

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 23, 2022

All About Adoration

Learn about Adoration
inside this week's bulletin

*"But the tax collector stood off at a distance
and would not even raise his eyes to heaven
but beat his breast and prayed,
'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"* - Luke 18:13



Ladies Sodality

Fall Bazaar & Turkey Dinner

THIS Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$13 Adults, \$7 Child 4-10, 3 & under free - Dine In or Carry Out!

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

Quilt Raffle • Basket Booth • Pumpkin Decoration • General Store


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Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
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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 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

No Mass

Tuesday, October 25

Tuesday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mary Carich+ by Nancy Gray

Wednesday, October 26

Wednesday of the 30th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by Phillip & Lynn Daniels

Thursday, October 27

Thursday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Ellen Becherer+ by Nancy Santana

Friday, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Uzunoff+ by Betty Welch

Saturday, October 29

Saturday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

NO Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, October 29-30

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Mark James+ by Lois Glasgow

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Rudolfo Dioneda+ by Lenie Alegre

☩ 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.

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 in Eucharistic Adoration.

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 courageous 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?

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 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are **in memory of Bill Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk**. Honor your loved one by donating the altar flowers for a week-end. For information, contact the Parish Office.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Bill Loftus

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

Lisa Dellamano

Richard A. Willaredt

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy

Jim Dederer

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

Cliff Jones

Rene Zayner

Dennis Riggs

Alma & Greg Voss

Contact the parish office to add yours to the list.

What Do You Do at Adoration?

Our United States Bishops have kicked off a couple of years of “Eucharistic Revival,” calling on us to refresh and renew our understanding of and appreciation for Jesus Christ, really and truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist.

One way to enter deeper into love and appreciation of the Eucharist is by spending time in Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration - spending time one-on-one, conversing from our own heart to the heart of God, in the presence of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament.

Often, it seems like nothing is happening during Adoration. Many of us probably avoid it because we’re not sure what to do, or we feel awkward sitting there in the quiet stillness. After all, our world surrounds us with noise, activity, and notifications from the time we wake until the time we sleep.

Sure, sometimes there is a prayer service. There might be music or incense. On Sunday evenings when we have Adoration from 7:30-8:30 p.m., we include the praying of Vespers, the Church’s Evening Prayer.

Oftentimes people refer to an hour they spend with the Lord in Adoration as a “Holy Hour.” You don’t have to come for a whole hour. If you can make it for 15 minutes, it’s worth it. Sometimes, 15 to 20 minutes is a good start if we’re unaccustomed to the time in silence, pondering Our Lord. Some people like to make what they call a “Holy Half Hour”. Make it when you can, and make it work for you! Stop by on the way to or from work. Bring the kids to talk with Jesus with you.

At the heart of it all is a golden monstrance holding a simple, still Host.

The lack of anything “happening” can make us uncomfortable. By the eyes of faith, we can see this silent and still presence as the Lord Himself. But *he* isn’t doing anything - so should *we*?

It’s like going out for dinner with an old friend, but they don’t say anything. They just sit there across the table staring at us. Awkward, right?

What are we supposed to *do* at Eucharic Adoration?

If we’re not careful, trying to busy ourselves ends up disrupting the opportunity to just be present and adore the Lord. Asking what to do is a reminder of our attachment to the world.

The simple answer is that the Lord’s presence is part of his gift to us. He could appear in the flames of a burning bush, in the winds of a storm, or the waves of the ocean. But He chooses to be present in a simple, humble way, in the unassuming form of a Host made of unleavened bread.

He calls us to come before him humbly, to be still and silent, to wait and rest. To just *be* with Him.

Then, as friends, we can talk to each other, heart to heart. It’s in these quiet, peaceful, still moments of Adoration that God can help us break through the clutter and noise of daily life. We discern His will for

us and come to more deeply understand Him speaking of His love for us.

His patience is at work in these moments. It’s His stability, constancy, and fidelity to being with us that we encounter in the Blessed Sacrament. This is the gift.

Rather than worrying so much about how to see the Lord or *what to do* in His presence, He calls us to *just be seen* by Him and let Him speak to our heart.

