

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ January 15, 2023



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and their first Holy Communion last Saturday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Congratulations also to their parents, family members, Godparents, and sponsors - and thank you to our school teachers and staff, especially Mrs. Lance, who have prepared them and continue to help form them in the faith. We are excited to celebrate you this weekend at St. Elizabeth.


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**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 16**

**Monday of the 2nd Wk in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 17**

**St. Anthony, Abbott**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

**Wednesday, January 18**

**Wednesday of the 2nd Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Stephan & Phyllis Dudak

**Thursday, January 19**

**Thursday of the 2nd Wk in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charlie Arriola+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Friday, January 20**

**St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr;**

**St. Sebastian, Martyr**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jane Modrusic+ by the Lamere Family

**Saturday, January 21**

**St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

No Mass / No Communion Service

**Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☉

Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Ralph Byrd+ by Janice Willaredt

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: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34*

We hear the account of the Baptism of Jesus through the testimony of John the Baptist in the Gospel according to John. John the Baptist acknowledges Jesus with the words, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." Do we behold him with the reality of that power and mission? Do we bring our sins before him and allow him to take them away & heal us?

#### **Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23*

St. Paul reminds the Corinthians to live in unity, and as soon as Jesus moves to Capernaum he starts to call companions. Through their unity in Christ, Andrew, Simon, James and John become certain that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. In what ways does our unity in Christ inspire and inform our lives as a parish community?

### 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 **in memory of Bob Pawlak+ by Dot Pawlak**. 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 Dederá

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.





## DIocese OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean through supporting diocesan pastoral catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The collection even helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford, which would leave them unable to minister effectively to the faithful.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the Diocese of Guantanamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living there. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantanamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January 21/22, 2023. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The #iGiveCatholicTogether ([usc.cb.igivecatholic-together.org/organizations/usc.cb-church-in-latin-america](https://usc.cb.igivecatholic-together.org/organizations/usc.cb-church-in-latin-america)) website also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing this week, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

This Wednesday, January 18 marks the beginning of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2023 is, "Do good; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17) Throughout 2023, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information go to: [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org)

#### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

O God of justice, God of peace, One in the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, enliven the unity of your Church on earth. Help us to see that our unity goes beyond unity in doctrinal essentials to an active unity of humanity with you and with one another.

Forgive us for not remembering we are brothers and sisters in equity and justice under your law of love. Help us remember that each of us is created in your Divine image and that we share the dignity of being your children. Temper your justice, O Lord, with mercy to forgive and heal our broken relationships.

Unite us in a fellowship that recalls our baptism, which has conquered sin and death, hate and division in the power of the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. Grant all this, O Lord, in his name and by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.



**DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.**  
(Isaiah 1: 17)



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023**

## This Week on FORMED®



### Saint Anthony of Egypt

St. Anthony was a saint whose heroic life of humility and prayer inspired many other great Saints, including St. Athanasius and St. Augustine. Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they explore the life of this great saint.

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.

Our newly-confirmed had a couple of questions posed to them by Bishop Paprocki in their pre-Confirmation questionnaire. Look below to see their answers. Continue to pray for our young people, asking the Father what YOU can do to make sure that their journey of faith continues!

### What does receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation mean to you?

1. Being purified by Jesus' Soul
2. To do more stuff with God in the church
3. It means I am going to be closer to God
4. It means fully accepting my faith.
5. To me it means that Jesus sacrificed his life for me
6. I will be happy because I will be a Catholic
7. Receiving the Sacraments will enrich my strength with the Holy Spirit
8. It means I will have a bigger role in Church, and I am committed to the Catholic faith
9. Practicing being a Catholic will increase in my life
10. It means that I want to be present and active in the Catholic Faith
11. Excited to be with God....

### How do you plan to live as a follower of Jesus?

1. Be nice, pray to God, and follow his commandments.
2. By listening to him and going to Church
3. By going to Church every week, praying every day, and living like Jesus wants us to
4. Follow his teachings, help other people and do good works
5. I plan to follow Jesus and live my life according to Jesus by going to Church on Sunday, and say my prayers at night and live how Jesus wants me to live
6. Go to Church, Pray and always have faith and trust God
7. Pray to Jesus so he can help me accomplish my dreams
8. I will continue to go to Church and pray for everyone. I will be receiving Christ every Sunday at communion.
9. Go to Church, be happy, spend time with family and others.
10. Because I love him so much, go to Church and praise his name.
11. Go to Church and be kind and show respect to everyone, and Jesus.

### Mercy Minute

"It is no great thing to love God in prosperity and thank Him when all goes well, but rather to adore Him midst great adversities and love Him for His own sake and place one's hope in Him." (Diary, 995).



### LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH

Join us any Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center Library to learn more about our faith with our RCIA team & candidates. Bring a friend! Upcoming topics include:

- Jan. 19: The Eucharist (Deacon Michael)
- Jan. 26: Sacraments of Healing (Deacon Neil)
- Feb. 2: Sacraments of Service (Deacon Neil)
- Feb. 9: Church, the People of God (Cheryl Mangi)
- Feb. 16: Living Lent (Cheryl Mangi)
- Feb. 23: Election / Saying "Yes" (Deacon Neil)

### NET MEALS & HOUSING HELP

If you would be willing to help cover a meal for the NET team when they're in town soon, please let Deacon Michael know. We will be providing dinner on March 9 and 10, and a sack lunch on March 11. Additionally, if you would like to host 2 or more missionaries in your home on the evenings of the 9th & 10th, and provide breakfast for them there, please also contact Deacon Michael. Thank you in advance for your help!

### JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLERS

#### LET'S GO!

It's time to get rolling again!

Junior high and high school students, please join us!

We'll meet AFTER 10:30 Mass on:

February 5  
March 5  
April 2  
May 7

Those are also youth/school Masses at 10:30 Mass, so hopefully a lot of families are with us at that Mass as well.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bret in the parish office or Deacon Michael.

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

For many years the parish has supported Community Care Center in their efforts to reach out to the marginalized in the community. Most of the donations we routinely provided were in support of their efforts to reduce food insecurity. Our friends across town at Holy Family have a food pantry as well that has been helping people for a number of years. This year, please continue to bring nonperishable food items to the cart in the gathering space. We have started sharing these donations with our Catholic brothers and sisters at Holy Family, partnering with them to help those in our community who find it difficult to obtain food. Thank you for your past and continued support of these important efforts!

### RECORDS CLEAN-UP

The beginning of the calendar year is as good a time as any to clean up your contact information with the parish. Have you changed addresses? New phone number or email address? Want to be added to Flocknote (or removed)? Interested in receiving envelopes or online giving? Give Bret a call at the parish office and get updated today!

### MOSAIC BABY BOTTLE KICKOFF

This weekend we begin distributing baby bottles to collect money in support of Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Centers. Look for them in the gathering space, fill them up and return them to us by February 12. You can help transform lives and save babies from abortion by filling a baby bottle with coins, cash, or a check! Thank you!

### TRAVELING MONSTRANCE

During the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist parishes of the diocese are encouraged to increase their devotion to the Eucharist. To this end, we are inviting parishes to consider adding a special time to increase devotion to the Eucharist at Adoration and will be offering a special traveling monstrance for each parish to use for Adoration at their parish. The monstrance (picture at right) was dedicated to the Right Reverend H.D. Junker, D.D. Bishop of Alton, IL by the German Catholics of Quincy, IL. We will use this monstrance for three adoration opportunities: Sundays January 15 and 22 for Sunday Vespers and Thursday, January 18 during our normal adoration time. Please join us!



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE INFO MEETING

Please Attend a 40 Days for Life Informational Meeting, Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 PM at Calvary Life Church, 4650 Maryville Road, Granite City, IL. 62040

All are invited to come and learn about the up-coming Spring "40 Days for Life" campaign in Granite City, IL. At the meeting, we will discuss:

- adopting a day
- what to expect when praying at the abortion facility
- examples and materials for promoting the event
- strategies for overcoming common obstacles
- methods to increase participation
- and much more ...

Thank you for helping be a part of protecting mothers/women and babies. If you are interested in attending or helping with our 40 Days Campaign, please call the parish office, 618-877-3300.

### LOST AND FOUND

The parish staff found a gift card in the gathering space over the last week. It must belong to someone and still has value. If you lost a card or know someone who did, send them to the parish office to identify and retrieve it. Thank you!

### 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.

### KC CORNER

When one becomes a Knight, they are joining hundreds of thousands of men united for a common cause. What a wonderful feeling of fellowship and comradeship that our council has the privilege to be a part of. Take some time to do some serious thinking on becoming a Knight. Grand Knight Tom Cholevik.

## Parish & School Events

### Sunday, January 15

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room)  
9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (PLC)  
5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

### Monday, January 16

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
- Parish Office & School Closed

### Tuesday, January 17

### Wednesday, January 18

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, January 19

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration  
7 p.m. - RCIA (PLC Library)  
9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

### Friday, January 20

### Saturday, January 21

### Sunday, January 22

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

## Mark Your Calendars

### Sunday January 29

Holy Name Men's Club Membership Drive (Cafeteria)

### Friday, February 3

Holy Name Men's Club Fish Fry (Cafeteria)



# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

This week at all school Mass, our Honor Roll students were recognized with their ribbons for great work in the classroom. Good job everyone!



## 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:  
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 2/2- Rev. Thaddeus Adukus 2/5- Rev. George Radosevich, Rev. Divikar Talluri 2/10- Rev. Steven Thompson 2/11- Rev. John Sohm, Rev. Rodney Schwartz 2/13- Rev. Robert Porter 2/15- Rev. Sunder Ery 2/17- Msgr. Jeffrey Goeckner 2/18- Rev. Joseph Simburger 2/19- Rev. Larry Brunette

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 1/14- Rev. Daniel Doyle, Msgr. George H. Powell 1/16- Rev. John Scheridon, Rev. Joseph O'Connor 1/17- Rev. John Molitor, Rev. Joseph O'Rourke, Rev. Edmond D. Butler 1/18- Rev. Patrick H. Masterson, Rev. Victor Kaltenbach



### 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 January 8, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 28 Regular Income	\$5,339.00		
98 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$54.48			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$203.35		
Online Giving	\$1,443.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,985.35</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$1,885.65)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$231,236.09</b>	<b>\$248,388.00</b>	<b>(\$17,151.91)</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	\$400.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$80.00
Special Projects	\$130.00
Mission & Ministry	\$30.00
Christmas Offering	\$80.00
Altar Flowers	\$100.00
1st Offering	\$213.00
Catholic Times	\$875.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$80.00
Votive Offering	\$69.00
20.00	\$91.00
Other Not Specified	\$70.00

### 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: \$3,423.00

### Scrip Progress

Week ended January 8, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$1,075	/	\$1,075
National	\$4,520	/	\$4,520
Total Sales	\$5,595	/	\$5,595
Annual Gross Profit to-date	\$279		

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

### "Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb." -Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

### 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.

## 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.

