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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ◆ February 12, 2023



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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, February 13 Monday, 6th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday, February 14 Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop6:00 p.m. Mass:
Jim Moske+ by Jim Bohn

Wednesday, February 15 Wednesday, 6th Week in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: Jane Modrusic+ by Juliann Burns

Thursday, February 16 Thursday, 6th Week in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: Dale Fletcher+ by Darlene Fletcher

Friday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 8:15 a.m. Mass: Buck Simmons+ by Vicki Jacobs

Saturday, February 18
Saturday, 6th Week in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass: Phyllis Syzdek+ by Andy & Joann Yurko

8:00 a.m. Mass: • Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass: Bill Loftus+ by Julie Shambro Norman

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

February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February: For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

This Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

God's law, embodied in His Word, in the person of Jesus, and lived in His mission, provides a compass for us as we seek to live a life of faith. When we allow God's Word to pentrate our hearts, we will know the decisions that we must make and on which we must follow through and act as disciples.

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Be Holy as your Father in heaven is Holy? To live with the Holy Spirit within you beckons you to live a life of fullness of discipleship. In the Gospel, Jesus continues to challenge us to think and look beyond the letter of the law and strive to live it in the fullness of truth and of love.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

The 14-day Santuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle to reminds us of Jesus presence. This week, it also reminds us to pray for **the marginalized**; **the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill persons in our community**. To offer the 14-day candle in honor of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are **for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Northern Syria.** Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

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.

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

Binnev Family

Chad Sigite

Rose Vierdag

Charles Dickey

Angela & Ronald Briggs, Jr.

Robert & Lorriane Joshu Billy Adams

Jim Grav

Lesko & Danheiser Families Pawlak & Sertich Families Joseph & Victoria Krystopa Pfaff & DeRuntz Families John & Theresa Straubinger

Winters & Huff Families Votoupal- Bursik Family

Votoupal- Bursik Fam Connie B. Haves

Connie B. Hayes Jim Noeth & Brothers

Noeth & M. Papp Families

Jim Alsop

Leonard Hylla Lisa Garcia- Fensterman

Bob Scaturro

Dortch Family The Kierski Family

James Dittman

Michael & Leona Banach

Deceased Members of

St. Elizabeth Men's Club Czwornog and Ostrenga Families

Ida Gragg & Patti Jackson

Tony & Mary Bellue Brian Foreman

Merry Trtanj

Carl Williams Cliff Jones

Rene Zayner

Dennis Riggs Alma & Greg Voss

Contact the parish office to add yours to the list.

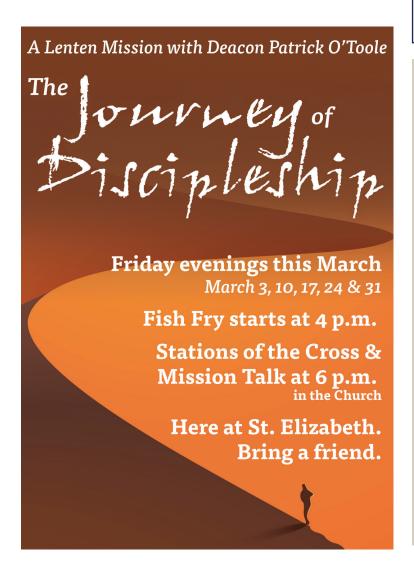
LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

Lent is Coming!

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 9, 2023, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which fo llow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- 1. ABSTINENCE Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. FASTING Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.





WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

Preparing to pray the Divine Mercy Novena

From Good Friday through Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day of the Novena. To help prepare, we are sharing the intentions of each day of the Novena, one per week, in these weeks leading up to Good Friday. On Palm Sunday we will print the full Novena.

Second Day:

Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELI-GIOUS, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave Me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind.

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service,* that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard—upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church

This Week on FORMED



Beloved

Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter? Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.

