

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ January 22, 2023



January 23: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": *In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.*"


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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 23

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

No Mass

Tuesday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mary Carich+ by Premo & Kay Clay

Wednesday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Moske+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, January 26

Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Tammy Mitchell+ by Cathy Cassy

Friday, January 27

Weekday/Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Corey Winfield+ by Vicki Jacobs

Saturday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

No Mass / No Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, January 28-29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Steve & Marilyn Hahn

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Jane Modrusic+ by the Lamere Family

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 **Frances (Rocky) McBride+ by Lew & Lois Glasgow**. 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 honor of our current Pastor and all previous Pastors of St. Elizabeth Parish**. 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.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Get the full reflections, prayers, and next steps at 9daysforlife.com

Day One Intercession: May the tragic practice of abortion end.

Reflection: At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true gifts. Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all those involved. But Christ came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life.

Day Two Intercession: May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.

If you or someone you know is suffering from participation in abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit hopeafterabortion.org.
Reflection: Countless children's lives have been ended by abortion, and countless parents and family members suffer guilt, grief, and regret—often in silence. Yet God's greatest desire is to forgive. No matter how far we have each strayed from His side, He says to us, "Don't be afraid. Draw close to my heart." Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. After repenting of sinning against his father, he returns from far away to seek forgiveness and work as a servant. But his father sees him approaching, runs to warmly embrace him, and hosts a banquet to celebrate his return. So, too, does God welcome all His children who come to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with contrite hearts, no matter how serious the sin. Let us turn confidently to Our Lord, Who is love and mercy.

Day Three Intercession: May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Reflection: God has carefully, tenderly created every person in His own image and likeness, to be in a loving relationship with Himself. From each tiny child knit within a mother's womb, to every person approaching death, all are loved perfectly and completely by God: "It is therefore a service of love which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbor, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, especially when it is weak or threatened [emphasis added]" (Evangelium vitae 77). In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (EV 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.

Day Four Intercession: May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy.

Reflection: When God fashioned the human person in His own image and likeness, He destined us for eternal life with Him. Yet because of the sin of our first parents, death entered the world. The book of Genesis recounts the first occasion in which a person takes the life of another, as Cain violently kills his brother Abel. This instance of brother rising up against brother "at the very dawn of history is thus a sad witness of how evil spreads with amazing speed" (Evangelium vitae 8). From the time of creation, disregard for human life has continued to spread. When we, like Cain, allow sin to find a place in our hearts, we become blinded to the truth. Sometimes this blindness might be so deep that we fail to recognize the undeniable humanity of unborn children. We may even tragically believe the lie that abortion is an act of compassion. But we know that "life, especially human life, belongs only to God: for this reason whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself" (EV 9). Let us pray that all who support abortion will encounter the transforming love of the Father and, with repentant hearts, seek His mercy.

Day Five Intercession: May all unborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.

Reflection: Today, we mourn the many children's lives ended by abortion and remember in prayer those who suffer the aftermath. We pray that children in their mothers' wombs would again be protected in law and do penance in reparation for abortions that have been committed in our world. In his encyclical Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life), Pope John Paul II said, "may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer" (EV 100). May that prayer arise in our hearts today and each day forward until every human being is protected in law and welcomed in love.

Day Six Intercession: May every expectant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb.

Reflection: When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she opened her heart to receive his message that she would conceive the Son of God in her womb. As a young bride who had not yet lived with her husband, Mary knew that her pregnancy presented many challenges. Despite this knowledge, she faithfully responded, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Like the Blessed Mother, women who unexpectedly become pregnant often face significant challenges. They, too, are called to place their trust in God and faithfully respond to His gift of new life. And we are called to walk with them in their time of need. As Jesus taught us, when we love and serve others, we are loving and serving Him. May all expectant mothers be encouraged by Mary's example and receive support and grace in lovingly welcoming their children into the world.

This Week on FORMED®



St. Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th.

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Mercy Minute

"A soul who praises the goodness of her Lord is especially loved by Him. She is always close to the living fountain and draws graces from Mercy Divine. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus." (Diary, 1225).



Day Seven Intercession: May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life. Reflection: Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (Familiaris consortio 25). Fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (FC 25). They are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, in safeguarding the sanctity of human life.

As evidenced in our world today, the role of the father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (FC 25). Often women choose abortion because they do not have the support of the child's father, or— even worse—the father of the child pressures her to make the decision to abort. At the same time, it is important to acknowledge with compassion that men can also be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy and that society increasingly tells them that they should have no say in their children's lives. In the face of these false messages, we pray that expectant fathers will find courage in the example of Saint Joseph—who embraced the role of father amid difficult circumstances—and offer loving, life-affirming support to the mothers of their children.

