

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fourth Sunday of Lent ♦ March 19, 2023

## Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 19 is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the key feasts of the Church year celebrating Saint Joseph. This year, because March 19 falls on a Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent takes precedence and the Solemnity of Saint Joseph is moved to Monday the 20th.

Today we set our sights on one of the greatest models for men: St. Joseph, the adoptive father of Jesus. St. Joseph provides us an example of unhesitating obedience, courage, dedication to work, chastity, and an abiding closeness to Jesus and Mary. He was willing to sacrifice everything for Jesus, even when didn't understand or had to quickly abandon his home and occupation to flee to safety. Joseph taught Jesus to work with him in Nazareth and provided him a stable home. Today we rejoice in the great gifts of grace and holiness bestowed on him by God and ask for his prayers.



*St. Joseph, pray for us. Renowned offspring of David, pray for us. Light of Patriarchs, pray for us. Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us. Guardian of the Redeemer pray for us. Chaste guardian of the Virgin, pray for us. Foster father of the Son of God, pray for us. Diligent protector of Christ, pray for us. Servant of Christ, pray for us. Minister of salvation, pray for us. Head of the Holy Family, pray for us. Joseph most just, pray for us. Joseph most chaste, pray for us. Joseph most prudent, pray for us. Joseph most strong, pray for us. Joseph most obedient, pray for us. Joseph most faithful, pray for us. Mirror of patience, pray for us. Lover of poverty, pray for us. Model of artisans, pray for us. Glory of home life, pray for us. Guardian of virgins, pray for us. Pillar of families, pray for us. Support in difficulties, pray for us. Solace of the wretched, pray for us. Hope of the sick, pray for us. Patron of refugees, pray for us. Patron of the afflicted, pray for us. Patron of the poor, pray for us. Patron of the dying, pray for us. Terror of demons, pray for us. Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.*

## Calling All Men Next Saturday

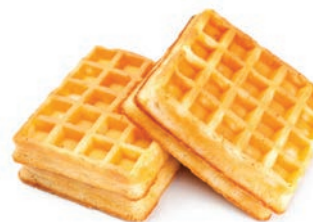
The men of Exodus in Granite City are inviting all men to join us for a Men's Holy Hour of Adoration here at St. Elizabeth from 8-9 a.m. next Saturday, March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, followed by a waffle breakfast (a traditional food associated with the Annunciation).

ALL men, join us to pray for our families, spouses (& future spouses), children, community, parishes, Knights, mens' clubs, and more - and then have some waffles & fraternity from 9-10 a.m.

Help us plan enough waffle batter & toppings by signing up here: [stelizabethgc.org/men](http://stelizabethgc.org/men)

If you have a waffle iron, please bring it.

Tell men and spread the word - let's come together in prayer & fellowship.



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Athletic Director: Matt Schwendemann  
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

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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, March 20**

**Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 21**

**Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by Larry & Cheri Mangi

**Wednesday, March 22**

**Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Carich+ by Norma Lesko

**Thursday, March 23**

**Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+

**Friday, March 24**

**Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Chris Spanberger by Norma Lesko

**Saturday, March 25**

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, March 25-26**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Barbara Byrd+ by Janice Willaredt

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Jim Moske+ by Gary & Jeannie Wilbur

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: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41**

God sends Samuel to anoint the new king of Israel. Samuel surprises everyone by calling for and anointing David, the youngest of Jesse's sons. The Lord's Spirit rushed upon David. Saint Paul tells the Ephesians to live as children of light and expose darkness. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man on the sabbath, breaking the sabbath rules.

**Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45**

In the first reading, Ezekiel prophesies that God will raise his people from their graves. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul promises that those who live in the Spirit will receive life through the Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead, and many people come to believe in him.

### 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 **George Friedel+ by the Friedel Family**. To offer the 14-day candle in honor of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

There are no flowers in the sanctuary through Lent. To honor a loved one with the altar flowers after the Lenten 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.

