

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

First Sunday of Lent ♦ February 26, 2023

The Journey of Discipleship

A Lenten Mission with Deacon Patrick O'Toole

Starts this Friday!  
Friday evenings this March

Fish Fry starts at 4 p.m.  
in the Cafeteria

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

Here at St. Elizabeth.  
Bring a friend.

## Journeying to the Easter Sacraments

### The Rites of Sending & Election, and the Journey of our Catechumen

From the early generations of the church, the period leading up to Easter, which we now know as the 40 days of Lent, was a time for the faithful to journey alongside the catechumens, those undergoing the final days of their journey to the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil.

The original idea of the penitential & liturgical season of Lent comes from this journeying together with the catechumens.

This year, God has blessed our parish with one catechumen, Katie Kukarola. Katie started attending Mass faithfully with her now-husband about a year before their wedding. She shares that being at Mass gives her a sense of peace and comfort, and she felt so welcomed and supported by people she didn't even know through their engagement and the start of their marriage. She has been with us learning more about our faith since the start of the Rescue



Project late last summer. Katie's sponsor for the Sacraments is Marilyn Baumann, who has been a friend and coworker of Katie's.

At the start of this final Lenten journey to the Easter Sacraments, the catechumen is first sent forth from our parish in a "Rite of Sending" and sent to a "Rite of Election" at our diocesan Cathedral. The Rite of Sending gives us as a parish the opportunity to acknowledge our Lord's call of our catechumen and to pray for her as she is sent to the Cathedral.

At the Rite of Election (this Sunday at 2:30), Bishop Paprocki will acknowledge and ratify our Lord's call of Katie.

In this context, "election" comes from the word's Latin roots, meaning *being chosen*. After the Rite of Election, the catechumen becomes the *Elect* - someone chosen for the Easter Sacraments. We will continue to journey with Katie

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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 27**

**Monday of the First Week of Lent**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 28**

**Tuesday of the First Week of Lent**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Joe & Kathy Kleinschmidt

**Wednesday, March 1**

**Wednesday of the First Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Szczepanik Family+ by Ed Szczepanik

**Thursday, March 2**

**Thursday of the First Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Phyllis Syzdek+ by Andy & Joann Yurko

**Friday, March 3**

**Friday of the First Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

**Saturday, March 4**

**Saturday of the First Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Tim & Marylou Lyerla

**Saturday-Sunday, March 4-5**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Francis Schwarzkoff+ by John Barth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Darlene Waller+ by Sam+ & Barb Shambro

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

### March is dedicated to Saint Joseph

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:**

**For victims of abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**This Sunday: First 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.

**Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent**

**Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9**

The readings this Sunday give us the full arc from God's promise to draw us to Himself in a family (the Church, our family of faith), to the call to holiness that marks our way of life, all the way to the vision of what we might look like in our glorified bodies in heaven. From God's promise to the vision of fulfillment... the journey!

### 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, there are no altar flowers since we are in the holy season of Lent. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers beginning again in the Easter season. 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.

# LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Charities in our diocese has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need. Throughout its long 97-year history, Catholic Charities has remained open as staff and volunteers serve on the front lines to bring relief and advocate for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day.

Because of your continued prayers and generosity, thousands of people every year receive help with basic needs such as food, clothing, medicine, rent, utilities and dental care as well as professional services in social work, counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. They are treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

Catholic Charities is able to continue these services through the ongoing generosity of people like you - donors, staff, volunteers, board members, and organizations coming together to support the mission.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities to ensure God's love and mercy is extended to all of his children.

During the weekend of March 4-5, 2023, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will again be held in our deaneries.

This year, I challenge you to continue to support Catholic Charities as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

**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.



**"Journeying Towards the Easter Sacraments", continued from page 1:**

through the Scrutinies at Masses on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent as we approach Easter together.

This is not a journey to be taken lightly! Cardinal Jean Daniélou wrote of the conflict between catechumens and Satan, their enemy: *"The catechumen's forty days of Lent are a time of trial, a time of serious conflict, while Satan and his angels strive to keep possession of [her] soul. This is no figure of speech, but must be understood in literal reality: for a pagan is not merely ignorant of the Christian revelation, [she] is subject to the active domination of the powers of darkness, and needs to be wrested out of captivity. ...Even after Christ's victory, the human nature of those who are not his remains imprisoned: he crushed the serpent's head, but its coils are writhing yet to ensnare the peoples of the earth. Satan, seeing his prey about to escape, redoubles his efforts against the catechumen; but during the forty days, Christ's hold is strengthened too. ...but the devil keeps up his pressure all the while until the very moment of the Easter Vigil and the very edge of the font.*

*Then, and only then, the impossible thing comes to pass; the sea is divided. As the waters were opened for the Israelites, and the gates of death were opened for the Lord Jesus, even so, the catechumen goes down into the water of baptism, makes [her] crossing, leaves behind [her] Pharaoh and his host, the devil and his angels, and comes out on the other side. [She] is saved. Saved, that is, quite literally, like a shipwrecked survivor brought to land.*

Let us continue to pray & fast for our catechumen ("Elect" after this Sunday, God-willing) as we approach Easter through Lent together.

## 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.



**Fifth Day:** Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM MY CHURCH,\* and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion.

