

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ February 19, 2023

## Celebrating Black Catholic History in Black History Month



Venerable Pierre Toussaint



Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman



Venerable Father Augustus Tolton



Servant of God Mother Mary Lange



Venerable Henriette Delille



Servant of God Julia Greeley

Read more about these Black Catholics on the journey to Sainthood:  
[stelizabethgc.org/BlackCatholicHistory](http://stelizabethgc.org/BlackCatholicHistory)


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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik  
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames  
Athletic Director: Matt Schwendemann  
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

**Strong in Faith  
since 1871**

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.*

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As the Roman Catholic parish of St. Elizabeth, striving to become saints, we commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

**Hospitality:** To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;

**Prayer:** To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer;

**Formation:** To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and

**Service:** To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, February 20**

**Monday, 7th Week in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 21**

**Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Helen DeRuntz+ by Andy & Joann Yurko

**Wednesday, February 22**

**Ash Wednesday**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Gene Cassy+ by Cathy Cassy

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Lonnie DeRuntz+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Thursday, February 23**

**Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bruce Wright+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Friday, February 24**

**Friday after Ash Wednesday**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Carol Kleinschmidt

**Saturday, February 25**

**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, February 25-26**

**First Sunday of Lent**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Marie Loftus & Family

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Mary Carich+ by Jim Ridenour

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

## Be with Jesus

### Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

### Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



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: 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.

**Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent**

*Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11*

As Lent begins we recall the fall as recounted in Genesis. Paul's letter to the Romans points out that death entered creation through one man (Adam) but through the gracious gift of another man (Jesus), those who receive the gift of grace will come to reign in life. Jesus is the way of overcoming temptation, sin, and death.

### 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 **Police, Fire, EMS, Dispatch and all other First Responders**. 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 humanitarian workers everywhere, bringing Christ to those who are suffering**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

### 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 Deder

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

Contact the parish office  
to add yours to the list.

## LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES



# LENT

PRAYER • FASTING • ALMSGIVING

The season of Lent begins this week 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.

**This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:15 a.m. (with the school) and 6 p.m. A Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes will also be offered at 12 Noon.**

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 follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

Prayerfully consider what your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will include this year.

### REMEMBER THE 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.

**GRAB A RICE BOWL!** Join a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl from the Gathering Space beginning this week. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



*A Lenten Mission with Deacon Patrick O'Toole*

## The Journey of Discipleship

**Friday evenings this March**  
March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

**Fish Fry starts at 4 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross & Mission Talk at 6 p.m.**  
in the Church

**Here at St. Elizabeth.**  
**Bring a friend.**



### 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.



#### **Fouth Day:**

Today bring to Me The PAGANS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME. I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

**This Week on FORMED®**



**Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent**

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

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.

**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. 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. Teens, please join us AFTER 10:30 Mass: March 5, April 2, May 7. We'll have more Dr. Pepper! 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!



Are you ready to take **more control** of your life?

To **grow closer** to God?

To become a **better man** for your family?

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22nd:  
[LentForMen.com](http://LentForMen.com)



**Mercy Minute**

"Let souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy. I desire that these souls distinguish themselves by boundless trust in My mercy. I myself will attend to the sanctification of such souls. I will provide them with everything they will need to attain sanctity." (Diary, 1578).



FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# MEN'S PRAYER Breakfast

**SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2023 | 8 A.M.**  
KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS HALL EDWARDSVILLE

**SPONSORED BY EXODUS**  
Limited to the first 250 guests

**GUEST SPEAKERS!**

**FOR MEN, DADS, SONS, GRANDFATHERS, & GRANDSONS.**

**TOPIC: "SPIRITUAL FATHERS"**

**\$20 PER PERSON  
RSVP BY MARCH 7TH**

**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.

## FATHER ALFRED NEEDS HELP

Father is seeking a volunteer to help with light housekeeping at the rectory. This may or may not be a permanent volun-

teer position, depending on the return of his regular housekeeper. Vacuuming, light cleaning and dusting, and other small basic tasks are on the agenda. Looking for someone to visit every other week and help. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

## SCRIP CARD SALE

We sell scrip gift cards at the parish office as a fundraising effort for the parish and school. Over time some of the cards that sold well, no longer do. We have a number of cards that we are going to sell at a discount to close out. Among them: Aeropostale, Best Buy, Bob Evans, Old Navy/Gap, Wendy's, Macy's, JC Penny, Denny's and Bed Bath & Beyond. Come by or call the office for more information and to see exactly what we have.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