# The Solemnity of the Annunciation

*Adapted from an article that originally appeared April 7, 2013, at the National Catholic Register.*

On March 25, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, celebrating the appearance of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce of the birth of Christ. What's going on and why is this day important? Here are eight things you need to know.

**1. What does the word “Annunciation” mean?** It's derived from the same root as the word “announce.” Gabriel is announcing the birth of Christ in advance. “Annunciation” is simply an old-fashioned way of saying “announcement.”

**2. When is the Annunciation normally celebrated and why does it sometimes move?** Normally the Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated March 25. This date is used because it is nine months before Christmas (Dec. 25), and it is assumed that Jesus spent the normal nine months in the womb. However, March 25 sometimes falls during Holy Week, and the days of Holy Week have a higher liturgical rank than this solemnity. Still, the Annunciation is an important solemnity, and so it doesn't just vanish from the calendar. Instead, “Whenever this Solemnity occurs during Holy Week, it is transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter.” (Roman Missal) It is thus celebrated on the first available day after Holy Week and the Octave of Easter (which ends on the Second Sunday of Easter).

**3. How does this story parallel the birth of John the Baptist?** John the Baptist's birth was also announced in advance. In both stories there are multiple parallels: The Angel Gabriel makes the announcement. He announces to a single individual: Zechariah in John the Baptist's case and Mary in Jesus' case. He announces the miraculous birth of an individual who has a prominent place in God's plan. He is met with a question in both cases (Zechariah asks how he can know this will happen; Mary asks how it will happen) A miraculous sign is offered as evidence (Zechariah is struck dumb; Mary is told of Elizabeth's miraculous pregnancy, which is in its sixth month).

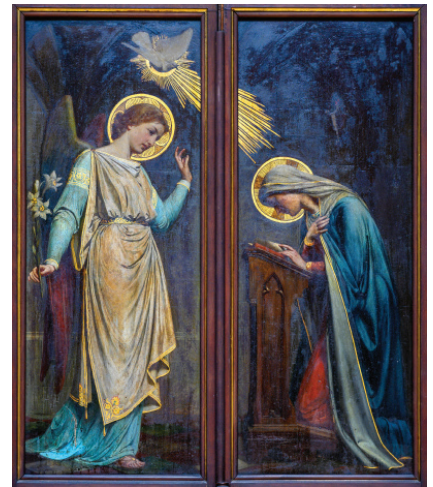
**4. How is Mary's reaction different than Zechariah's?** At first glance, Mary's reaction to Gabriel could appear like Zechariah's unbelieving reaction, but it is fundamentally different. Like Zechariah, she asks a question, but it is a question of a different sort: Zechariah asked how he could know what the angel says would be true. His attitude was one of skepticism. Mary does not ask for proof. Instead, she asks how the angel's words will be fulfilled. He accepts what he says and wants to understand specifically how it will take place. Her attitude is thus one of faith seeking understanding, not a lack of faith.

**5. What does Mary's reaction say about her perpetual virginity?** Mary's question is translated in the RSV:CE as “How shall this be, since I have no husband?” This is not a good translation, because she does, in fact, have a husband: Joseph. Luke has already told us that she is betrothed to Joseph, which means that they were legally married (thus Joseph would have had to divorce her, not just “break the engagement” as one might today; cf. Matthew 1:19). What the text literally says in Greek is “since I do not know man.” This relies on the common biblical euphemism of “knowing” for marital relations. Mary's question indicates that she understands the facts of life, and it is surprising since she is legally married and awaiting the time that she and Joseph would begin to cohabit. If she were planning on an ordinary marriage then the most natural interpretation of the angel's statement would be that, after she and Joseph begin to cohabit, they will together conceive a child, who the angel is now telling her about. The fact that she asks the question indicates that this is not her understanding, and it has often been taken as a sign that she was not planning on an ordinary marriage. Early Christian writings from the second century onward, beginning with the Protoevangelium of James, indicate that Mary was a consecrated virgin who was entrusted to the care of Joseph.

