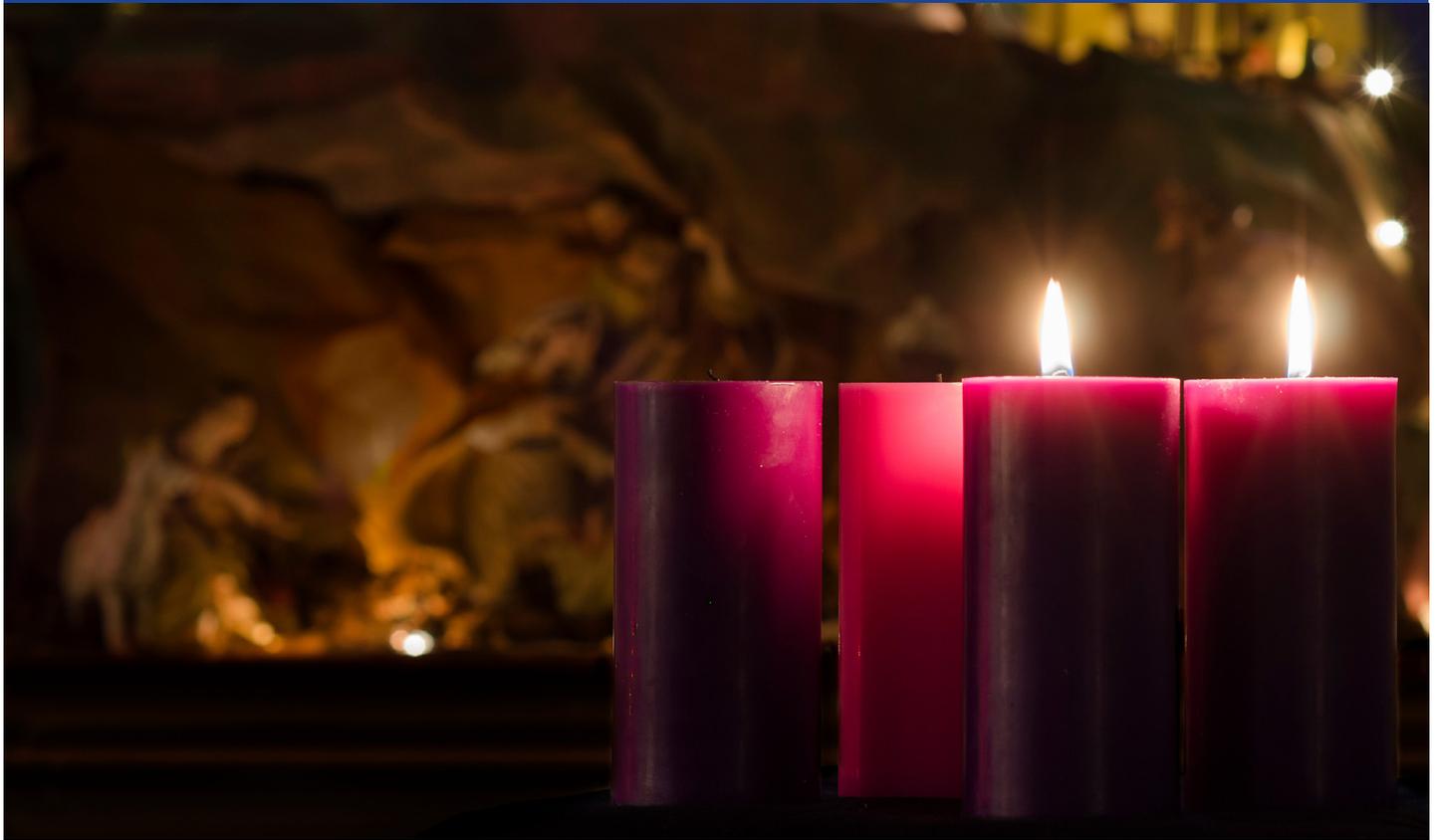


# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Second Sunday of Advent ♦ December 4, 2022



## Repent. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

In the waters of baptism, we have been claimed for Christ. As we gather on this Advent Sunday, we recall and celebrate our rebirth in grace and our mission to prepare the way for the Lord. At the heart of this celebration is our repentance and our desire to be renewed with the spirit of the Lord.

Isaiah foretells the advent of the Messiah: Upon him will rest the Spirit's gifts, and with him will come knowledge of the Lord. Saint Paul challenges the community to live in harmony with one another and to 'glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.' In the Gospel, John the Baptist preaches a message of repentance.

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Ladies Sodality: Tammi Mooshegian

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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 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, December 5**

**Monday of the Second Week of Advent**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 6**

**St. Nicholas, Bishop**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality+ by the Ladies Sodality

**Wednesday, December 7**

**St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Joe & Rose Krystopa

**Thursday, December 8**

**Immaculate Conception of the BVM**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Ellen Becherer+ by Nancy Santana

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mary Carich+ by George Jackson

**Friday, December 9**

**St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Phyllis Syzdek+ by Don & Kathy Byrd

**Saturday, December 10**

**Saturday of the Second Week of Advent**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, December 10-11**

**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Gene Williams+

by Bud & Charlotte Charbonnier

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Joe Alegre Jr. by Lenie Alegre

Mass offerings are available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle / Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Flowers. Contact the parish office.