As we near the Lenten season, many of us take this time to reflect on our lives and our future. I'm not going to mention the b+++o word but can say we need help on Friday and Sunday evenings during lent. The fish fries will be going and most likely both they and the Knights will be short of help. Call me at 618-789-0337 and let me know what help you can give us. We also have a meeting on Tuesday, Feb 21, rosary at 7 and meeting starts at 7:30. God Bless! Grand Knight Tom Cholevik



## Parish & School Events

### 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)  
11:30-1 - Sons & Dads (Harmony Room)  
3 p.m. - Church Alliance (Unity Baptist)  
6:00 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

### Monday, February 20

President's Day (Offices & School Closed)

### Tuesday, February 21

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

### Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry (Cafeteria)  
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, February 23

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration  
7 p.m. - Learning in the Library & RCIA (PLC Library); Baptism Prep (PLC)  
9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

### Friday, February 24

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry (Cafeteria)

### Saturday, February 25

### Sunday, February 26

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)  
2 p.m. - Tri-Cities Lenten Penance Service (Holy Family)  
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!



**PTO AUCTION**  
MARCH 4, 2023

*Come one! Come All! To the Greatest Fundraiser on Earth!*

CATERED MEAL  
BEVERAGES (SODA, TEA, COFFEE, AND BEER)  
LATE NIGHT SNACK  
SILENT AUCTION & LIVE AUCTION  
RAFFLES  
MUSIC & DANCING

Your ticket includes

Scan here!



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**DIocese OF Springfield IN ILLINOIS**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although Soviet communism ended in the early 1990s, its destructive effects linger in the societies where it once ruled. Under the communist system, cultural values of charity and volunteerism disappeared. Rapid, sometimes harsh transitions to market economies led to ongoing attitudes of materialism that have left poor and dependent people - such as children, seniors, and people with disabilities - particularly vulnerable. This is especially true in the former Soviet republic of Moldova, which, despite its political independence, is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

The Diocese of Chisinau, founded in 2000, covers all of Moldova and the unrecognized breakaway state of "Transnistria," currently occupied by Russian forces. Today the diocese contains 20 parishes and seven charity foundations that work to meet the spiritual and material needs of the people. This spirit of love for the most poor and needy is evident in Moldova's generous response not only to the needs of its own people but also to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Working in cooperation with Caritas Moldova, the diocese has expanded its outreach and ability to reveal Christ's mercy to Moldova's vulnerable children and youth by establishing a network of care and support centers, where children and youth benefit from informal education programs in a safe, caring environment. The centers also help strengthen the parenting skills of mothers and fathers. With funding from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the diocese and its local partners have established the centers according to standards for quality and child protection to make them safe and caring environments.

Your support and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus. Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps the Church bring Christ's mercy to the Ukrainian refugees, Moldovan children, and families most in need. For more information about the collection and whom it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

JOIN US FOR THE  
MARQUETTE CATHOLIC  
BLUE & WHITE

*Gala*

DINNER & AUCTION

**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](http://marquettecatholic.org/auction)  
or contact Mary Kline (314)791-9853



**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: 2/19- Rev. Larry Brunette 2/25- Rev. Kenneth Steffen 3/2- Rev. Angel Sierra 3/3- Rev. Hyland Smith 3/9- Rev. Brian Alford, Rev. Dominic Vahling 3/10- Rev. Michael Trummer 3/15- Rev. Mark Schulte 3/16- Rev. Samuel Bagyo, Jr. 3/17- Rev. Pat Jakel 3/26- Rev. Daren Zehnle 3/27- Rev. John Nolan

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 2/19- Rev. M.J. Foley 2/20- Rev. Lawrence Hoye 2/21- Rev. Barnabas Diekemper, O.F.M. 2/22- Rev. John Neuhaus Rev. Simon Hoffman 2/23- Rev. Charles Floir Rev. George Hamilton 2/24- Rev. Louis Elbow 2/25- Rev. K.J. Withoff Rev. Roger Schoenhofen, O.M.I. Rev. George Morelock



**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 12, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 33 Regular Income	\$5,933.00		
95 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$62.45			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$363.55		
Online Giving	\$633.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,929.55</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$1,941.45)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$269,087.99</b>	<b>\$292,743.00</b>	<b>(\$23,655.01)</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	\$160.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$385.00
Special Projects	\$145.00
Mission & Ministry	\$70.00
1st Offering	\$30.00
Church in Central/Eastern Eur	\$20.00

### 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.

December tithe: \$5,828.00

### Scrip Progress

Week ended February 12, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$2,300
National	Not	/	\$6,055
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$8,305
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$388

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

**“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”**

**- Matthew 5:44**

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart, and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy”. When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

### 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/allvents>

## 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.

