Disciples Stewards

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 🔶 November 20, 2022

Christ the King



Celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the climax and end of the church's liturgical year.

Image: The fresco of Glory of Christ the King in church Santuario del Santissimo Crocifisso in Como, Italy, by Gersam Turri (1927-1929).

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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, November 21 Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday, November 22 Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr 6:00 p.m. Mass: Mary Ellen Becherer+ by Nancy Santana

Wednesday, November 23 Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr 8:15 a.m. Mass: Judy Modrusic+ by JoAnn Barnett

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day 8:15 a.m. Mass: Bill Loftus+ by Bob & Donna Scaturro

Friday, November 25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr 8:15 a.m. Mass: Marvin Wiedemer+ by Bud & Charlotte Charbonnier

Saturday, November 26 Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time NO Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, November 26-27 First Sunday of Advent 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass: Joseph Rosales+ by Nancy Rosales

8:00 a.m. Mass: **D** Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass: Jim Dedera+ by Cathy Cassy

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.

November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November: For Children who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Solemnity of Christ the King 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

Sunday's Mass reading reflections have been retired from our prior source, and will return next week.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

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 **Tony & Mary Bellue+ by Elaine & Angela 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, the Altar Flowers are **for the dearly departed parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Parish.** Honor your loved one by donating the altar flowers for a weekend. 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 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. Haves Jim Noeth & Brothers Noeth & M. Papp Families Jim Alsop Leonard Hylla Lisa Garcia- Fensterman Bob Scaturro Dortch Family The Kierski Familv Iames 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 Trtani 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

Bring Advent to Life in Your Home with an Advent Wreath

Advent begins next Sunday! Advent wreaths are a favorite way to celebrate the season of Advent preparation leading up to Christmas.

The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

There are four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. The candles show forth contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to

himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). As Advent progresses and Christmas draws nearer, the wreath becomes brighter.

It also reminds us that, as Christians, we're meant to shine the light of Christ in this world.

Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, also called "little Lent," is the season where we spiritually wait in our "darkness" with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, just as the whole world did before Christ's birth, and just as the whole world does now as we eagerly await his promised return.

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 30TH

7:00 PM

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single rose (pink) candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath tradition also involves an Advent wreath blessing. The wreath is blessed at the beginning of Advent.

One person reads the Advent wreath blessing and a second person

reads the accompanying passage from Sacred Scripture and the reflection. A third person reads the concluding prayer.

The special Advent blessing is a wonderful way to start of the Advent season with a sense of meaning and purpose in anticipation of the many graces given during this liturgical season.

Explore and print a Blessing of the Advent Wreath to use in your house at: usccb.org/prayers/blessing-advent-wreath

Round up your friends and head out to the Granite City Columbus Home to play bingo and support St. Elizabeth School!



ALL SOULS MEMORIALS 2022

The Utz Family The Barks Family The Roarty Family The Canavan Family Clay/Kokotovich Families Jim Noeth Darlene Waller Clem Waller Agnes Waller John Mouldon Bill Weckman Sr. Theresa Weckman Bill Weckman Jr. Ron, Gladys, Sharon & Robin Wilbur Jim Alsop Mr. & Mrs. Berto Cerutti Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ganz Anthony Range Sr **Ruby Range** Gary Range Angie Hartman Bob Range Henry Range Edward Range Donald Vaughn Helen Gieszelmann Jerry & Carmen Dickerson Sam Lucido Julie Gentry Norma Kessler Vi & Frank Kessler Bertha & Ralph Wesbecher Glenn and Patrick Gibson Lawrence Jaros Andy Mathes Steve & Mary Pogorelac Michael & Leona Banach Joseph & Victoria Krystopa Renea O'Neal Helen Knopik Gerry & Rich Mendez Leo Banach Marvin Weidemer Bob Kurilla Manuel Rios Fuentes Theresa M. Sudholt Mary Ellen Becherer Jane Williams Gaudreault Charles Rickert, Sr. Judy A. Modrusic Mark Malone William C. Loftus Phyllis A. Syzdek Helen DeRuntz Mary Carich Rudolph Aleman James R. Moske Jane Ann Modrusic Darlene Waller Romana Lofink Martin Joseph Dooley Emma D. Jakich Patricia A. Jackson Carl E. Williams, Jr. Lonnie DeRuntz Dennis Riggs Ruth Marie Malottki Mary Noeth Glen Hommert Melanie Rees Mary Mennerick



FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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.