**6. How does Gabriel respond to Mary's question?** Gabriel informs her: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” Here Gabriel indicates the involvement of all three Persons of the Trinity: Through the action of the Holy Spirit, the Father causes the Son to be conceived in human form. There will be no human father, making clear the fact that the child will be the Son of God. As a further illustration of God's power, he points to the fact that Elizabeth, though old and apparently barren, has miraculously conceived a son and is in her sixth month of pregnancy. “For with God nothing will be impossible.”

**7. Is Elizabeth Mary's “Cousin?”** This question sometimes comes up in discussions of Mary's perpetual virginity, because it is sometimes thought that the “brothers” of the Lord were his cousins and that they are described as brothers because Aramaic has no word for “cousin.” Yet the New American Bible described Elizabeth as Mary's cousin. Who Jesus “brothers” were has been understood in different ways. The earliest sources that comment on the question (including the second-century Protoevangelium of James) say that they were step-brothers through Joseph. They also, hypothetically, could have been adopted (adoption was very common in the ancient world since people often died early). So they need not have been cousins. While it's true that Aramaic does not have a word for cousin, Greek does (anepsios), but that is not the word used here. Despite the well-known mistranslation in the NAB (later corrected in the NAB:RE), Elizabeth is not described as Mary's “cousin.” The Greek word in this passage (sungenis) indicates a female relative — a kinswoman — not a cousin in particular.

**8. Why is Mary's “Fiat” (Latin, “Let it be”) important?** Mary's acceptance of this role is momentous and will entail suffering. It is momentous because she will be the mother of the Son of God himself. It will entail suffering in ways that she cannot yet foresee (e.g., witnessing the Crucifixion), but some she could foresee. In particular, she will be regarded as having been unfaithful to Joseph, and that would involve not only public shame but, as Matthew records, endangered her relationship with Joseph and her future livelihood and social position. Yet she placed herself completely at the service of God's will.



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**Mercy Minute**

"During prayer I heard these words within me. The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy."

(Diary, 299).



**YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS**

Teens, join us AFTER 10:30 Mass on Sundays April 2 & May 7.

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



You asked, we're delivering! Order your YDS Teens t-shirt by March 27 at: [stelizabethgc.org/yds-shirt](http://stelizabethgc.org/yds-shirt)

**SECONDHAND SOFAS?**

As our Teens have started to gather more frequently and purposefully, one idea has been to have a more comfortable space in their "Upper Room" to kick back and have their faith discussions. If you have a used sofa or reading chair you're looking to replace (ideally not oversized, and not destined for the dump), we'd love to be considered as a potential recipient. We just want to ensure it would be a mutual fit - wouldn't be too large or cumbersome in our space. We might even be able to rally a moving crew for the right options. If you have a piece of furniture we should consider, and that you'd consider donating, please call Bret in the Parish Office. Thanks!

**YOU ARE INVITED**

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. Upcoming topics include:

- Mar. 23: Dignity of Life / Ethic of Life
- Mar. 30: The Meaning of Holy Week

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Totus Tuus in Granite City, June 25-30  
STELLAR Vacation Bible School July 24-28

**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 prepare, we are sharing the intentions of each day of the Novena in these weeks leading up to Good Friday.

**Ninth Day:** Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM,\* and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy.

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls, who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

\* To understand who are the souls designated for this day, and who in the Diary are called 'lukewarm,' but are also compared to ice and to corpses, we would do well to take note of the definition that the Savior Himself gave to them when speaking to St. Faustina about them on one occasion: There are souls who thwart My efforts (1682). Souls without love or devotion, souls full of egoism and selfishness, proud and arrogant souls full of deceit and hypocrisy, lukewarm souls who have just enough warmth to keep themselves alive: My Heart cannot bear this. All the graces that I pour out upon them flow off them as off the face of a rock. I cannot stand them because they are neither good nor bad (1702).



## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY



Spring is that special time of year when the talented bakers of our parish amaze us with their yummy bakery items. We always look forward to seeing what special family recipes our "Egg-ceptional" bakers will be sharing with us. Our Palm Sunday Bake Sale will be located in the Harmony Room on Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2.

