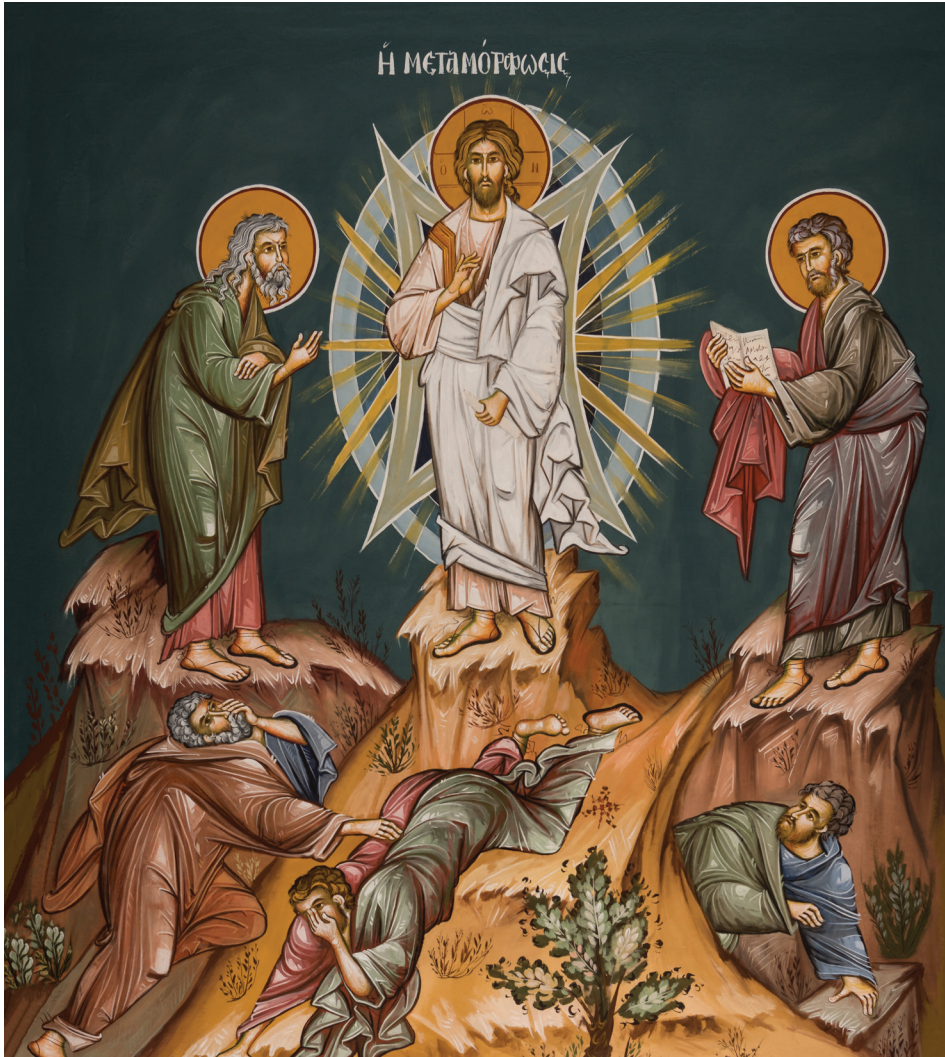


# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Second Sunday of Lent ♦ March 5, 2023



**“This is my beloved Son.”**

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to Spring Forward next Sunday. Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday night.



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.


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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 6**

**Monday of the Second Week of Lent**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Teddy McIlroy+ by Sandy Bisto

**Wednesday, March 8**

**Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Judy & Jane Modrusic+ by Joyce Mangi-Tite

**Thursday, March 9**

**Thursday of the Second Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Nick Kokotovich+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Friday, March 10**

**Friday of the Second Week of Lent**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Albert & Cheryl Pelate

**Saturday, March 11**

**Saturday of the Second Week of Lent**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, March 11-12**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass:

Bill Loftus+ by Norma Lesko

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Tim, Frank & Lois Batterson+ by John Barth

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

## 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.



# PARISH PICNIC UPDATE

Dear School Families & Parishioners:

Sending out this communication to be as transparent with our efforts for the picnic as we can.

To officially report on last year, we were able to generate around \$80,000. This is good but it could have been better. After evaluating our efforts, there were some opportunities (lessons learned) that we are trying to put into place for this year's planning to help us realize more profits.

We also had to deal with some rain (as usual) on Friday. However, Sunday was dry but temps were over 100 during the day and made for a miserable experience. These two weather factors had an impact to the overall ending dollar amount as well.

Now, for 2023. We are making some changes to the overall schedule of operation. The primary goal is to have more resources to tear down the picnic. For years, we have been doing this tear down on Monday morning and we consistently watch as the number of available people to help with this needed effort continues to decline year after year. As the "regulars" continue to age, the strain and stress on these same individuals has become too much. That is why we will be closing EARLY on Sunday. We will close at 6:00. HOWEVER, we will still staff all of the booths until our normal close time of 10:30. With making sure each of the booths are staffed, this will allow us to organize teams to work on tearing down various parts of the campus....with the goal to have just about everything done and loaded in the barn that night! We will still have the carnival and we will have bands on Friday and Saturday night. We will still have the cabbage rolls and a chicken dinner.