HOT TOPICS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

You're invited to join us and bring a friend to our "Hot Topics", 7-8:15 in the Harmony Room:

- December 1: Adoration for Beginners
- December 15: Mary What we Believe - January 5: Prayer - Deepening Your Prayer Life
- January 19: Sacramentals, "Catholic Stuff"

EXODUS 90 2023

Men: Talk with Bret in the parish office or Deacon Michael about coming to see what it's like at one of our Fraternity meetings on Thursday evenings - or just ask them for more info.

ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS ON DYING & DEATH

The diocese has put together an easy to navigate and comprehensive look at end-of-life issues. Go to **dio.org/funeral** for questions like: Why should one pre-plan their funeral? If my loved one is dying, what should I do? Why must one insist on Catholic funeral rites? Why should one pray for the dead? Who should one insist upon being buried in a Catholic cemetery? Also covered is the issue of cremation, among other topics. As the month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead, now is a good time to learn more about dying and death from our Catholic faith perspective.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLERS

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Junior High & High Schoolers, join us for our next meetings in "The Upper Room", at 11:30 this Sunday, November 20 and on Sunday, December 4.

GC ROCK

Sunday, November 20- Help fill Thanksgiving Baskets at Holy Family Community Center at Noon

Sunday, December 4- Gathering at Holy Family Community Center Rock Room. Prepare Christmas Cards for shut-ins.

Saturday, December 10- Assist at Billie's Kids Christmas all morning . Time & Place will be posted on our FB page!

Sunday, December 18- Gathering @ Holy Family Community Center/ Rock Room 6:30-8pm

Watch our FB Group (GC Rock Youth Group) or GroupMe for any changes or additions. Questions? Call Woody 618-876-7551 or Bret in the St. Elizabeth Parish office.

#SEEK23 IN ST. LOUIS JANUARY 2-6

World-class speakers, fellowship, prayer, entertainment, and more will encourage participants to answer a new call to greatness, holiness, joy, and mission through the SEEK Conference. This five-day event, hosted by FOCUS takes place at the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis, Jan. 2-6 (although attendees can attend single days). SEEK23 attendees will step away from daily distractions and participate in prayer, adoration, Scripture, and the sacraments celebrated by hundreds of priests and bishops, Thomas John Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Registration is open at **seek.focus.org**. Catholics in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois also receive a discount as a neighboring diocese of the Archdiocese of St. Louis (you will receive it when you type in your zip code).

Mercy Minute

"In the evening, when I was praying, the Mother of God told me, 'Your lives must be like Mine: quiet and hidden, in unceasing union with God, pleading for humanity and preparing the world for the second coming of God."" (Diary, 625).





PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

ADDITIONAL ALL SOULS MEMORIALS

Michael & Leona Banach Joseph & Victoria Krystopa Renea O'Neil Helen Knopik Gerry & Rich Mendez Leo Banach Marvin Weidemer Bob Kurilla Melvin Wilmsmeyer Helen Klenklen George Friedel Kurt Blackmore Russell Wineburner John Kulasza Charlie Poyoreloc Jimmy Dean William Owens Florine Owens John & Lorene Gadwell Bill Buster LaVerne Black Clark & Duffy Families Hill Family Byrd Family Shambro Family Kutzera Family **Butch Family** Kilcauski Family Julie Ann Nelson Paula Gushleff Koliste Syble Larkin (Parker) Ralph Larkin Newman Parker **Ronald Hutchings** Ray & Loretta Coleman Ann & Richard Rosales Joe Rosales Poxleta/Arth Families Albert Sirko Tony Worcester Deceased Members of the Layloff, Voytush, Isreal, Chaperlo, Zazora, Gudsc, Gitcho & Rincavage Families Poxleta/Arth Families Albert Sirko Tony Worcester

