

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ February 5, 2023

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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 6**

**Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 7**

**Tuesday, 5th Week in Ordinary Time**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mary Carich+ by Norma Lesko

**Wednesday, February 8**

**Saint Jerome Emiliani;**

**Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

William Simmons+ by Vicki Jacobs

**Thursday, February 9**

**Thursday, 5th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Friday, February 10**

**Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen DeRuntz+ by Andy & JoAnn Yurko

**Saturday, February 11**

**Saturday, 5th Week in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, February 11-12**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☉

Theresa Straubinger+

by the Straubinger Family

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+ 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.

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: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16*

Today we are called to be "light and salt" neither for ourselves nor for others, but "to glorify your heavenly Father." (Mt 5:16). As we hear the readings this weekend, remember that it is always about God and for God, not about ourselves. How do I maintain a focus on God and His Holy Will?

**Next 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 penetrate our hearts, we will know the decisions that we must make and on which we must follow through and act as disciples.

### 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 **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 all grandparents as they help raise the next generation in faith**. 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

Contact the parish office to add yours to the list.

## Be with Jesus

### Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

### Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm

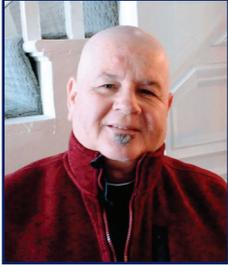


### An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

# Welcome Deacon Patrick

**Thanks be to God! Our parish is now blessed with two Deacons assisting our Pastor in the pastoral and sacramental ministry of the parish.**



Father Alfred and the Pastoral Team are pleased to share the recent appointment by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki of Deacon Patrick J. O'Toole to serve here at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church! Deacon O'Toole's appointment takes immediate effect so be sure to give he and his family a warm St. Elizabeth welcome when you see him!

Deacon Patrick O'Toole was ordained to the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in June 2009. He and his wife, Daniele recently moved to the Granite City area with 9 of their 14 children (Rachel 20, Nathan 19, Joseph 17, Rebecca 5, Anna 13, Sara 11, Lea 10, Benjamin 8 and Alexandra 5).

Here is a little bit of the backstory that has led them to be a part of St. Elizabeth Parish:

Daniele and I believe that our primary calling in this life is found in raising the 14 souls God has entrusted to our care. It is the primary motivation for so many of the counter-cultural decisions we have made over the years when it comes to how we live. It is our firm belief that to raise our children in the practice of the faith, we must "practice the faith," and we have discerned that our "practice of the faith" was being led beyond our diocesan church in Springfield, Illinois.

With that in mind, we gave away most all our earthly possessions, and in January of 2020 moved our nine youngest children into a tour bus and set out for wherever God might send us on our journey of discipleship. Over the past three years we have lived in Kissimmee, Florida ~ Milton, Pennsylvania ~ Bremerton, Washington ~ Canton, New York ~ Fayetteville, North Carolina ~ Remington, Indiana ~ Molokai, Hawaii and now Granite City, Illinois.

Daniele provides our primary source of income as she works 3 to 6 month contracts in the emergency room of a local hospital; she is currently working at South City Hospital in St. Louis. I fulfill my diaconal ministry by serving a local pastor in the area where we park our bus; currently Granite City, Illinois.

It's hard to look at what we are doing without feeling like if we aren't crazy, we are surely well outside normal behavior. But our life experience, and the last 3 years, has taught us that when it comes to following the will of God, we often find ourselves acting in opposition to conventional wisdom. We have discovered that when we trust the Lord, he has time and time again shown he is trustworthy. While our decision hasn't been without pitfalls and difficulties, God has blessed us in ways we never imagined. Hearing God's call to take our family on mission has been a truly rewarding experience. We are grateful for the people we have met and the places we've been blessed to see as we live God's will for our family.



## Have You Heard?

### 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](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

## Preparing to pray the Divine Mercy Novena

*From Good Friday through Divine Mercy Sunday, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day of the Novena (nine days). In order to 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.*



### First Day:

Today bring to Me ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me.

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

**This Week on FORMED®**



**Bernadette**

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.

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.