As you might know, we have a special new project in the works at our Parish this year. We would love to help our children and teachers to reach their goal for new school windows. All proceeds from our bake sale will be donated to our school to assist with the expenses for the much-needed new windows.

Please remember your creations & generosity are the key ingredients to our Bake Sale Success.

God bless, Marilyn 797-6545 / Carol - 876-7620 / Bootsie-931-0418

### 150 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our March winners, #68 Donald & Kathy Byrd.

We want to thank everyone who attended the banquet. It was an evening full of fellowship and fun. Congratulations to our Banquet Winners: \$1,000 #76 Barbara Skalsky, \$500 #14 Charlie & Joyce Alexander, \$500 #108 Bret & Tracy Ware, \$250 #16 Tanya Gardner, \$250 #88 Jack & Janet Manzo, \$250 #116 Pat & Ruthie McBride \$250 #15 Elizabeth Nussbaumer

Just a reminder if you have not paid your dues please do so by April 1. Thank you so much for your continued support.

### STROKE SCAN PLUS

Stroke Scan Plus will host a stroke and vital organ ultrasound screening for the our community next Saturday March 25. Early morning and afternoon appointments are available. Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol? Do you have a family history of heart disease, stroke, or diabetes? If any of these are true, please do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a serious disease.

These screenings are typically NOT performed at annual check-ups, nor will insurance companies pay for them unless you are symptomatic. These 7 screenings cost thousands in our hospitals. Stroke Scan will be offering them to our commu-

nity for \$159 for all 7 combined. Insurance is NOT necessary nor are there any deductibles to meet to receive this discount. However, pre-registration IS necessary, and appointments are limited. Please call 866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today.

### MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES DINNER

Madison County Catholic Charities 22nd Annual 'Help on the Move' fundraiser dinner: Saturday, April 29, 6-11 p.m. at Bluff City Grill, Alton. Dinner, activities, and music featuring Flip the Frog. Dinner tickets \$50 each; Raffle tickets \$25 or buy 2 get 1 free. Visit [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org).

### LENTEN NIGHT OF REFLECTION

Reflect on the wondrous love of Christ in our Lenten Night of Reflection. Featuring the Father McGivney Concert Choir with Thomas Halbrook as organist, this concert will help prepare your heart for the holiest week of the year by tracing Jesus' steps to Calvary through music and readings from Scripture. *What Wondrous Love* will be held on Tuesday, April 4th (Tuesday of Holy Week) at 7 p.m. at the Old Cathedral of St. Louis (209 Walnut St.) This event is open to the public and admission is free.

## OUTREACH

Our charitable outreach team has assembled packs with socks, water, granola bars, toothbrush/toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and bathing wipes. They will be in the gathering space if you'd like to take one



to keep in your car to give to any homeless you encounter. Look for more info soon on a partnership with Holy Family on a medical equipment lending service. Interested in helping us build bags? Donate to Charitable Outreach in Give Central or drop off bag ingredients at the parish office. Sign up for updates through Flocknote at: [stegranite-city.flocknote.com/BrokennessMinist](http://stegranite-city.flocknote.com/BrokennessMinist)

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 19

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room)  
9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)  
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

### Monday, March 20

7 a.m. - 7 p.m. - 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil (Abortion Facility)

### Tuesday, March 21

Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Elizabeth Church

### Wednesday, March 22

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach Committee (Harmony Room)  
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, March 23

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

### Friday, March 24

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

### Saturday, March 25

8-9 a.m. - Men's Holy Hour, followed by 9-10 a.m. - Men's Waffle Breakfast  
Stroke Scan Event (PLC)  
9 a.m. - Rosary Prayer at Abortion Business

