Maintenance team, please reach out to the parish office and let us know. We are looking to add people to all of these areas. Thank you!

#### **ATTENTION KNIGHTS**

Knights of Columbus 4th degree Assembly is reinstating the 5th Sunday's Honor Guard and breakfast Mass. As before, Knights and their families are invited for fellowship and breakfast after attending Mass. Please join us on Sunday, October 30, 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church to celebrate together. Please notify the council or assembly if you plan to attend.

#### HELP US WELCOME SEMINARIAN PHILLIP

While he is with us, we hope to immerse him deeply into parish life. One of the ways to do this is to have him meet and get to know us better! We would love to have a parish family 'sponsor' Seminarian Phillip each week and be responsible for taking him to or hosting him for lunch after Sunday Mass. Interested? Please contact the parish office.

# TRUNK OR TREAT

#### PARISH TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for our Parish Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. **We need cars and candy!** Please drop candy donations at the PLC or in the gathering space. Contact the parish office to enter your vehicle!

**Tri Cities Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring their Halloween Event with Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 29 at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Home. If you have any questions, want to sign up or to donate candy to this event, please contact Tom C. at 618-789-0337.

#### WORLD SERIES RAFFLE

Do you enjoy baseball and want to help our Holy Name Men's Club raise a little dough? Stop by the table in the gathering space and purchase your World Series Raffle ticket! For only \$5 you will have the chance to win twice a game! Stop by this weekend for more information.

#### **TURKEY DINNER NEEDS**

Ladies, we need your help. The turkeys will be cooked and panned up for the dinner this weekend, then this week starting on Wednesday we will do additional prep for dinner and finish up on Saturday, the day before dinner. If you can help, please call or text Laura at 618-225-0430, or just come by the kitchen. Children from 5th-8th grades can help as well, and any students that need service hours are more than welcome. We have plenty to do and appreciate any help you can give us as we try to have another successful Turkey Dinner and Bazaar. Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday, October 16, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 3 p.m - 7 p.m. Friday, October 21, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS**

All Saints Day, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. The following day, All Souls Day, November 2, Masses will also be at 8:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. The 6 p.m. Mass on All Souls Day will include a special memorial for all who died this year.

## **Parish & School Events**

#### Sunday, October 16

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room) 9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center) 11:30 a.m. - Youth Group (Harmony Room)

1 p.m. - Fr. McGivney Preview Day

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church) 7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour

#### with Vespers & Benediction Monday, October 17

6:00 p.m.- 7/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. St. John Neumann (Holy Family) 6:30 p.m.- 5th Grade Girls Basketball vs. St. Mary's (St. Elizabeth Gym)

#### Tuesday, October 18

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

#### Wednesday, October 19

5:30 p.m.- 5th Grade Girls Basketball vs. St. Mary's EDW (St. Mary's EDW)

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

7:00 p.m.- 7/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. St. Mary's (St. Mary's EDW)

7:00 p.m.- 7th Grade Boys Basketball vs. St. Mary's (Holy Family)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

#### Thursday, October 20

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Benediction at 9 p.m.)

6:00 p.m.- 5th Grade Girls Basketball vs. St. John Neumann (St. Elizabeth Gym)

6:30-8:15 - Family Faith Night (with The Rescue Project)

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

#### Friday, October 21

6:00 p.m.- 6th Grade Boys Basketball vs Holy Family (St. Elizabeth)

#### Saturday, October 22

8:30 a.m.- 4th Grade Girls Basketball vs. St. John Neumann (Sts. Peter & Paul)

#### Sunday, October 23

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center) 9:15-10:15 a.m. - Young Disciples Society (Harmony Room)

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Ladies Sodality Fall Bazaar & Turkey Dinner (Cafeteria)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

# St. Elizabeth School

#### LIVING ROSARY

What a beautiful day last Friday, October 7 (the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary) for Father Alfred to help lead the students, faculty, and staff of the school (and a few parishioners) in a living rosary.







# A CONSTRUCTION

#### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS**

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 10/16- Rev. Carl Schmidt, Rev. Ryan McDaniel 10/21- Rev. Willam Kessler 10/22- Rev. R. Dean Probst, Rev. Paul Kala 10/29- Rev. Chris Trummer 10/30- Rev. Alan Hunter 10/31- Rev. Mark Tracy

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 10/12- Rev. Joseph Vahey, Rev. Elmer Henry Sanders 10/14- Rev. A.A. McDonnell, Rev. George M. Nell, Rev. James J. Holmes, Rev. Armand Lubanski, OFM 10/16- Rev. Patrick Dee, Rev. Thomas O'Hara 10/17- Rev. Finian McMullin, OFM, Rev. Casimir Francis Gierut 10/18- Rev. William Wozniak 10/19- Rev. Kenneth Venvertloh 10/20- Rev. Timothy Hickey, Rev. John Berry, Rev. Francis Mazir, Rev. Elmo Kurz 10/21- Rev. Joseph H. Boll



# **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.

# Fr. McGivney

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

mcgivneygriffins.com/ school-calendar



ATHLETICS NEWS & SCHEDULE il.8to18.com/McGivneyGriffins/

#### ADMISSION KEY DATES

Applications are open and Shadow Days begin this week! October 16: Fall Preview Day; November 19, 8 a.m.: Freshman Placement Test; December 15: Application Deadline

#### FALL PREVIEW DAY

Join us! This Sunday, October 16 at 1 p.m.

#### JOB OPENING: FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

FMCHS is seeking qualified applicants for the Director of Faith Formation for the 2023-24 School Year. Applications and Job Description can be found on our website https://mcgivneygriffins.com/employment-opportunities-1

#### LUCK OF THE GRIFFIN MEGA RAFFLE

Have you bought your tickets yet for the Luck of the Griffin Mega Raffle? You could win \$100,000! Go to

**luckygriffin.givesmart.com** to purchase your tickets. You can even designate \$10 of every ticket to go to a select charity, including St. Elizabeth School.



#### **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- US Coast Guard, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; 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 October 9, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 15 Regular Income	\$5,481.00		
90 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$64.90			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$301.00		
Online Giving	\$1,114.00		
TOTAL	\$7,256.00	\$8,871.00	(\$1,615.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$120,830.00	\$133,065.00	(\$12,235.00)

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	\$330.00
<b>Building Repair/Maintenance</b>	\$605.00
Special Projects	\$205.00
Mission & Ministry	\$105.00
Votive Offering	\$153.00
All Souls Day	\$50.00
All Saints Day	\$50.00
World Mission Sunday	\$60.00
Solidarity/Church in Africa	\$25.00
Other Not Specified	\$635.00
Memorial Donations:	
School	\$100.00
School Tuition Assistance	\$660.00

#### **Upcoming Special Collections**

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 tithe is \$4,009.70

#### Scrip Progress Date: October 9, 2022

<b>-</b> /		
	Current	/ YTD
Walmart	Did	/ \$33,350
National	Not	/ \$42,490
Total Sales	Balance	/ \$75,840
Annual Gross Profit to-date		\$3,085.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees		(\$266.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date		\$2,819,00

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

#### "...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." - 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable. Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

#### **GIVE ONLINE**

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/allevents

#### 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**

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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.