DCJH COLLECTION THS WEEKEND

This weekend is the annual second collection for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH). Donations make it possible to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education and medication to local people living in poverty. 100% of the contributions stay within our Diocese. If you miss the opportunity to help through your parish collection, you can still contribute by mail or by going to www.dio.org/dcjh. The mailing address is: Catholic Pastoral Center, DCJH, Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries, 1615 West Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702

HELP BILLIE'S KIDS

Our parish and school hope to reach out to local families in need this holiday season. Grab a tag from our Giving Tree in the gathering space after Mass this coming weekend. Purchase the items listed and return them to us unwrapped with the tag attached by November 26th. These gifts will be shared with the kids and their families at the Billie's Kids Christmas party on December 10.

For more information on this great group or for other gift list options, find links to the Billie's Kids Facebook Group and wishlists at **stelizabethgc.org/billies**.

HOLIDAY SCRIP

Advent will be here soon and even sooner after, Christmas. Are you looking for that gift for the hard to buy for person? Extra stocking stuffer? Buying your holiday meal? We have gift cards to fit every situation. Stop by our parish office or send an order to school with your student and help raise money for our school at the same time!

LADIES SODALITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ladies you are a blessing as you so graciously provide, delicious dishes, desserts, cookies, and donations for the various events of our parish. We invite you to join us this Christmas Season as we celebrate another successful year achieved from your support & generosity. We promise an evening of holiday cheer as we host you as our special guests of the year. Our Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 6. Tickets will be \$10 and available before & after all Masses the weekends of November 19, 26, and December 3. The evening begins with the Celebration of Mass at 6 p.m., followed by our delicious dinner in the Harmony Room. In lieu of a gift exchange, we are donating baby items to Church Women United to create their "Gift Layettes". The following are needed items: sleepers, bibs, socks, hats, large crib blankets, cloth wash cloths, bottles, Desitin Ointment, baby wipes, baby lotion & baby wash.

Your Hostesses for the evening will be: Carol & Bootsie.

Welcome to the K of C Corner. Our goal is to provide you with news and insight from our council. At our meetings some of us pray the rosary before we start the meeting. We would like for the parishioners of all 3 parishes to pray for attendance to grow at churches and our meetings. Prayers are the one thing that brings us together as Christians.



The Knights of Columbus is for men 18 years or older who are "practical" (practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Ask a Knight, or come and see what being a Knight is all about.

Parish & School Events Sunday, November 20

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)

11:30 a.m. - Youth Group (PLC Upper Room) Noon - GC Rock filling Thanksgiving Baskets with gathering following (HF Community Center)

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

Monday, November 21

Tuesday, November 22

6 p.m. - Ladies Sodality (Harmony Room)

Wednesday, November 23

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, November 24

No Adoration

Friday, November 25

Saturday, November 26

Sunday, November 27

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)

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

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 3 Blood Drive, 9-3, Cafeteria Candy Cane Parade - School/Parish Float

Tuesday, December 6 Ladies Sodality Christmas Party Mass at 6 p.m., followed by dinner

Thursday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 8:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16 Tri-Cities Advent Penance Service, 6 p.m.

December 17-18 Ladies Sodality Cookie Sale

December 18 The Longest Night Luminary Walk

Christmas Masses

Sat., December 24: 4:30 & 11 p.m. Sun., December 25: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

Sat., December 31: 4:30 p.m. Sun., January 1: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

St. Elizabeth School

BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 3

The season of giving is upon us. If you are struggling to find the perfect gift, the St. Elizabeth Student Council suggests considering the perfect gift - the gift of life.

Did you know that... -By the time a typical Mass is over, approximately 3600 people in the United States will have had the need to receive blood or blood products like platelets or plasma. -A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood. - Over 1.8 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer each year and many of them depend on blood and blood products, sometimes daily, to stay alive and courageously fight that terrible disease. -Shockingly, less than 10 percent of the United States eligible population donates blood.