Day Eight Intercession: May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option. Reflection: Mothers placing their children for adoption often face many challenges along the way. One of the greatest obstacles can be inaccurately perceiving adoption as abandonment. But a mother who determines that making an adoption plan is best for her child isn't deserting the child. Rather, she is following the example of Christ's sacrificial love on the Cross in choosing a life-giving option that she has determined is ultimately in the best interest of her child, even at great cost to herself. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that, in the face of fears and trials, we can "hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm" (Heb 6:18-19). We pray that each expectant mother choosing adoption will be filled with "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Phil 4:7) as she decides which life-giving option is best for her child. Let us all cling fast to the anchor of hope, for we have received "a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" (Rom 8:15).

Day Nine Intercession: May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance. Reflection: The Declaration of Independence boldly affirms that first among our inalienable rights is the right to life, given to us by the Creator. Yet despite being so solemnly proclaimed, the right to life is today threatened and often denied, particularly at the moments when life is most fragile. Our laws should—first and foremost—protect life. Even with the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade, many states still do not recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons and still claim that abortion is a right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right. Laws and policies that legalize or promote an intrinsic evil like abortion violate the virtue of justice. Those who work as public officials and civic leaders have a duty to serve the common good, and therefore have a profound obligation to safeguard this most fundamental right to life. Through our own prayer, witness, and civic participation, we can encourage our leaders to truly answer their call to protect the rights of all people. For "there can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights" (Evangelium vitae 101).

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. 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!

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

CHARITABLE OUTREACH UPDATES

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts as a parish and as Catholics here in Granite City, to support those in need in our community. Please continue to donate items in support of Holy Family's food pantry. In addition to the non-perishables we are always in need of, please know that they are always in need of basic hygiene items, peanut butter, tuna, and spaghetti sauce, powdered milk, cake mix and frosting.

In addition to this, the group is suggesting that interested parishioners buy certain items for the homeless in our community, which can be placed in a bag, easily stored in your vehicle for those times when you have an encounter with someone you would like to bless.

In the last few months, for example, one parishioner has been able to give out 9 packs with hat, gloves, scarf, socks, and Clif Bar (all roughly \$1 each at Dollar Tree), plus a bottle of water, a Pocket Gospel book and prayer card, and a McDonald's gift card. Other items we know the homeless can use are travel toiletry items, Chap Stick, and the like.



We are going to start to keep some drawstring bags and Pocket Gospel books on hand in the parish office for you to pick up and make your own kit to keep in your glove box to share with someone in need.

The Charitable Outreach team is made up of members of both St. Elizabeth and Holy Family parishes and meet monthly in the Harmony Room. Please consider joining us at our next meeting, Wednesday, February 15 at 6pm. Sign up to get messages about the group through Flocknote at <https://stegranitecity.flocknote.com/BrokennessMinist>

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!

LADIES SODALITY MEETING

Reminder of our meeting January 24th after 6pm Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Start 2023 off right, get involved, help out, have fun, meet other ladies of the parish. Hope to see you.

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!

KC CORNER

I know many of you say your prayers every morning thanking God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon you and your family and also for those on your prayer lists. I am asking for all of you to add prayers for men, young and old, to have the Lord to send little God winks to them on joining the Knights. We all know that prayers can be answered in many different ways and your prayers can help with our ministry. Grand Knight, Tom Cholevik

Parish & School Events

Sunday, January 22

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 23

Tuesday, January 24

7 p.m. - Ladies Sodality (Harmony)

Wednesday, January 25

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)
1:30 p.m. Holy Name Men's Club Membership Drive (Cafeteria)
6:00 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

Friday, February 3

Holy Name Men's Club Fish Fry (Cafeteria)



Holy Name Men's Club

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Sunday, January 29 @ 1:30 p.m.

St Elizabeth Cafeteria

Food, Fellowship,
Football and FUN!

JOIN US!



Join our Holy Name Men's Club for their annual Membership Drive, Sunday, January 29 in the cafeteria. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. for food, fellowship, football and fun. Bring some \$\$\$ for football and cards. See you there!

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

FR. MCGIVNEY

We are SO very proud of our kiddos! God bless you all!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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school-calendar



ATHLETICS

NEWS & SCHEDULE

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PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:
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 Radosевич, 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 2/25- Rev. Kenneth Steffen

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 1/22- Rev. John Campbell 1/23- Rev. James Smith, Rev. James Strembo, Rev. Daniel J. Quinn 1/24- Rev. Patrick A. Morrow 1/25- Very Rev. Hugh P. Cassidy 1/26- Rev. Adolph Schneider, Rev. J.J. Brennan

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 15, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 29 Regular Income	\$5,385.00		
110 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$48.95			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$448.00		
Online Giving	\$1,623.00		
TOTAL	\$7,456.00	\$8,871.00	(\$1,415.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$238,712.09	\$257,259.00	(\$18,546.91)

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	\$125.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$250.00
Mission & Ministry	\$100.00
1st Offering	\$80.00
Catholic Times	\$120.00
Church in Latin America	\$30.00

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 15, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$1,075
National	Not	/	\$4,520
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$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!

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” - Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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 donate 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 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.

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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.