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, the Lord has been teaching me, once again, how I am to approach the Sacrament of Penance: My daughter, just as you prepare in My presence, so also you make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest it is that I am making

use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light."(Diary, 1725).



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. Upcoming topics include:

- Feb. 16: Living Lent (Cheryl Mangi)
- Feb. 23: Election / Saying "Yes" (Deacon Neil)
- Mar. 2: The Creed (Deacon Michael)
- Mar. 9: The Lord's Prayer (Cheryl Mangi)
- Mar. 16: Christian Moral Living (Deacon Michael)
- Mar. 23: Dignity of Life / Ethic of Life (Deacon Neil)
- Mar. 30: The Meaning of Holy Week (Deacon Michael)

YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

Thanks for a GREAT first gathering last Sunday! Teens, please join us AFTER 10:30 Mass: March 5, April 2, May 7. If you have any questions, please reach out to Bret in the parish office.



YOU ARE INVITED to a Historic Diocesan-Wide Celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield To celebrate the Year of the Eucharist going on in our diocese right now and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city of our diocese from Alton to Springfield, a Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This major event will include talks from

nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass where the arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. You are invited. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the first speaker starting at 1 p.m., and Mass begins at 4 p.m. Stay tuned for how to get free tickets and mark your calendar. There will be no Masses at parishes on Saturday, Oct. 28. We want you in Springfield!





FMCHS MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please join us for Father McGivney Catholic High School's inaugural Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Edwardsville. The event will begin with breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by guest speakers Fr. Michael Trummer and Fr. Christopher Trummer as they present on the topic of "Spiritual Fathers." All proceeds from the event will benefit the FMCHS Griffin Guard. All men are welcome - young men, dads, sons, grandfathers, grandsons, etc. Sign-up and bring a friend! RSVP by March 7, 2023. Please purchase tickets here: https://mcgivneygriffins.com/mens-prayer-breakfast

Parish Life & Hospitality

REISKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available at the Parish Office. Any college bound parishioner is eligible who: Graduated from St. Elizabeth School, Presently is a member of St. Elizabeth Parish, Is active in the Parish, Attends Mass EVERY WEEKEND, Has financial need.

Applications are due by Friday, March 31, 2023 no later than 4:00 pm. Fr. Alfred and the Selection Committee will then review the applications and present their selection to the Pastoral Council. First time applicants will have preferential consideration and no one applicant will be awarded the scholarship more than two times.

LADIES SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP

HS Seniors, it is scholarship season again and Ladies Sodality is inviting you to apply. The requirements are simple; you must be a St. Elizabeth School graduate, an active member of St. Elizabeth Church, and plan to attend college or a trade school. Applicants are judged based on the last 4 years of community service and club participation, as well as academic achievement. Historically the applicant pool is very small. Don't let this scholarship slip through your fingers. Pick up an application at the parish office. - Joyce Alexander, Scholarship Chairman.

DIGITALLY CREATIVE?

We would love to find a few more people to help us with some of our digital creative work around the parish. This might include graphics for our display boards and marketing, layout work for our bulletin, and more. Are you a Creative Cloud pro eager to help? Please reach out to Bret in the parish office.

SOUND SYSTEM FEEDBACK

If you would like to share any feedback on the test/demo of the new sound system last weekend, please share it with Bret in the parish office this week. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

On Saturday, Feb 4th, our council sponsored and funded the Special Needs community with a



dinner, dance banquet. We have over 175 in attendance. Except during COVID we have had this event for many years. Once again, I am asking all Catholic men over 18 to consider joining our council and support wonderful events such as this. For those men who are already Knight but have drifted away, I ask to come to the next meeting on the last Tuesday in February and renew those friendships you have with current active members. Yours in Christ, Tom

Parish & School Events

Sunday, February 12

World Marriage Day 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, February 13 Tuesday, February 14

5:30 p.m. - School Board (Cafeteria)

7 p.m. - PTO (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, February 15

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach Team (Harmony Room)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, February 16