The invitation to be with Our Lord in Adoration calls for us to reverse the inclination that our first parents felt in the Garden after the first sin, trying to avoid and hide from God. His gaze is not always comforting, but it is always true. And it will help us see our true selves, as He sees us and wants to see us.



When Can I Come to Adoration?

Adoration is available at St. Elizabeth every Thursday from 9 a.m. (after the 8:15 a.m. Mass) until Benediction at 9 p.m.

It’s also available on Sundays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. On Sundays we also pray the Church’s Evening Prayer (Vespers).

Benediction is a special Blessing that an ordained priest or deacon can extend by making the sign of the cross with the monstrance (the device holding the Host during adoration) over the assembled faithful.

The Blessing doesn’t come from the minister - it comes directly from Jesus Christ Himself, present in the Eucharistic Host. It’s a most special blessing available at the end of most periods of Adoration.

What Should I Bring to Adoration?

You don’t have to bring anything. You could bring a friend. We’re actually hoping that some of our parish organizations accept the challenge of “Adopting” a Sunday evening each month when they join us for Holy Hour with Vespers. That’s a way to bring a lot of friends!

Some people like to bring a prayer book or their Bible. Opening the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through His written Word while in the presence of the Living Word can be powerful.

Some people like to bring a Rosary or another favorite devotional. The most important thing to bring is a humble, listening heart, waiting to hear Jesus speak with them.

This Week on FORMED®



With God in Russia
Well known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Ciszek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.

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

"...And great will be your power for whomever you intercede. Outwardly, your sacrifice must look like this: silent, hidden, permeated with love, imbued with prayer. I demand, My daughter, that your sacrifice be pure and full of humility, that I may find pleasure in it. I will not spare My grace, that you may be able to fulfill what I demand of you." (Diary, Part 2, 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!



Tuesday mornings include breakfast; Thursday evenings include dinner. Thank you to Chris Spanberger & Norma Lesko who continue a fantastic job of hosting this for our parishioners and guests.

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.

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.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLERS

HIGH SCHOOLERS: OVERNIGHT NET LOCK-IN - NEXT 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>

NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Junior High & High Schoolers, join us for our next meeting in "The Upper Room", our new space in the upstairs of the Parish Life Center. Join us at 11:30 on Sunday, November 13.

GC ROCK

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!



respect
life month
called to serve moms in need

respectlife.org/celebrate

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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.

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE 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. During these 40 days, all are invited to spend time during their normal day fasting and praying for an end to abortion.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

TRUNK OR TREAT

PARISH TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for our Parish Trunk or Treat this 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 MISSION SUNDAY

Be the Lord's 'Witnesses' in Prayer and Support this World Mission Sunday. Today, Pope Francis reminds us that in Baptism we are all called by the Lord to be His missionaries: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Catholics worldwide this Sunday offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the Pope's missions. Your prayers are most treasured, and they, along with financial help offered today answer Christ's call to be His witnesses.

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.

ATTENTION KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus 4th degree Assembly is reinstating the 5th Sundays Honor Guard and breakfast. 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 to celebrate together. Please notify the council or assembly if you plan to attend.

BAZAAR COUNTRY STORE HELP

Please remember to bring pies, cakes, cookies, candy and homemade items for the country store at the bazaar on Sunday. You can drop them off anytime Saturday. Thanks for your help! -Pam A. & Paula T.

WE WANT YOUR INFO

Do you or someone you know need a ride to Mass? Someone in your world Catholic, but homebound? 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.

IMPORTANT SCRIP REMINDER

SCRIP is still available for sale at the Parish Office and remains an important fundraiser for the school. Please stop by the office, or send in an order, with payment, to the school with your student (please include contact information with your order if sending to the school). Your continued support of the SCRIP program is greatly appreciated!

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!

MINI FRIDGE?

Our youth are going to start meeting in a room we're calling "The Upper Room" in the PLC. If anyone could donate a small miniature (dorm-style) refrigerator, we'd use it for drinks in the room. Contact Bret in the parish office. Thanks!