There are some booths/areas that are in need of a new chair. If you are interested, please call/text me at 618-954-8323 with your interests. Anyone that decides to fill these roles, I will help facilitate any knowledge transfer to help you with your efforts.

Changes for this year:

Need a new chair for:

- Washers/Bag tournaments
- Saturday/Sunday dining room (Jessica Costello is looking for support or for a new chair....)
- Fish - needing a co-chair
- Mexican Booth
- Cake Booth

Staying the same:

- School families will be required to work 12 hours at the picnic. Each chairperson will be tracking and submitting hours to Loretta Joyce for accurate accounting.
- We still need parishioners to be able to donate their time as well. The picnic is a parish function, not a school function. We cannot be successful without all of you!
- Always looking for donated items for various booths at the picnic (I Dood It, Dime Pitch, Kid's Games, and Silent Auction). There are various areas to drop these items off or contact the chairperson for them to pick up. If you can donate Cardinal Tickets/memorabilia or hockey tickets/memorabilia, vacation packages at your time share, Golf outings, art work.....we will accept your generosity.
- Handicapped parking will be in the preschool parking lot and grass around the lot, behind the PLC, and behind the school on the asphalt. You must have a handicapped plate or sticker on your vehicle for parking.
- There will be NO parking in front of the property on Johnson Road. Police will have signs posted.
- Ride operator Clint Payne's Fun Time Show and Amusements will be returning. However, they will be adjusting their schedule to align with our new times as well (close at 11:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and close at 6:00 on Sunday.) We will still have wristbands.
- Pigs in a Blanket on Saturday from 4 - 7
- Chicken Dinner on Sunday from 11:30 - 5:00 (ALL YOU CAN EAT!)

Booth Shift times will follow the same guidelines as previous years.

Fri-3-6PM, 6-9PM, and 9-11:30 PM.

Sat - 12-3PM, 3-6PM, 6-9PM, 9-11:30 PM.

Sun 11:30-2:30PM, 2:30-5:30PM, 5:30-8:30PM, 8:30-10:30PM.

The Silent Auction will again be on line - accessible to a wider audience. See Dennis Wilsmeier for additional details.

**MUSIC!! MUSIC!! MUSIC!! MUSIC!! MUSIC!! MUSIC!! MUSIC!!**

We have some GREAT bands this year and we need to SPREAD THE WORD!!!!

Friday night - American Originals; Saturday night - Blue Marlin; Sunday night - No Band - closing at 6:00

We will have a DJ playing music during the day.

We will also be doing more advertising this year with more signs placed throughout Granite along with bulletins for area churches, and sponsorship and social media communications. If you can help with signage (either taking one for your property OR helping to place them all over town)

I sincerely hope you all will continue your dedication and commitment to this event. If you have been away for a while, we hope you come back and check us out. Any way that you can participate is greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Steve Hay and Mary Hay Stevehay1@charter.net 618-954-8323

**This Week on FORMED®**



**The Story of Saint Perpetua**

Watch this inspiring animated movie about the life of Saint Perpetua. Born from a noble Roman family, she converts to Christianity despite a new decree prohibiting new conversions in the Roman Empire. Ultimately, she gives her life for Christ.

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.

**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. 9: The Lord's Prayer
- Mar. 16: Christian Moral Living
- Mar. 23: Dignity of Life / Ethic of Life
- Mar. 30: The Meaning of Holy Week

**NET MINISTRIES RETURNS**

The NET Ministries returns this week for a retreat with the 7th & 8th graders from St. Elizabeth & Holy Family this Friday. Thank you to everyone who is helping host, provide meals, and make the day happen for our 7th & 8th grade Young Disciples.

**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.



**Seventh Day:** Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY,\* and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death. Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God: Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

**Mercy Minute**

"At the beginning of Lent, I also asked to have the subject of my particular examen changed, and I was told to do everything with the pure intention of reparation for poor sinners. This keeps me in continual union with God, and this intention perfects my actions, because everything I do is done for immortal souls. All hardships and fatigue are as nothing when I think that they reconcile souls with God. (Diary 619).



**YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS**

Teens, join us AFTER 10:30 Mass this Sunday, March 5, and then on April 2 & May 7.

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

**FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

## MEN'S PRAYER



**GUEST SPEAKERS!**





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

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**TOPIC: "SPIRITUAL FATHERS"**

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

## 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, Macy's, JC Penney, Denny's and Bed Bath & Beyond. Come by or call the office for more information and to see exactly what we have.

