

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Third Sunday of Lent ♦ March 12, 2023

## The Woman at the Well

The First Scrutiny of the Elect is celebrated this Sunday, the Third Sunday of Lent, and includes the proclamation of John 4:5-42, commonly known as “The Woman at the Well.”

En route from Judea to Galilee, Jesus had to pass through Samaria. In the heat of mid-day, worn from the journey, he sat down at a well, at the same time a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. The heat of the mid-day sun wasn't usually the time to draw water - it's possible she was avoiding other women from the town.

Despite the rules of the day prohibiting Jews from speaking to Samaritans, or unmarried men and women conversing in public, Jesus asked the woman for a drink.

The woman, we learn, has had five husbands and is now living with another man who isn't her husband. In the conversation, Jesus reveals that he knows her past. He also tells her that if she knew who He was, she would ask Him for living water, and He would give it to her - and that those who drink of His water never thirst again.

We know, of course, that Jesus's “living water” is a metaphor for divine grace. The well of God's grace desires to refresh the soul damaged by sin and suffering, and that Jesus came to save the sick and serve those who still need both physical and



spiritual healing.

Through the conversation, the woman ends up understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ - and she heads back to town to spread the word and bring her whole village to believe in Jesus.

We celebrate the Scrutinies for the Elect preparing to enter the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We remember that they, like the Samaritan woman, are on the verge of a deep and permanent conversion.

Like the Elect on the journey they have already undergone, the woman at the well begins without knowledge of who and what Jesus is. Slowly they gain a more

full understanding of His divine nature. To be able to see Jesus for who He is, to be able to accept the divine grace He is giving, you must be firm in your conviction to turn away from sin - a grace for the Elect for which we pray in the Scrutinies.

*“The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.” - Creighton University Online Ministries*


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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, March 13**

**Monday of the Third Week of Lent**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 14**

**Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by Larry & Cheri Mangi

**Wednesday, March 15**

**Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Irene Maney+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Thursday, March 16**

**Thursday of the Third Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Emma Jakich+ by the Lengyel Family

**Friday, March 17**

**Friday of the Third Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Nancy Gray

**Saturday, March 18**

**Saturday of the Third Week of Lent**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Jim Moske+ by Nick & Trina Tsigolaroff

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Bill Loftus+ by Premo & Kay Clay

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

### 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: 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!

**Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent**

**Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42**

We celebrate the first of the three Scrutinies with the Elect. The theme of the readings is thirst and water - and in the Gospel, Jesus encounters the woman at the well and teaches that whoever drinks the water He gives will never thirst again. Like the woman we pray, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty again."

### 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 **Norman & Mary Danheiser+, by Norma Lesko**. 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

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.



# LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

Thank you to all who helped, took part, and gave! A fun time was had by all at the "Under the Big Top" School Gala last weekend.




A Lenten Mission with  
Deacon Patrick O'Toole

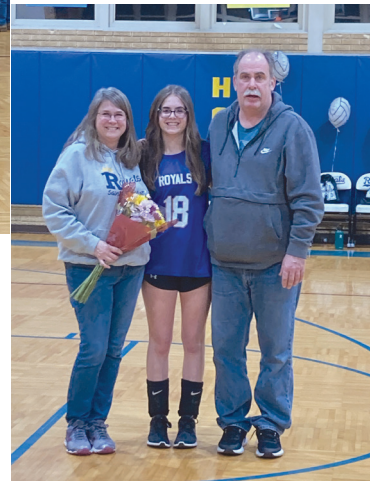
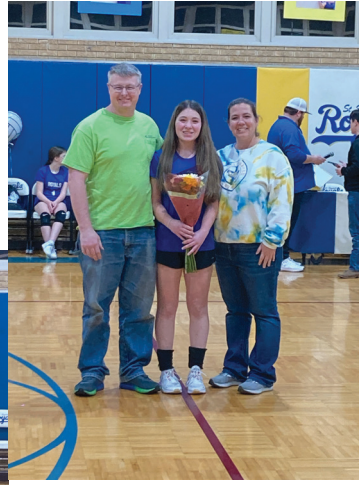
## The Journey of Discipleship

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.



Girls' Volleyball 8th Grade Night:





## This Week on FORMED®



### The Story of Death Eternal Rest | Episode 1a

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead..

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

"Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary, 49).



## 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

### 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. 16: Christian Moral Living
- Mar. 23: Dignity of Life / Ethic of Life
- Mar. 30: The Meaning of Holy Week

### NET MINISTRIES RETURNS

NET Ministries returned this week for a retreat with the 7th & 8th graders from St. Elizabeth & Holy Family on Friday and time with our teens on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who helped host, provide meals, and make this happen. And thank you to the Men's Club for helping fund the cheese pizza lunch for the students and NET Team, and providing Fish Fry for the NET Team on Friday.

### 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.



**Eighth Day:** Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice.

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

## 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: [stgranitecity.flocknote.com/BrokennessMinist](http://stgranitecity.flocknote.com/BrokennessMinist)

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### SCRIP CARD SALE

We sell scrip gift cards at the parish office as a fundraiser for the parish and school. 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, Old Navy/Gap, JC Penney, and Bed Bath & Beyond. Come by or call the office for more info and to see what we have.

### WANT TO HELP AT MASS?

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

### DEVOTIONAL CANDLE CHANGES

Within about 2 weeks, you will begin to notice a new, shorter candle being used in the devotional areas on campus (Sacred Heart, Our Lady and Divine Mercy). As with many things, costs are increasing. The decision was made to keep the suggested offering at \$3 per candle, but to move to a shorter candle. This will be a candle that will burn for 3 days instead of the current 5 days.