NEARBY

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is having a workshop about our call, as Catholics, to address racial justice. The workshop is Saturday, November 5, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. For more information and to register go to: <https://snows.org/journey-to-justice-retreat/>

Parish & School Events

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

Monday, October 24

7th Grade Girls Basketball @ St. Mary's Alton (7th Grade Tournament)

Tuesday, October 25

9:15-10:45 - Rescue Project (Harmony)
6 p.m. - Ladies Sodality Mtg (Harmony)
6 p.m. - 5th Grade Boys Basketball vs. St. Mary EDW (St. Mary)
6 p.m. - 6th Grade Girls Basketball vs. OLQP (Gym)
7:00 p.m. - 6th Grade Boys Basketball vs. St. Mary EDW (St. Mary)

Wednesday, October 26

Girls Basketball vs. SSPP (SSPP): 5:30 p.m. 5th Grade Girls; 6:30 p.m. 6th Grade Girls; 7:30 p.m. 6th Grade Boys
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, October 27

NET Retreat for 7th-8th Grades
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration
6:30-8:15 - Rescue Project (Harmony)
9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony Rm)

Friday, October 28

NET Retreat for 5th-6th Grades
6:00 p.m. - Parish Trunk or Treat Basketball vs. St. Boniface (St. Boniface): 5:30 p.m. 5th Grade Boys; 6:30 p.m. 5th Grade Girls; 7:30 p.m. 6th Grade Girls

Saturday, October 29

8:30 a.m. - 4th Grade Girls Basketball vs. St. Boniface (St. Boniface)
5:30 p.m. - High School NET Overnight Lock-In Retreat (Campuswide)
6 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Trunk or Treat (Columbus Home)

Sunday, October 30

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)
10:30 a.m. - School/Youth Mass
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

LEARNING TO ADORE

When our school students returned from Summer Break, some asked if they would have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Responding to their desire, we promptly set up a schedule of Thursdays (during our parish days of Adoration) when a class at a time could come to the church for Confession while also spending some time praying in Adoration.

Shown here are some of our students on a recent Thursday.



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!

FR. MCGIVNEY

SCHOOL CALENDAR

[mcgivneygriffins.com/
school-calendar](http://mcgivneygriffins.com/school-calendar)



ATHLETICS NEWS & SCHEDULE

il.8to18.com/McGivneyGriffins/

ADMISSION KEY DATES

Applications are open and Shadow Days are available! November 19, 8 a.m. Freshman Placement Test; December 15 Application Deadline

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 PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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 11/10- Rev. Albert Allen Rev. Braden Maher 11/17- Rev. Kevin Sullivan Rev. Michael Friedel 11/24- Rev. Charles Nelson Rev. Michael Meinhart 11/25- Rev. Peter Chineke 11/30- Rev. Jeffrey Holtman

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 10/22- Rev. James Murray Rev. John Gramke Msgr. Frederick Klasner 10/23- Rev. Francis Recouvreur Rev. Garcia A. Behnen, OFM Rev. Eugene Francis Griffin Rev. Robert P. Morris 10/25- Rev. Frederick Metzger Rev. Joseph Metzler Rev. Michael P. Henehan Rev. Apollinaris Wackenheimer, OFM 10/26- Rev. Peter J. Donohoe 10/27- Rev. Joseph Gallagher, CSV 10/30- Rev. John Fannon Msgr. Charles P. Mulcrone



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

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship October 16, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 16 Regular Income	\$4,075.00		
84 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$48.51			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$290.00		
Online Giving	\$1,187.00		
TOTAL	\$5,552.00	\$8,871.00	(\$3,319.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$126,382.00	\$141,936.00	(\$15,554.00)

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	\$85.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$285.00
Special Projects	\$35.00
Mission & Ministry	\$30.00
All Souls Day	\$95.00
All Saints Day	\$25.00
World Mission Sunday	\$145.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00
Other Not Specified	\$25.00
Altar Flowers	\$50.00

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.

Estimated September tithe: \$3,617.00

Scrip Progress

Date: October 16, 2022

	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!

Upcoming Special Collections

October 22-23: World Mission Sunday

November 19-20: Diocesan Campaign for
Justice & Hope

**"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Luke 18:14**

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

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/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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

