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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

The Epiphany of the Lord ♦ January 8, 2023




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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 9

The Baptism of the Lord

No Mass

Tuesday, January 10

Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Dennis Riggs+ by Premo & Kay Clay

Wednesday, January 11

Wed. of the First Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Margie Pautler+ by Claude & Carol Kessler

Thursday, January 12

Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Carich+ by Darlene Fletcher

Friday, January 13

Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ralph Byrd+ by Janice Willaredt

Saturday, January 14

Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass / No Communion Service

Saturday-Sunday, January 14-15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Bob Pawlak+ by Dot Pawlak

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

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 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. What are we seeking, if not the newborn King? If Jesus is who he said He is - God - and who we know that He is - then how does that change our lives? Do we redirect the course of our lives and our decisions when His Word tells us to?

Next 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?

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 of the deceased pastors, priests and religious who have served the 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 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 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

From the U.S. Catholic Bishops' website at USCCB.org.

Read

The Epiphany marks the arrival of visitors, identified in Scripture as the magi, to the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about them, we do know they brought three gifts:

Gold — a symbol of wealth and power, identifies the recipient as a king.

Frankincense — the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense and as an offering, is symbolic of prayer.

Myrrh — another resinous tree sap, was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gift for a child—so, even at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, this gift foreshadows his death.

Reflect

For much of the secular world, the holiday season has died down. Reflect with this article on the joys of the holiday season and what you have left to celebrate when the decorations are put away.

Journeys of Love, from ForYourMarriage.org:

This past Christmas season was an experience of hosting or visiting for us. Stacey's parents joined us just before Christmas, then my parents traveled to see us after Christmas. There were even a few days of overlap when we had a house full of grandparents.

Then, my parents were stuck with us for another day or two after their planned departure—a giant winter storm delayed their travel. In the middle of all of that, Stacey and I made a trip to New York to visit a friend for a few days; her parents stayed back with the kids. So, it was a season of traveling in one form or another, and it all went as well as it possibly could have gone. December and January were full of stories, laughing, good food, and playfulness.

When we came upon the feast of the Epiphany (January 5 this year), I was ripe for reflection upon journeys. The three wise men traveled long distances to visit the Holy Family, and they brought gifts to honor the Christ child. They invested themselves in this person, Jesus—they picked up and mobilized their lives to encounter him. The traveling and hosting that we experienced during Christmas was much like this—people picked up their lives and journeyed long distances to encounter one another, and to honor each other with gifts.

The story of the three wise men indicates that they were overjoyed to reach their destination and to find Jesus and his mother and father. After such a long journey, after such searching, their encounter did not disappoint. They had read and studied about this child, but it made a difference to be able to see and touch him, to speak with his parents and to understand what his life was like. They left feeling like their journey was worth the effort—their encounter changed the way they understood everything about Jesus.

Stacey and I got the kids out for an hour of sledding after all our house guests were gone—just the five of us—and we realized that it was the first time our family had been just our family for weeks. We were grateful to settle back into a normal routine again soon. But the time together with people who are most important to us had been well worth it. Sharing life together, even for a few days, changes the way we understand those relationships. Like the three wise men, we've also been overjoyed at the encounters that the season had brought us.

We stay in touch with people who are important to us using all of the modern means of communication, but even live video chats can't replace spending time with each other in person. Nothing replaces shaking hands, standing or sitting next to each other, or a warm hug from a loved one—we give and receive love with our bodies. The three wise men were among the first to encounter and appreciate this characteristic in God as well—out of love, God has joined our bodily condition.

What a gift it is for the love among family and friends to be an experience of embodied love, and for this experience of love to be a participation in God.

Pray

Say the blessing on your home on the Epiphany (today).

Act

Wish someone a Merry Christmas today! An easy way to evangelize is to wish someone a Merry Christmas during the Christmas season after December 25 and explain why. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year falls tomorrow, Monday, January 9.



This Week on **FORMED**



A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism of Jesus (Part 1)

Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist and what does this mean for the Sacrament of Baptism? Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Michael Barber as they unpack the first Luminous Mystery of the Rosary!

Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on smart TV, streaming device, computer, and mobile device.

Go to signup.FORMED.org and select our parish name.

Mercy Minute

"Today, at midnight, I bid good-bye to the old year 1936, and welcomed the year 1937. It was with fear and trembling that, in this first hour of the year, I faced this new period of time. Merciful Jesus, with You I go boldly and courageously into conflicts and battles. In Your Name, I will accomplish everything and overcome everything. My God, Infinite Goodness, I beg of You, let Your infinite mercy accompany me always and in all things. As I enter this year, fear of life overwhelms me, but Jesus brings me out of this fear and lets me know what great glory this work of mercy will bring Him." (Diary, 859).



Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

The intercessions are then said:

The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. *R/. Amen.*

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings." It is also appropriate to make the traditional signing over the door of the house with the symbol "20 + C + M + B + 23" using blessed chalk. The numbers represent the year, and "C, M, & B" represent the traditional names of the three kings: Caspar, Malchior & Balthazar. It also abbreviates the Latin phrase, *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, meaning "May Christ bless the house."



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!

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to help decorate the church. Sorry about the last minute change. Special thanks to Bud and the guys for helping with the tree, and both nativities. Thank you, Norma and Carol, for picking up the flowers. Candy your design is gorgeous. I want you to know how blessed I am for all your help. - Dawn Wright

MOSAIC BABY BOTTLE KICKOFF

Next weekend we will 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!

CELEBRATE OUR KIDS

This Saturday, January 7, 11 children from our parish visit the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation for the first time. NEXT Sunday, January 15th we will celebrate with them at 10:30 a.m. Mass and then AFTER in the Harmony Room with refreshments. Please join us at Mass to celebrate with them and their families and then stick around for fellowship.

TRAVELING MONSTRANCE

During the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist (Dec. 8 2022- Dec. 8 2023) 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!

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 or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

KC CORNER

Fellow Parishioners, Our membership drive has been slightly stalled but the good news is we have the outside banner in the yard in front of St. Elizabeth. Our goal is to have 10 new members by Easter Sunday, but we are asking all of you to help with your prayers that some men of all ages, must be 16, will understand our mission and join us in accomplishing it. We meet one night a month, the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 at the Columbus Home. Men of the parishes, there are plenty of Knights in all churches to ask questions on any subject or call me at 6180789-0337. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight.

Parish & School Events

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

Monday, January 9

Exodus 90 starts for 2023
(90 days to Easter)

Tuesday, January 10

Wednesday, January 11

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

Morning - Scout Pinewood Derby (Gym)
5:30 p.m. - Trivia Night (Cafeteria)

Sunday, January 15

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)
11:30 a.m. - Celebrate our Confirmands & First Communicants (Harmony Room)
6:00 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

Monday, January 16

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday January 29

Holy Name Men's Club Membership Drive (Cafeteria)

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!

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

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/



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 1/7- Rev. Matt Cummins, Rev. Frank Westhoff 1/9- Rev. Henry Frohboese, Rev. Henry Burharst, Rev. Joseph M. McKeogh 1/10- Rev. Clement Johannes 1/11- Rev. Charles Geler 1/12- Rev. Terrence Crowley, Msgr. Paul Sheridan 1/13- Rev. Michael Jeff Davis, Rev. Roger Lechtenberg, O.F.M.



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 1, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 26 Regular Income	\$10,390.50		
116 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$89.57			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$458.00		
Online Giving	\$1,713.00		
TOTAL	\$12,561.50	\$8,871.00	\$3,690.50
YTD TOTALS	\$224,250.74	\$239,517.00	(\$15,266.26)

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	\$1557.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$430.00
BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00
Special Projects	\$290.00
Mission & Ministry	\$185.00
Christmas Offering	\$490.00
Christmas Flower Offering	\$25.00
1st Offering	\$571.00
Catholic Times	\$371.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$890.00
Immaculate Conception	\$30.00
Votive Offering	\$70.00
Catholic Childrens Home	\$225.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$30.00
Church in Latin America	\$91.00
Other Not Specified	\$356.00

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

New calendar year week ended January 1, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$0
National	Not	/	\$0
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$0
Annual Gross Profit to-date	\$0		

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

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

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.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: If you have been away from the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a while, feel free to contact the parish office for guidance & materials to help you prepare to return to the Sacraments. In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you could also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism and sign up for a Baptism Preparation class at least a month before your desired date of Baptism. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Michael. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30 Mass most Sundays or at 7 p.m. some Wednesdays.

Matrimony: To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact Father Alfred or Deacon Michael at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults: Contact Deacon Michael via the Parish Office.

PASTORAL CARE

Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

Communion to the Homebound: If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

Declarations of Nullity: In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.')

Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Laura Black are available as Advocates before our diocesan tribunal for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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My Parish Prayer

Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am.
Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.
It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is -
am filled with these same qualities.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be.
Bless my journey Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