### STROKE SCAN PLUS

Stroke Scan Plus will host a stroke and vital organ ultrasound screening for the St. Elizabeth community on Saturday March 25. Early morning and afternoon appointments will be available to accommodate most schedules. 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 community 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. You will also have this opportunity after Mass in the gathering space March 11 and 12, 2023

### PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

We knead you - - don't be shy!  
Whip up some cakes, cookies, bread, or pie!  
Big or small, it's all a treat...  
To make, to give, to sell, to eat!  
Let's combine our skills into a team ...  
Together, we can create a dream!  
This is the end of our little tale ...  
Wishing success for our  
Palm Sunday Bake Sale!

Our Bake Sale will be in the  
Harmony Room on  
Saturday, 1 April 2023 -  
Sunday, 2 April 2023  
Ladies, it's time to bake our world  
a better place.

Together we can make edible incredible!  
- Marilyn, Carol & Bootsie

### 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).

### 40 DAYS JERICHO PRAYER WALK

Join 40 Days for Life in Granite City on Sunday March 19th at 3:00 p.m. for a Jericho prayer walk around the Hope Abortion Clinic at 1602 21st St., Granite City, IL. Procession will march and pray around the facility 7 times as inspired by the story of Joshua and the Israelites marching around the city of Jericho 7 times and God brings the city walls down into the hands of the Israelites. There are options for walkers and non Walkers, so please feel free to bring your Lawn Chairs. For More Information go to [40daysgc.com](http://40daysgc.com) or call 636-206-6220. Thank you for helping spread the word to save Babies and Help Mothers and Fathers who find themselves in a difficult situation.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Fellow Catholics, I was asked the other day, "what do the Knights stand for?" Well, we are a unique, "band of brothers" with shared values and the support to live out our Catholic faith more fully and the ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone. We stand for the right to life, to support those in need, for the Catholic church, to aid victims of disasters, natural or manmade and many more great causes. Catholic men, would you be willing to step up and help us with some of these I have mentioned? Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight

All are invited to a free presentation on how the Knights of Columbus are helping men to become better fathers, husbands and Catholics. Sunday, April 2, 12 Noon at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 132 Butcher St, Bethalto. Wives and family members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.



**Knights of Columbus**

### Parish & School Events

#### Sunday, March 12

*Spring your clocks forward 1 hour!*  
9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)  
1 p.m. - Secular Franciscans (PLC)  
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

#### Monday, March 13

#### Tuesday, March 14

#### Wednesday, March 15

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

#### Thursday, March 16

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

#### Friday, March 17

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

#### Saturday, March 18

9 a.m. - Rosary Prayer at Abortion Business  
5:30 p.m. - 150 Club Banquet (Columbus Home)

#### 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)  
6 p.m. - Picnic Chairperson Meeting (Cafeteria)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction



## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

### Thank you Father McGivney!



As part of the Father McGivney Catholic High School inaugural **Luck of the Griffin Mega Raffle**, ticket buyers had the option to donate a portion of each ticket purchased to support local charities and our feeder schools. FMCHS gave back \$7,670 to charities and schools in our local communities!

We were excited to receive a check this week to St. Elizabeth School for \$390 from that give-back to our community. **THANK YOU, Father McGivney!** We're excited to add this to our unified effort across our parish and school to fund our "View to the Future" window project for our 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!

## 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/)

### 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).

JOIN US FOR THE  
 MARQUETTE CATHOLIC  
 BLUE & WHITE

*Gala*

DINNER & AUCTION

MARCH 25, 2023

at Marquette Catholic High School

5:30 pm Silent Auction • 6 - 8 pm Dinner • 8:30 pm Live Auction

Ticket Price

\$50/ person includes dinner & 2 drink tickets

\$25/ online bid number only

rsvp by March 10th

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



### PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:  
 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: 3/9- Rev. Martin Reidy Rev. Michael J. O'Mullane 3/10- Rev. Peter Curran Rev. A.B. Rinkes Rev. Raymar Bobber, O.F.M. 3/11- Rev. Herman Lurimann Rev. David Boroney Msgr. Lawrence J. Mattingly 3/12- Rev. Thomas Carroll Msgr. William Croke 3/15- Rev. Charles Raphael Rev. John Regal 3/16- Rev. Joseph T. Murray



### 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 5, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 36 Regular Income	\$11,077.00		
130 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$85.20			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$488.00		
Online Giving	\$910.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,475.50</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>\$3,604.00</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$296,601.49</b>	<b>\$319,356.00</b>	<b>(\$22,754.51)</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	\$2,755.00
Tuition Assistance	\$587.00
Building Maintenance	\$923.50
Catholic Times	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	\$340.00
Catholic Charities	\$924.00
Church in Central/Eastern Eur	\$95.00
Mission & Ministry	\$151.00
Other Not Specified	\$140.00

### 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 Week ended March 5, 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!

### "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." - John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

### 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>



<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: \$2,755.50**  
**Given to-date: \$2,755.50**  
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## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** If you have been away from the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a while, feel free to contact the parish office for guidance & materials to help you prepare to return to the Sacraments. In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you could also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

**Infant & Child Baptism:** For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism and sign up for a Baptism Preparation class at least a month before your desired date of Baptism. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Michael. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30 Mass most Sundays or at 7 p.m. some Wednesdays.

**Matrimony:** To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact Father Alfred or Deacon Michael at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

**Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults:** Contact Deacon Michael via the Parish Office.

## PASTORAL CARE

**Entering the Church:** If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

**Communion to the Homebound:** If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

**Declarations of Nullity:** In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.') Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Laura Black are available as Advocates before our diocesan tribunal for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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## My Parish Prayer

Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.

It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is - am filled with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God,

I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be.

Bless my journey Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