There's no better way to imitate Christ than to give your life's blood so that another may live. St. Elizabeth Church and School, led by the Student Council, is hosting another blood drive through the American Red Cross on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm in the cafeteria.

In the true spirit of giving this holiday season, please consider registering for an appointment to help us meet our goal of 35 units of blood. You can register online at **redcrossblood.org**. Thank you for your consideration.

St. Elizabeth School Drama Club Presents



Friday, December 2nd 10:00 am and 7:00 pm St. Elizabeth Gymnasium

THE PRINCESS & THE PRINCESS

The St. Elizabeth School Drama Club is proud to present their production of "The Princess and the Princess". This production includes school students from grades K-8 and features Natalie Jones as Princess Twinkleberry and Maddie Wineburner as Princess Popplepea. Performances are scheduled for Friday, December 2 at 10am and 7pm in the school gym. This is a FREE event. Donations for the Drama Club will be accepted at the door to help offset costs of the production. Come out, eat at the fish fry, and follow it up by enjoying a great show!

Fr. McGivney

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

McGIVNEY DRIVERS EDUCATION CAR NEEDED

Father McGivney Catholic High School is in the process of developing a Driver's Education Program. We are seeking assistance from our families and the community to help find a safe and reliable car for this program. If you know anyone at a local auto dealership or someone who has a good used car for sale please let me know. A donation would be ideal. The donor would benefit from a tax break for the donation and would be a hero to so many future drivers! The car would be needed by January 1st, 2023. Please contact Principal, Mr. Joseph Lombardi by phone 618-855-9010 or email jlombardi@mcgivneygriffins. com if you can assist.

NEARBY

ST. MARY'S SNOWMAN BALL Saturday Dec. 3, 6-11 p.m. at Engelbert Hall. Tickets are \$20. Doors open 5, Dinner 6. Music by Dave Hylla's Good Times Band. Great food, music, and fellowship. Call Cheryl at the Parish Office, 618-452-5180 or 610-7158, for tickets, or stop by the office Mon-Thurs 8:30-11:30 a.m.



The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 11/24- Rev. Charles Nelson Rev. Michael Meinhart 11/25- Rev. Peter Chineke 11/30- Rev. Jeffry Holtman 12/4- Rev. Pawel Augustyniak 12/5-Rev. Carlos Bohorquez 12/13- Rev. David Zimmerman 12/16-

Rev. Ronnie Lorilla 12/21- Rev. James Neuman Rev. David Beagles 12/23- Rev. Steven Janoski 12/29- Rev. Richard Chiola Rev. Daniel Bergbower 12/31- Rev. Charles Edwards

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 11/19 Rev. Francis Hussey Rev. Sylvester Wegener 11/20- Rev. Ignatius Kershevich Rev. Joseph Enright 11/21- Rev Augustin Brickwedde Rev Michael Wensing 11/23-Rev. J. Friemuth Rev. William Ward Pauley Rev. Anthony Tamulis 11/24- Rev. Maximilian Philipp Rev. Robert Terry Shea Msgr. Patrick J. Wright 11/25- Rev. James Murnane Rev. Bernard N. Manning Rev. Richard Paynic



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 November 13, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 19 Regular Income	\$7,178.00		
105 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$68.36			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$353.00		
Online Giving	\$532.00		
TOTAL	\$8,063.00	\$8,871.00	(\$808.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$159,063.00	\$177,420.00	(\$18,357.00)

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	\$230.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$415.00
Special Projects	\$115.00
Mission & Ministry	\$175.00
All Souls Day	\$30.00
All Saints Day	\$25.00
Votive Offering	\$50.15
Camp. for Justice & Hope	\$40.00
Calvary Catholic Cemetery	\$115.00

November 19-20: Diocesan Campaign for Justice & Hope

Upcoming Special Collections

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.

September tithe: \$3,753.00

Scrip Progress

Date: November 6, 2022

	Current	/ YTD
Walmart	Did	/ \$35,325
National	Not	/ \$45,025
Total Sales	Balance	/ \$80,350
Annual Gross Profit to-date		\$3,270.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees		(\$282.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date		\$2,988,00

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

"....giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." - Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

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.

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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.

