

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God ♦ January 1, 2023



As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints and all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

*Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)*

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and... all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.


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Finance Council: Charlotte Charbonnier  
School Board: Adam Meyenburg  
Parent/Teacher Org.: Shelly Perich  
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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 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, January 2**

**Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, January 3**

**Christmas Weekday**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Jim Alsop+ by The Alsop Family

**Wednesday, January 4**

**Mem. of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Larry & Sue Ruder

**Thursday, January 5**

**Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Rich Willaredt+

by Bud & Charlotte Charbonnier

**Friday, January 6**

**Christmas Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

**Saturday, January 7**

**Christmas Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Paula Koliste+ by Janice Dittman

**Saturday-Sunday, January 1-8**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Bill Schrenk+

by Bud & Charlotte Charbonnier

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

January is dedicated to  
the Holy Name of Jesus

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:  
For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**This Sunday: The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God**

*Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24*

On the Octave (8th) Day of Christmas, we return for another Holy Day of Obligation, remembering and honoring Mary under her title Mother of God. Through Mary's "fiat" ("yes"), the Son of God took on flesh and reunited humanity and divinity. Where is God seeking our "yes"?

**Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12*

The Magi come from the east, seeking the newborn King.

### 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 **Bill Loftus+ by Pat Loftus**. To offer the 14-day candle in honor of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are **in memory of Bill Loftus+ by Pat Loftus**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. 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 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

## Be with Jesus

### Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

### Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



### 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.

Contact the parish office  
to add yours to the list.

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Octave of Christmas is the eight days beginning with Christmas Day and ending on New Year's Day, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We then continue the Christmas season through Epiphany, January 8, and officially end the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord, which this year falls on Monday, January 8.

**Don't miss the Holy Name Men's Club Fish Fry on January 6 & Epiphany Breakfast on Epiphany Sunday, January 8!**

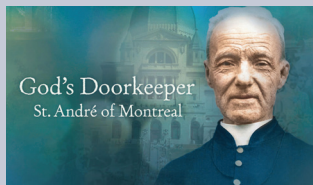


## Christmas Flower Offerings

Joseph & Mildred Dallas	Louis & Neva Jackstadt	Ronald (Buzz) Hutchings	Sam & Ann Kowalczyk
Paul & Margaret Kacera	Dorothy & Richard Kerch	Ralph & Syble Larkin	Bill Buster
Walter & Lee Ziegler	Ann Jackstadt-VanDyke	Newman Parker	John & Lorene Gadwell
Ramona Loftus	Anthony Range Sr.	Margaret Dawdy	James Alsop
Paula Borg	Ruby Range	Loretta Justice	Mr. & Mrs. Berto Cerutti
Patricia Fultz	Gary Range	Kenny Justice	Mr & Mrs. Tom Ganz
Thomas Loftus	Angie Hartman	Ralph Lickenbrock Sr.	Harry & Ann Mooshegian
Eli Brandibas	Bob Range	Virginia Lickenbrock	Deceased members of the Weckman & Wilbur Families and Friends
Norma Kessler	The Knobbe Family	Doug Conrad	Glenn J. Gibson
Ralph & Bertha Wesbecher	The Goodin Family	Russell Wineburner	Patrick Gibson
Vi & Frank Kessler	Judy A. Modrusic	Ralph & Arlene Haldeman	Henry & Rose Kolenda
Samuel Shambro	Patsy Bohn	Annabelle Van Horn	Theresa Gulash
Kutzera & Shambro Family	Poneta/Arth Family	David Van Horn	Soptic Family
Matthew Dittrich	Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman	Cameron Reichmuth	Kolenda Family
John & Oda Lee Baumgardner	Lawrence & Eugenia Hahn	Randy Smith	Levens Family
Richard & Anna Rosales	Bill Loftus	Olivia Schmid	Danny Newton
Deceased Family of Al & Maxine Czerniejewski	Mejaski & Loftus Families	Ann & David Van Hord	Rodney Family
Men of MCB II	Joe & Mildred Dallas	Olivia & Fred Schmid	Veinot Family
Deceased Parents & brother of Craig & Kathleen Nelson	John & Leona Groboski	Cliff & Helen Sheppard	Freni Family
Campos/Boyd Family Members	Joseph Lanier Brule	Carole Snider	Pritchard Family
Dortch Family	Newton Tapp, Jr.	Pete Schmid	Ed & Sharon Rickert
Jones Family	Walter Waligorski	Katherine & Francis Thrasher	Jerry Thompson
Clark & Duffy Families	G.Rosalie Saugrain	Tony & Mary Bellue	Christine & Murray Ahlers
Melvin Wilmsmeyer	Garret H. Perdue	Brian Foreman	Thompson, Chilcutt, Ahlers & Venditto Families
Helen Klenklen	Robert Joshu	Edward & Lucy Krawiecki	
Mark James	Lorraine Joshu	Eckert & Mildred Mueller	
Lawrence Jaros	Ronald Briggs, Jr.	Don Mueller	
Clifton & Mary Blankenship	Angela Briggs	Mike & Cecilia Krawiecki	
John Love	Mike & Emily Mejaski		
	Tom & Ann Loftus		
	Donald Vaughn		
	Helen Gieszelman		



## This Week on **FORMED**



### **God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal**

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

*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.**

### **Mercy Minute**

"O sweet Mother of God, I model my life on You. You are for me the bright dawn; In You I lose myself enraptured. O Mother, Immaculate Virgin, in You the divine ray is reflected, Midst storms, 'tis You who teach me to love the Lord, O my shield and defense from the foe." (Diary, 1232).