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

**This Week on FORMED®**



**Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed**

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

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

**Mercy Minute**

"At the beginning of Lent, I asked my confessor for some mortification for this time of fast. I was told not to cut down on my food but, while eating, to meditate on how the Lord Jesus, on the Cross, accepted vinegar and gall. This would be my mortification. I did not know that this would be so beneficial to my soul. The benefit is that I am meditating constantly on His sorrowful Passion and so, while I am eating, I am not preoccupied with what I am eating, but am reflecting on my Lord's death." (Diary, 618).



**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!



**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:

- 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 (Dcn. Michael)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!**

We're starting to pull together our team for Vacation Bible School this summer. It's going to be totally STELLAR this year! We can use all kinds of help, working with the kids AND behind the scenes. If you're interested in joining the team this summer, email Deacon Michael at mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS**

Thanks for a GREAT first gathering. You asked, we delivered. A new case of Dr. Pepper is now in the Upper Room. Catapulting rubber chickens? We're ready for that too. And we'll have more pizza.



Teens, please join us AFTER 10:30 Mass this coming Sunday, March 5, and then on April 2 & May 7. Any questions, please reach out to Bret in the parish office.

Sign up for updates: Text "YDS-TEENS" to 84576

**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

### 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 volunteer 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, 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.

### WANT TO HELP AT MASS?

We're looking for more ushers & greeters at all 3 Masses, as well as for more lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Saturday 4:30 Mass. We're also looking for some of our most friendly and welcoming parishioners to help with a new greeting effort that we're hoping to launch soon. If you're interested in helping with any of these needs, please call or email Bret in the parish office. Thank you!

### LADIES SODALITY

Ladies of the Parish and School, our next meeting will be this Tuesday, February 28th after the 6 p.m. Mass. Dollars for Dollies; come out and take a look at the beautiful dollies that were donated to LS and purchase some. Also, remember to bring \$5 dues for 2023. This Sunday the 26th the 7:30 p.m. Vespers and Adoration is ours to cover. Please come out and spend an hour with our Lord, you will receive more than the time you give. Thank you, hope to see you at both gatherings.



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

We still have some time slots available for prayer partners at the abortion facility in downtown Granite City. Our parish's adopted day is Monday, March 20, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer outside the facility that day. For more information or to sign up for a time, call Bret in the parish office.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Knights 3rd degree has a meeting Tuesday Feb 28th at 7:30p.m All Catholic men 18 or over are invited. Come out and see what we are about. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight



### Parish & School Events

#### 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

#### Monday, February 27

#### Tuesday, February 28

6 p.m. - Ladies Sodality (Harmony Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus (Columbus Home)

#### Wednesday, March 1

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

#### Thursday, March 2

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, March 3

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry (Cafeteria)  
6 p.m. - Stations of the Cross & Lenten Mission Talk (Church)

#### Saturday, March 4

PTO Auction Fundraiser (St. Mary's Hall)

#### Sunday, March 5

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room)  
9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - YDS Teens (PLC Upper Room)  
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!



*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  
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# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



## Seeking Royals Alumni

We're building a list of St. Elizabeth School Alumni. If you're a graduate of or attended St. Elizabeth School, please fill out our online form here: [stelizabethgc.org/alumni](http://stelizabethgc.org/alumni)

If you know any alumni, please share this with them too. Thank you!

## Two Royals are Finalists for Out of this World SLSO Art Awards!

We have not one, but two students who were selected as finalists (out of 500 entries!) in the 33rd annual Picture the Music program sponsored by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Congratulations Lilly M. and Kinleigh A.!

This year, 85 K-6 schools from across the St. Louis metro area were invited to submit up to 7 pieces of art per school inspired by Gustav Holst's "Jupiter" movement from his orchestral work The Planets. Artwork was then evaluated by a panel of expert judges. The finalists will be recognized at an awards ceremony at Powell Hall in March, and the artwork will move to the St. Louis Science Center where it will be on display from April 13th-26th. Be sure to check them out in person!

Did you know?? Several familiar hymn tunes are set to the melody of Jupiter, including "O God Beyond All Praising."

**s|s|o**  
33rd Annual Picture the Music Finalists

**"Ode to the Planets"**  
by Lilly M.

**"Oh No"**  
by Kinleigh A.



### PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 2/26- Rev. Timothy M. Moloney 2/28- Rev. Thomas Cusack Rev. P.J. O'Reilly Rev E.J. Cahill Rev. Thomas E. Cusack 3/2- Rev. John A. Mark Rev. J.P. Kerr 3/3- Rev. Michael Pendergast Rev. William Neu Rev. John O'Connell



### 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

JOIN US FOR THE MARQUETTE CATHOLIC BLUE & WHITE



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/)

# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship February 19, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 33 Regular Income	\$6,290.00		
95 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$62.45			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$398.00		
Online Giving	\$1,408.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,096.00</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$775.00)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$277,184.99</b>	<b>\$301,614.00</b>	<b>(\$24,429.01)</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	\$30.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$1,010.00
Special Projects	\$10.00
Memorial Donations - Church	\$100.00
BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00
Church in Central/Eastern Eur	\$25.00

### 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.

January tithes: \$4,177.00

### Scrip Progress

Week ended February 19, 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!

**“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” - Matthew 4:10**

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

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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](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.