**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. Bring a friend! Upcoming topics include:

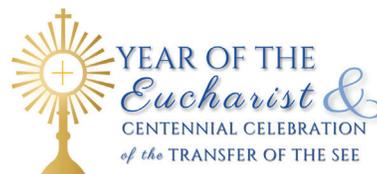
- Feb. 9: Church, the People of God (Cheryl Mangi)
- Feb. 16: Living Lent (Cheryl Mangi)
- Feb. 23: Election / Saying "Yes" (Deacon Neil)
- Mar. 2: The Creed (Deacon Michael)
- Mar. 9: The Lord's Prayer (Cheryl Mangi)
- Mar. 16: Christian Moral Living (Deacon Michael)

**NET MEALS & HOUSING HELP**

If you would be willing to help host 2 or more missionaries in your home on the evenings of March 9th & 10th, and provide breakfast for them there, please contact Deacon Michael. Thanks!

**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!



**JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOLERS**

**LET'S GO!**

It's time to get rolling again! Junior high and high school students, please join us!

We'll meet AFTER 10:30 Mass: THIS Sunday February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

Those are also youth/school Masses at 10:30 Mass, so hopefully a lot of families are with us at that Mass as well. If you have any questions, please reach out to Bret in the parish office or Deacon Michael.

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# MEN'S PRAYER Breakfast



**GUEST SPEAKERS!**



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

**TOPIC: "SPIRITUAL FATHERS"**

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

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

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

**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

## 150 CLUB WINNERS

The winners for the January 150 Club drawing are #124 Fred & Donna Schmid. #118 Joe & Dana Failoni are the February winners. Our dinner is Saturday, March 11 and tickets will go out soon.

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for this Sunday, February 5 is cancelled. See you again next week.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## KC CORNER

Most of you have noticed the banners in front of the church in inside the gathering space on our "Be a Knight" membership drive. I have met with both priests of the parishes and know we have there 100% support to build our membership. I have a question for the knights who have, well, sort of, being a Knight that has, not purposely, drifted away from us and for men who have not become members yet. When is the last time you have had a sincere, holy, experience praying with fellow Catholic men? These prayers together are the best part of our meetings. Please consider on coming back or joining us. Yours in Christ, Grand Knight Tom Cholevik



## Parish & School Events

### Sunday, February 5

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

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

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (PLC)

After 10:30 Mass to 1:00 p.m. - Junior High & High School Youth (PLC Upper Room)

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

### Monday, February 6

#### Tuesday, February 7

7:30 p.m. - Men's Club Mtg. (Cafeteria)

#### Wednesday, February 8

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

#### Thursday, February 9

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

7 p.m. - RCIA (PLC Library)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

#### Friday, February 10

#### Saturday, February 11

#### Sunday, February 12

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!

**under the BIG TOP**

**PTO AUCTION**  
MARCH 4, 2023

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

Your ticket includes

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

Scan here!

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# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

## OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Alex J and Ava L were selected as the Granite City Optimist January Students of the Month. Ava and Alex are members of Mrs. Brooke James's fourth grade class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.



Alex is ten years old and is the son of Eric and Jennifer. His favorite subject is math, especially when the assignment focuses on multiples and factors. He says it is fun to figure out the correct answers, and when he is successful, it gives him a feeling of accomplishment. As far as his other interests, Alex keeps busy as a member of the swim team, plays volleyball for the St. Elizabeth Royals, enjoys drawing and plays the saxophone. He is also a Webelos scout in Cub Scout Pack 103. With the start of the New Year, Alex has made a resolution to focus on spending more time outside by riding his bike at least three times a week. In the future Alex would like to be a high school math teacher and sell craft items that he has made and food items that he has grown at a street market.