## Be with Jesus

### Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

### Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



### December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December: For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**This Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent**

*Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12*

John the Baptist - and then Jesus - weren't what the people were expecting. Is Jesus what we expect? In His kingdom, justice and peace are found in abundance and in a perfect balance. Prepare the way for His kingdom in your heart!

**Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent**

*Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11*

Patience, retelling, and joy. This Sunday is "Gaudete" Sunday, from the word that begins the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass. "Gaudete" means "rejoice", and we rejoice to be halfway through the Advent season. We are growing in our patience as we wait; we retell the greatness of our God; and we rejoice that He is coming!

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14-day Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle to remind us of Jesus' presence.

This week, it also reminds us to pray for **Lonnie DeRuntz+ by the DeRuntz Family**. To offer the 14-day candle in honor 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 a loved one with the altar flowers. 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 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.

### Celebrating Our Lady in Advent

This Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this day. Masses at St. Elizabeth are at 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

One of the key feasts of Our Lady ("Marian" feasts) that falls during Advent is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8. A "Solemnity" means that it is one of the highest days of celebration in the Church's year.

In fact, it's so important that it is one of the few Holy Days of Obligation, days when we are obliged to attend Mass.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854. It states that "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." (*Ineffabilis Deus*)

Because of the grace of God, Mary was preserved from sin. Because Mary was preserved from sin, she was prepared to become the sinless Mother of Jesus, who by his life, death and resurrection, has ransomed us from sin. Because of Mary's Immaculate Conception, because of her "yes" to God, we have been

redeemed, and given the promise of eternal life through the merits of Mary's Son, Jesus.

Since the beginning of the Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been regarded as the holiest

and the most blessed of all disciples. The celebration of the Immaculate Conception began in the 7th century under the title, "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne" and was changed to "Immaculate Conception" with the definition of the doctrine in 1854.

In 1846, the bishops of the United States petitioned Pope Pius IX to name Our Lady, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States. This request was granted in 1847.

This Friday we also celebrate the feast of Saint Juan Diego. He is the peasant who was granted apparitions of the Virgin Mary

on four occasions in December 1531. His was the cloak on which the image of the Virgin as Our Lady of Guadalupe was said to have been miraculously impressed. This is the basis of the veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe throughout Mexico, the Spanish-speaking Americas, and increasingly further. Juan Diego is the first Catholic saint indigenous to the Americas. He was beatified in 1990 and canonized in 2002. On December 12 (NEXT Monday), we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



### Who is St. Nicholas?

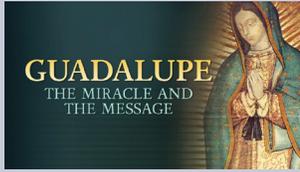
The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals—murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th.

Read more at [stnicholascenter.org/who-is-st-nicholas](http://stnicholascenter.org/who-is-st-nicholas)



**This Week on FORMED®**



**Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message**

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.

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](http://signup.FORMED.org) and select our parish name.

**HOT TOPICS - ADJUSTMENT**

We're rethinking our approach to Hot Topics, due to lack of interest in the last one on November 17. Some suggestions include a monthly dinner topic on Sunday evenings, leading into Vespers & Holy Hour. If you have ideas, please call or email Deacon Michael. Thank you!

**THE NEW EVERMODE INSTITUTE IN SPRINGFIELD - WILL IT IMPACT YOU?**

The new Evermode Institute in Springfield – how it will impact you – In March of 2022, the Diocese of Springfield announced plans to create The Evermode Institute in Springfield. What will it entail and how will it benefit Catholics in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and even across the country? We talk with Father Augustine Puchner, the Prior of the new Springfield based community of Norbertine Fathers who are leading this exciting endeavor. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search Dive Deep on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe



**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLERS**

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

We're going to time our Youth Group meetings after the monthly youth & family Mass. We're scheduling for the spring semester now. Watch for more info soon!

**GC ROCK**

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.

**LUMINARY WALK 2022**

Mark your calendars for our annual parish luminary walk, Sunday, December 18. Pick up a white luminary bag this weekend or next, take it home and decorate it, and return it to the parish office or sacristy by December 16.

**Mercy Minute**

"On the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God, during Holy Mass, I heard the rustling of garments and saw the most holy Mother of God in a most beautiful radiance. Her white garment was girdled with a blue sash. She said to me, 'You give Me great joy when you adore The Holy Trinity for the graces and privileges which were accorded me. And She immediately disappeared.'" (Diary, 564).



**#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](http://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).

**MEN:**

Are you ready to take more control of your life?

To grow closer to God?

To become a better man for your family?