### Sunday, March 26

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)  
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
6 p.m. - Picnic Chairs Meeting (Cafeteria)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Why is our Knights of Columbus council different from other groups in the community? There are 3 words that all of us brother Knights embrace: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. As Grand Knight, I have seen this council come together many, many times work above and beyond to achieve these 3 goals. I urge members that have ceased in being active to come back and for men, young and old, to take a look at what a group of common every day men can accomplish when they work together. I have never been prouder to be a member of this council Call me at 618-789-0337 for further info. Yours in Christ Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight



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## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

### NET Retreat Fun & Formation

Our 7th & 8th graders from St. Elizabeth & Holy Family enjoyed a NET Retreat last Friday here at St. Elizabeth. Thank you to those who hosted the NET Team, those who give to the 'Mission & Ministry' fund to help fund Faith Formation activities like this, and the Men's Club for covering Friday's lunch and fish fry dinner for the NET Team.



### 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](https://stelizabethgc.org/alumni)

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

### FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRIFFINS SEEKING HEAD BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Father McGivney Catholic School is seeking candidates for the following positions for the Fall Season of the 2023-2024 school year:

**Coaching Positions: Head Boys Basketball Coach.** Please send a cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to Jeff Oller at [joller@mcgivneygriffins.com](mailto:joller@mcgivneygriffins.com) by April 1. Details about the job can be found on our website: <https://mcgivneygriffins.com/employment-opportunities/>



### PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 3/17- Rev. William F. Klasner 3/18- Rev. Albert Busch Rev. Alfred Zwiesler, O.F.M. 3/19- Rev. Lawrence Ryan Rev. John A. Bleser Msgr. Daniel W. Moriarty 3/20- Rev. Roderick Heimerling Rev. Joseph Mauer Msgr. Irvin R. Will 3/23- Rev. Gerard Leve Rev. William Quatman Rev. Albert E. Ettlbrick Rev. Michael O'Shaughnessy Rev. Joseph A. McDonald 3/24- Rev. Albert Ulrich Rev. Joseph Masqualet Msgr. John Bertmans

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### SHADOW DAYS FOR 7th GRADERS

7th Grade Shadow Days are scheduled on Wednesdays and Thursdays in March and April. Your student is paired with a McGivney Freshman for the day, attending classes, house, lunch, and PE. A Shadow Day allows your 7th grader to see what it would be like to be a student at McGivney. If your student isn't quite ready to shadow yet, Shadow Days are also offered in the Fall to 8th grade students. Visit [mcgivneygriffins.com/admissions](http://mcgivneygriffins.com/admissions) or email Lisa Rolves at [lrolves@mcgivneygriffins.com](mailto:lrolves@mcgivneygriffins.com).

A Lenten Mission with  
Deacon Patrick O'Toole

The Journey of  
Discipleship

Friday evenings this March  
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.



### 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 March 12, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 37 Regular Income	\$4,590.00		
91 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$50.44			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$357.77		
Online Giving	\$718.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,661.77</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$3,209.23)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$302,263.26</b>	<b>\$328,277.00</b>	<b>(\$25,963.74)</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:

Special Projects/Windows	\$3,490.00
Tuition Assistance	\$370.00
Building Maintenance	\$180.00
Easter Flowers	\$868.00
Catholic Charities	\$115.00
Church in Central/Eastern Eur	\$5.00
Mission & Ministry	\$45.00
Memorial Altar Flowers	\$150.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
Votive Offering	\$171.00
Other Not Specified	\$75.00

### 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 tithe: \$4,177.00

### Scrip Week ended March 12, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$2,725
National	Not	/	\$8,725
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$11,450
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$552

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

**“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” - 1 Samuel 16:7**

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

### 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/all events>



<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>anticipated project cost</b>
- 324,000	already set aside by the school
- 100,000	committed by the BINGO Committee
- 50,000	committed by parish organizations
- 50,000	committed in add'l school fundraising
<b>\$176,000</b>	<b>to be raised</b>

Please help as you're able with our most important property facilities project at the moment. Anything helps - all money and all prayers - above and beyond your ongoing church donations.

**Given last week: \$3,490.00**  
**Given to-date: \$6,245.50**  
**Remaining need: \$169,754.50**

## 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.