## **DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS** OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My dear Friends in Christ,

*Catholic Times* has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. That was most apparent in the Nov. 27 special edition of *Catholic Times* that focused on the Eucharist, our Year of the Eucharist, and previewing the diocesan celebration of the See transfer from Alton to Springfield.

That edition proved that not only do a lot of people read the magazine, but it is positively impacting people. Here are just two stories that prove the point: One is from Jerseyville where a reader told us that one of his friends, who is going through the RCIA process now, read the magazine "cover to cover" and "loved it" and now "understands" the Eucharist. In Springfield, a reader told us that he knew a gentleman who comes to Mass often and approached him. "He had a copy of the eucharistic miracles article from the recent special issue of *Catholic Times*. He told me he had been one of the 70 percent who thought the Eucharist was a symbol, but that after reading the article, and I assume the other articles in the special issue, he was now among the 30 percent who believed in the Real Presence." What God moments! We heard other stories of positive impact as well and received many requests for more copies of the special edition so readers could hand them to family, friends, and people searching for the Truth.

In 2022, *Catholic Times* won eight national awards at the annual Catholic Media Association Awards; the most the magazine has ever won during a single year. Moreover, the team at *Catholic Times* continues to try new things to engage readers. For example, this entire next year will feature eucharistic miracle stories, saint stories, and monstrances from across the diocese.

The magazine will also continue its emphasis on catechesis of the Catholic faith such as their Hey, Father! series, navigating the difficult world of bioethics, and explaining the sacraments. Of course, feature reporting is a major part of the magazine, highlighting the stories of people, parishes, and schools that are building up the Kingdom of God in our diocese. The magazine's commitment to local coverage means when each edition is opened, readers will see stories that are important to their lives and read stories written by people and priests they know.

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is on page 4 of each issue. It is one of the best ways that I can speak about the issues that we face as Catholics in Central Illinois and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful. As bishop of this diocese, it is important for me to be an active participant in Catholic media.

It is all these reasons why I believe that *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either online ([ct.dio.org](http://ct.dio.org)), by email, or by mail. I invite you to support this important communication tool in our diocese. During the weekend of Jan. 7-8, you will have the opportunity to respond gratefully and ensure the *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues I have noted.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas John Paprocki".

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY




### CHANGING THE WORLD ONE COOKIE AT A TIME

A big thank you goes out to our talented bakers, our cookie connoisseurs and our generous monetary donators. Because of you we've had a marvelous Sold Out Cookie Sale. We hope that our cookies make your Christmas a "Little Sweeter". We are truly blessed to belong to a parish that has a special "Gift for Giving". Wishing you all the Joy, Love, Hope and Peace of the Advent Season.

God Bless,  
Marilyn, Maggie, Carol & Bootsie

### KNIGHTS CORNER

Happy New Year! All of us Brothers in Christ, with  Knights of Columbus' help, are looking forward to a great year in giving, more than in a long time. We know He will help us but we also need to do our part. All of us are praying that the men, young and old, would make a resolution to become members of our council this new year. We are starting a big effort today for joining. You will notice banners up at St. E and to follow at Holy Family. We ask all parishioners for prayers so we can add to our numbers to make our ministry stronger than ever before. Have a blessed year to come. 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.*

### JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLERS

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETING

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

# seek<sup>23</sup>

St. Louis, MO | Jan 2-6



### SEEK 2023 in ST. LOUIS IS OPEN TO ALL

"SEEK23: You Are Called" invites souls seeking holiness to St. Louis Jan. 2 - 6. FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is inviting all people in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois to leave old things behind and answer a new call to greatness, holiness, joy, and mission by experiencing "SEEK23: You Are Called." This five-day event takes place at the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis. Through fellowship, prayer, world-class speakers, and entertainment, participants will be inspired to "Fear not; rise, He is calling you" (Mk 10:49). 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).

### RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES OFFERED IN SPRINGFIELD

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. 3/17 - 3/19/2023 at Villa Maria Conference Center, Springfield, IL Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

### PROJECT RACHEL

Trust in the mercy of God's love. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5. Pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God's infinite mercy.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Find Peace and Healing: If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. To find information about the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat January 20-22, 2023. For more information call 217-698-4456, or email [projectrachel@dio.org](mailto:projectrachel@dio.org). Scholarships are available.