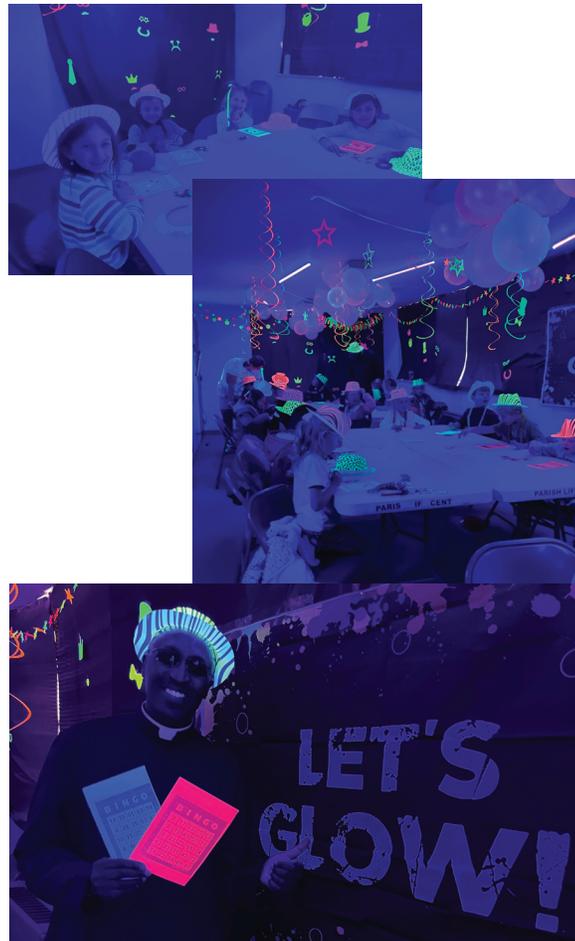
Nine and a half-year-old Ava is the daughter of Nicholas and Meghan. Science is Ava's favorite class. So far, her favorite science topic has been natural disasters and how to stay alive if you encounter them. She says that tsunamis are the worst of the natural disasters and the hardest to survive. Ava enjoys practicing her keyboard, going to gymnastic and ballet classes, and attending Mass on Sunday. She has received a diary, and her New Year's resolution is to write down her feelings in this diary every day. She will also spend more time practicing her drawing in the coming year. In fifteen years, Ava sees herself working as a marine biologist and living on a farm in England in a peaceful farmhouse away from tourists.

The Granite City Optimist Organization is an international society dedicated to helping the youth of the world. For more information about the Granite City Optimists, contact Paul Hellrich at 618 407-3011. The Optimists are always looking for new members who would like to aid in their mission to help the youth of the community. Come join us!

## THE 4th GRADE WAX MUSEUM STARS!



## GLOW BINGO!



## 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: 2/5- Rev. George Radosevich, Rev. Divikar Talluri 2/10- Rev. Steven Thompson 2/11- Rev. John Sohm, Rev. Rodney Schwartz 2/13- Rev. Robert Porter 2/15- Rev. Sunder Ery 2/17- Msgr. Jeffrey Goeckner 2/18- Rev. Joseph Simburger 2/19- Rev. Larry Brunette 2/25- Rev. Kenneth Steffen

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 2/5- Rev. Thomas Mangan, Rev. Richard Trutter, O.P, Rev. Patrick Cahill, C.S.V. 2/6- Rev. Thomas Connolly, Rev. Gerald L. Bunse 2/7- Rev. Chas. H. Krekenberg, Rev. James R. Collins, Rev. John Schoeberle, O.M.I. 2/8- Rev. John Storp, Rev. John Brockmeier 2/9- Rev. Joseph Finnegan, Rev. Ernest A. Burtle, Rev. Leo J. McDonald 2/10- Rev. Frederick Lohmann



## 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 29, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 31 Regular Income	\$6,609.00		
115 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$57.47			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$593.00		
Online Giving	\$778.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,980.00</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$891.00)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$252,197.09</b>	<b>\$275,001.00</b>	<b>(\$22,803.91)</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	\$200.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$245.00
Special Projects	\$20.00
Mission & Ministry	\$20.00
1st Offering	\$100.00
BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00
Funeral Stipend	\$100.00
Catholic Times	\$170.00
Votive Offering	\$60.00
Church in Latin America	\$95.00
Church in Central/Eastern Eur	\$21.00
Other Not Specified	\$21.00

### 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 January 29, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$1,075
National	Not	/	\$4,520
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$5,595
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$279

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.

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

**“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16**

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

### 2022 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2022 Annual Contribution statements will be available in the Gathering Space this weekend, February 4/5. Please pick up your statement before or after Masses this weekend. Only out-of-town donor statements will be mailed, or by direct request. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

### 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/allevants>

## 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.

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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.