## WANT TO HELP AT MASS?

We're looking for more ushers & greeters at all 3 Masses, 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



Jesus, Resurrection, & Peeps!  
by Vicki Guade

Please join us for dinner and a show, Saturday, April 29, sponsored by Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City. The event will be at Engelbert Hall at St. Mary's in Madison. Tickets are only \$35 per person, including a spaghetti dinner at 1 p.m. followed by an Easter-themed interactive comedy play. Learn and laugh about Easter traditions, why Easter is never on the same day, the history of no-meat Fridays, why we either love or hate Peeps, Easter movies and much more! It's a crazy afternoon of Easter trivia, audience interaction, and a wacky contest all built about the concept of sin! For information and tickets call Bertha at 618-877-7158.

## 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. To purchase tickets, visit [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We had an awesome meeting last Tuesday with many large donations to be disbursed in the future. It is most likely that we will not be able to continue these in the future without a little help from members who have drifted away or to get some new members to carry just a small load of the things that need to continue. Please consider coming to a meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month or call me at 618-789-0337. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight



## CRS RICE BOWL: SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



## Parish & School Events

### Sunday, March 5

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room)  
9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Young Disciples Teens (PLC Upper Room)  
6:00 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

### Monday, March 6

### Tuesday, March 7

7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Men's Club Meeting (Cafeteria)

### Wednesday, March 8

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, March 9

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

### Friday, March 10

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

### Saturday, March 11

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

### Sunday, March 12

Spring your clocks forward 1 hour!

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



## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

### Optimist Students of the Month



Alice M and Colby N were selected as the Granite City Optimist February Students of the Month. Colby and Alice are members of Mrs. Cheryl Wegner's fifth 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.

Colby is ten years old and is the son of Erik and Lauren. His favorite subject is music, where he likes learning new songs and playing the recorder. He has earned 11 belts on his recorder, which is quite an accomplishment! When the school day is over, you will find Colby playing on his iPad and drawing. Colby plays golf and is a member of the St. Elizabeth Royals Basketball Team. If Colby could have a superpower, he would pick telekinesis. He says that it would be so convenient to use this power to get the things he needs without getting up from his chair. As far as future careers, Colby has not decided on one yet. He is keeping his options open.

Ten-year-old Alice M is the daughter of Adam and Stephanie. Spelling is Ava's favorite class, and she finds that it is the easiest of her classes. Her free time is spent drawing. Right now, she is drawing dragons and has completed four. She also plays on her tablet and goes roller skating. Alice enjoys sports and is a member of the St. Elizabeth Royal Volleyball team. In third grade, Alice's teacher awarded her a certificate for being the politest student in the class. Alice also chose telekinesis as the superpower she would like to have. She said she would use it to protect herself from things that might come flying her way. In college, Alice would like to take art classes, so she could become an artist.

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!



### 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!



### 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: 3/5- Rev. Peter Peters Rev. Henry Ader 3/6- Rev. Benedict P. Killacky 3/7- Rev. John Crowe Rev. J.W. Repis Rev. Peter Klumbys Rev. William John Stanley 3/8- Rev. Alphonsus J. Harte Rev. Eugene Middendorf, O.F.M. 3/9- Rev. Martin Reidy Rev. Michael J. O'Mullane

## 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).

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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 MILITARY

Please reach out to the parish office and let us know of any active military persons for whom you would like the parish to pray. Thank you!

*Almighty and Eternal God, protect the members of our Armed Services as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Nolan Yehling- USAF, Whiteman AFB; Justin Niles- USAF, South Korea; Brandon Weidner- US Coast Guard, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; Kody Presswood- Staff Sergeant, US Space Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado

# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship February 26, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 35 Regular Income	\$5,619.00		
129 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$43.56			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$454.50		
Online Giving	\$868.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,941.50</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>(\$1,929.50)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$284,126.49</b>	<b>\$310,485.00</b>	<b>(\$26,358.51)</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:

Tuition Assistance	\$70.00
Christmas Offering	\$20.00
First Offering	\$10.00
Catholic Times	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$11.00
Catholic Charities	\$11.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1.00
Church in Central/Eastern Eur	\$778.00
Votive Offering	\$143.62
Other Not Specified	\$31.00

### 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.

January tithe: \$4,177.00

### Scrip Progress

Week ended February 26, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$425	/	\$2,725
National	\$2,720	/	\$8,725
Total Sales	\$3,145	/	\$11,450
Annual Gross Profit to-date	\$552		

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible.

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

### ***“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” - Genesis 12:1***

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.

### **2022 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Remaining 2022 Annual Contribution statements are still available at the Parish Office. Please drop by and pick up your statement or call the office if you would like your statement mailed.

### **GIVE ONLINE**

Are you tired of writing a check or remembering to have your envelope when you head to Mass? Concerned about how to support the parish when you are out of town? There are online options to maintain your stewardship, returning to God a portion of his blessings. Consider online giving through GIVE CENTRAL. For more information, visit. <https://www.givecentral.org/location/412/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.

**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.