## Parish & School Events

### Sunday, January 1

No PSR or Choir Practice,  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour  
with Vespers & Benediction

### Monday, January 2

Parish Office Closed (Holiday)

### Tuesday, January 3

### Wednesday, January 4

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, January 5

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration

7 p.m. - RCIA (PLC Library)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

### Friday, January 6

4-7 p.m. - Holy Name Men's Club Fish Fry

### Saturday, January 7

Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and First Holy Communion) for our 3rd graders at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield. Watch live at [spicathedral.org](http://spicathedral.org).

### Sunday, January 8

8:30 a.m. to Noon - Holy Name Men's Club Epiphany Pancake Breakfast (Cafeteria)

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

6:00 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

### Monday, January 9

Exodus 90 starts for 2023  
(90 days to Easter)

## Mark Your Calendars

### Sunday January 15

Celebrating our 3rd graders who received their Sacraments in Springfield last Saturday at the 10:30 Mass and with a light reception in the Harmony Room.

+ Mosaic Baby Bottle Kickoff

## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

### IT'S TRIVIA TIME!

Join us for St. Elizabeth School Trivia!!

January 14th at 6:30 PM! Get your 7 smartest friends and join us for an evening of laughter and fun to support our school! Soda, pretzels & chips are included! \$160 for a table!

See you there!



# TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a fun night of friends, fellowship, food and facts at St. Elizabeth's famous trivia night!

All proceeds help fund St. Elizabeth educational programs and school improvements.

**\$160**  
TABLE OF 8

**SATURDAY**  
**JANUARY 14**

**\$20**  
MULLIGANS

**DOORS 5:30 & TRIVIA AT 6:30**

Bring extra money for 50/50, Heads or Tails game, and the chance to win a live auction for Fr. Alfred's help with the religion questions!

**SODA, PRETZELS & CHIPS INCLUDED**

Register by calling Mrs. Joyce at  
618.877.3300 ext. 2000

**REGISTER TODAY! ONLY 35 TABLES AVAILABLE**

# 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**

Join one of our Exodus fraternities here at St. Elizabeth - including one that's going to undertake Exodus 90 without the cold showers this year. Call Bret in the parish office for more info, or sign up for our fraternity in the Exodus App via <https://app.exodus90.com/j/8GQTPW9-FKWLFXU>

## 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/)



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 12/29- Rev. Richard Chiola, Rev. Daniel Bergbower 12/31- Rev. Charles Edwards 1/3- Rev. Peter Harmon 1/9- Rev. John Titus 1/17- Rev. Augustine Koomson 1/18- Rev. John Renken 1/20- Rev. Steven Sotiroff 1/25- Rev. Don Roberts, Rev. David Lantz 1/27- Rev. Larry Anschutz, Rev. Donald Blickham 1/30- Rev. John Burnette

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 12/29- Rev. Mike Carroll, Rev. Joseph Postner 12/30- Rev. Charles Meagher, Rev. Cornelius R. Horn, Rev. Peter Mascari 12/31- Rev. Thomas J. Gough, Rev. Edward G. Heitjan C.S.V, Most Reverend Daniel L. Ryan 1/2- Rev. Gerald R. McCaughey 1/3- Rev. Thomas Day, Rev. John P. Dolack 1/5- Rev. Clement Sommer, Rev. Patrick Lyons, Rev. Stanley Milewski 1/6- Rev. Thomas Costello



## 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 December 25, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 26 Regular Income	\$6,785.00		
91 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$74.56			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$593.00		
Online Giving	\$647.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,025.00</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$846.00)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$211,689.24</b>	<b>\$230,646.00</b>	<b>(\$18,956.76)</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	\$100.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$25.00
Christmas Offering	\$3,910.00
Christmas Flower Offering	\$30.00
1st Offering	\$50.00
Catholic Times	\$30.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Votive Offering	\$63.00
Catholic Childrens Home	\$2,211.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$35.00

### Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithes to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.

November tithe: \$3,432.00

### Scrip Progress

Two weeks ended December 18, 2022

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$9,125	/	\$51,675
National	\$5,760	/	\$60,140
Total Sales	\$14,885	/	\$111,815
Annual Gross Profit to-date	\$4,457.00		

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

### Upcoming Special Collections

January 7-8:  
Catholic Times

### “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” - Luke 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. She heard God’s message, and immediately said “yes.” Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

### 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.

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & ADVERTISING

Published weekly by St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School and printed by Schwartzkopf Printing in Alton, Illinois. To recommend content for inclusion in the bulletin, email [bulletin@stelizabethgc.org](mailto:bulletin@stelizabethgc.org) prior to Tuesday at Noon. For information on bulletin advertising, contact Bret Ware in the parish office.

## 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](http://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.