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

7 p.m. - Learning in the Library & RCIA (PLC Library)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

Friday, February 17 Saturday, February 18

40 Days for Life Signups

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Blood Drive (Cafeteria)

Sunday, February 19

40 Days for Life Signups

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room)

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

PTO AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Come one, come all, to the greatest fundraiser on earth! The Saint Elizabeth School PTO Auction Fundraiser, Under the Big Top, will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at St. Mary's Engelbert Hall. Your \$30 ticket includes dinner, drinks (soda and beer), and the opportunity to bid on numerous silent and live auction items. Tickets for the 2023 PTO Auction Fundraiser are on sale now at https://handbid.app.link/steauction2023

Don't want to purchase your ticket online? No problem! Look for a paper order form in next week's communicator. We will also use paper order forms for table assignments. If you purchase tickets via our website, you will still need a member of your party to complete the form with the names of the guests at your table and return to the school. Thank you for being so supportive of this event and St. Elizabeth School PTO!

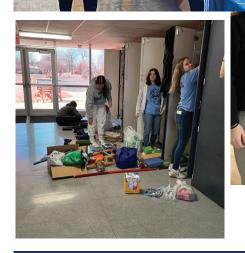


ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

FR. MCGIVNEY SERVICE DAY

Thank you to the students of St. Padre Pio House at Fr. McGivney Catholic High School who chose to come and spend time in service at St. Elizabeth and at Holy Family for their 3rd quarter Service Day. We appreciate your help around our church & school.







MARCH 25, 2023

at Marquette Catholic High School 5:30 pm Silent Auction • 6 - 8 pm Dinner • 8:30 pm Live Auction

Ticket Price

\$50/ person includes dinner & 2 drink tickets \$25/ online bid number only

rsvp by March 10th

marquettecatholic.org/auction or contact Mary Kline (314)791-9853



FR. McGIVNEY

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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: 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: 2/12- Rev. John R. Nolan 2/13- Rev. John Lupton 2/14- Rev. Patrick Bourke 2/15- Most Rev. Peter Baltes, Rev. Peter F. Masterson, Rev. Leonard Paskert, O.F.M 2/16- Rev. Thomas Fennessy 2/17-Rev. Gerhard Jansen Rev. Albin Breinlinger Rev. William Costello Rev. Herman J. Niebrugge Rev. Eugene Cieslick



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- Staff Sergeant, US Space Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship February 5, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 32 Regular Income	\$7,927.00		
114 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$69.54			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$491.35		
Online Giving	\$1,543.00		
TOTAL	\$9,961.35	\$8,871.00	\$1,090.35
YTD TOTALS	\$262,158.44	\$283,872.00	(\$21,713.56)

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:

\$782.00 Tuition Assistance Building Repair/Maintenance \$521.00 Special Projects \$226.00 Mission & Ministry \$81.00 1st Offering \$10.00 Catholic Times \$10.00 Votive Offering \$82.00 Funeral Stipend \$100.00 Church in Central/Eastern Eur\$115.00 Other Not Specified \$242,00

Parish Tithing Reporting

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

December tithe: \$5,828.00

Scrip Progress

Week ended February 5, 2023

	Current	/ YTD
Walmart	\$1,225	/ \$2,300
National	\$1,485	/ \$6,055
Total Sales	\$2,710	/ \$8,305
Annual Gross Pro	\$388	

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.

Remember that this is free money
for our school & parish!

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" - Matthew 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

2022 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2022 Annual Contribution statements are now available at the Parish Office. Please drop by and pick up your statement or call the office if you would like your statement mailed.

GIVE ONLINE

Are you tired of writing a check or remembering to have your envelope when you head to Mass? Concerned about how to support the parish when you are out of town? There are online options to maintain your stewardship, returning to God a portion of his blessings. Consider online giving through GIVE CENTRAL. For more information, visit. https://www.givecentral.org/location/412/allevents

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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.