Exodus 90 starts January 9th: [StartMyExodus.com](http://StartMyExodus.com)



**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.

# PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

## 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!

## BILLIE'S KIDS THANK YOU

Thank you for your support of our Giving Tree for Billie's Kids. For more information on this great group, visit their Facebook page, or order additional items to help out using the links found at [stelizabethgc.org/billies](http://stelizabethgc.org/billies). All items can be shipped directly to Billie's Kids Christmas.

## LADIES SODALITY

### Ladies Sodality Christmas Party

Ladies we are looking forward to seeing you this Tuesday at our Christmas Party. We promise an evening of holiday cheer as we host you as our special guests of the year. The evening will begin with the Celebration of Mass at 6:00 p.m. to be 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

### Sat-Sun, December 17-18: Cookie Sale

Ladies we can bake this world a better place one Cookie at a time. So get ready to start your ovens!

## THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Norma Lesko and her son for their help in refurbishing the new candlestands by the altar through Advent. Over a year ago, Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Seminarians Ryan & Dan found them at the "reclamation center" where the Archdiocese of St. Louis exchanges used church goods. They were in rough shape, but Norma and her son refurbished them and got them ready for our sanctuary.

## LECTOR BOOKS FOR 2023

Lectors, please pick up your annual lector's workbook from the sacristy. Thank you for your service!

## KNIGHTS CORNER

Many of the reasons that we get to not become a Knight is that men just don't have time as they are too busy. Let's look at it in a different perspective. There are 30 days a month, each day has 24 hours and each hour contains 60 minutes. If an individual spends 70 minutes a month to spend with the Knights, that would be less than 1% of ones' time to members of our council. It also provides you with a small section of time to pray, communicate, establish friendships, gain wisdom and knowledge from some of the wonderful seniors we have. Personally, I have never regretted becoming a Knight. There are just so many good things I have witnessed this council do. Ask any Knight or call parish office for more info. Yours in Christ, Grand Knight Tom Cholevik



*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, December 4

Harmony Cafe' after all Masses  
9:00 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room)  
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

### Monday, December 5

### Tuesday, December 6

6 p.m. - Ladies Sodality Christmas Party - Mass at 6, followed by Dinner (Harmony Room)  
6 p.m. - Pack the Gym (Gymnasium)  
7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Men's Club Meeting (Cafeteria)

### Wednesday, December 7

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, December 8

### Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 8:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Adoration  
NO RCIA (due to the Holy Day)  
7 p.m. - Finance Council (PLC Library)  
9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

### Friday, December 9

### Saturday, December 10

### Sunday, December 11

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

### Friday, December 16

Tri-Cities Advent Penance Service, 6 p.m.

### December 17-18

Ladies Sodality Cookie Sale

### December 18

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.



**LUCK OF THE GRIFFIN**

**\$100,000 MEGA RAFFLE**

Drawing to be held December 16, 2022

Support FMCHS by purchasing tickets for the "Luck of the Griffin" \$100k Mega Raffle!

**Grand Prize: \$100,000**  
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Tickets are just \$100 each. Buy more tickets, get more free chances!  
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## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

To the right: Father Alfred showing some of the art & artifacts in his office to the preschoolers who visited this week.

Below: Thank you to the PTO for hosting an awesome & fun Skate Party at the Edwardsville YMCA Meyer Center last Tuesday the 22nd!



## FR. MCGIVNEY

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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



### ATHLETICS

### NEWS & SCHEDULE

[il.8to18.com/McGivneyGriffins/](http://il.8to18.com/McGivneyGriffins/)

### ADMISSION KEY DATES

Applications are open and Shadow Days are available! 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](mailto:jlombardi@mcgivneygriffins.com) if you can assist.



### PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 11/30- Rev. Jeffrey 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: 11/30- Rev. William Pachlhofer 12/1- Rev. William J. Hamilton 12/2- Rev. James Mullaley SVD, Rev. Lucan Freppert OFM 12/5- Rev. Longinus Quitter, Rev. Manasses Kane 12/6- Rev. Charles Wozniak 12/7- Rev. James Dunne, Rev. Thomas J. Connolly 12/8- Rev. Louis Hufker



### 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



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure - both for their service to the Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. "Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age." (Ps 92:14-15)

As I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious - past and present - I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our diocese. Perhaps you, too, recall an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day to day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide financial support that helps religious communities care for aging members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured that they are praying for you..

Sincerely yours in Christ, *+ Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

# 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.

## Our Financial Stewardship November 27, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 22 Regular Income	\$3,736.00		
87 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$42.94			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$313.24		
Online Giving	\$767.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,816.24</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$4,054.76)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$171,769.24</b>	<b>\$195,162.00</b>	<b>(\$23,372.76)</b>

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	\$70.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$15.00
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Christmas Flowers	\$170.00
Camp. for Justice & Hope	\$120.00
Calvary Catholic Cemetery	\$145.00
Other Not Specified	\$100.00

### Scrip Progress

Two weeks ended November 27, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$4,125	/	\$41,025
National	\$1,795	/	\$50,310
Total Sales	\$5,920	/	\$91,335
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$3,684.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees			(\$320.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date			\$3,364.00

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

# 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.

## Parish Tithing Reporting

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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.

