

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ♦ April 2, 2023



Holy Week & The Triduum: The Holiest Days of the Church Year

At the heart of our Christian faith is the fact that God sent his Son, born as a man Jesus Christ, to undergo his passion and death and to rise from the dead, to atone for our sins and to open for us the gates of eternal life. That is what we celebrate every Sunday, but most especially this week of the Church year.

The summit of the whole Church year is the Easter Triduum, from the evening Mass of Holy Thursday through Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday. In three days, it is liturgically one event unfolding Christ's Paschal Mystery.

Lent ends and the Triduum begins at the start of the Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer II (Vespers) on Easter Sunday night.

Mass begins as usual on Holy Thursday with an Entrance Antiphon. But it doesn't end on Holy Thursday. Rather than a

blessing and dismissal, the liturgy continues with a Solemn Procession, taking the remaining Blessed Sacrament to a place of repose. We are invited to come for quiet prayer and adoration until Midnight, recalling and entering into Jesus' prayer in his Agony in the Garden.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion is the only day during the Church year on which there is liturgy but no Mass. The Triduum continues with a solemn entrance in silence, in which ordained ministers fall prostrate upon the floor at the hour our Lord died on the cross. The proclamation of the Passion from the Gospel of John, veneration of the cross, and reception of the Eucharist remaining from Holy Thursday are part of this portion of the Triduum.

The Triduum continues with the Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter. We bless the Paschal Candle for the year, proclaim

Scriptures recalling all of salvation history, proclaim Jesus's Resurrection, and welcome new Catholics with the Sacraments of Initiation.

The Triduum continues for one more day, through the remaining Masses of Easter Sunday morning in which we continue the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, and through Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Easter Sunday.

The Easter season continues for fifty days until Pentecost. These are days of heightened ongoing celebration of the single most important things that have happened in human history.

It's tempting to end this column with the "A word" that we've avoided all Lent but will get to sing again at the Easter Vigil, but it's not time yet. In the meantime, praise to Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory!


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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, April 3

Monday of Holy Week

No Mass

Tuesday, April 4

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Jim Moske+ by Premo & Kay Clay

Wednesday, April 5

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday, Evening Mass

6:00 p.m. Mass:

John Konarcik+ by Janice Willaredt ☪

Friday, April 6

Food Friday of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m. Liturgy: ☪

(No Mass / no Mass intention)

Saturday, April 8

The Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass: ☪

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Norma Lesko by Rene Weidner

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Lonnie DeRuntz+ by Bob & Betty Stegemeier

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

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April:

For a culture of peace and non-violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

This Sunday: Palm Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

In the introductory reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus enters Jerusalem. The prophet Isaiah speaks as the suffering servant who has trusted in the Lord while submitting to persecution. In the second reading, Paul speaks of Jesus' total self-gift and God's subsequent exaltation of Jesus. In the Gospel, we hear of Judas' betrayal, the Passover supper Jesus shared with his disciples and, finally, Jesus' death on the cross.

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Peter summarizes the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and his commissioning of the Apostles. The second reading urges the Colossians to concentrate on heavenly, not earthly, things. In the Gospel, the women find the empty tomb and tell the disciples. Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb and find the burial cloths.

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 **Dorothy Byrd**. 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.

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES



Holy Week & the Triduum at St. Elizabeth

April 1-2: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

After all Masses: Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday

THE HOLY TRIDUUM

The holiest "Day" of the Year: 1 liturgy over 3 days

Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m.*

Silent Adoration until Midnight; Night Prayer at 11:45 p.m.

After Mass, for Adoration or Night Prayer, enter the doors at the end of the hall nearest the Harmony Room.

Friday, April 7: Good Friday

Reminder: See "Good Friday Fast" below

Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.*

Followed by the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Foods at 10 a.m., Church vestibule

Stop by with baskets of Easter foods: Ham, breads, eggs, butter, for a brief blessing of the first foods of the Easter season.

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter at 8:30 p.m.*

Divine Mercy Novena Day 2 at 3 p.m., Church

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8 a.m.* & 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday

Divine Mercy Chaplet each day at 3 p.m., in the Church.

Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Church)
Sunday Vespers concludes the Holy Triduum

* Streamed on our Facebook Page & YouTube Channel

Good Friday Fast Reminder

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat. Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt. The USCCB stresses that "common sense should prevail" and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

Lent ends at the beginning of the Triduum (Evening Mass on Holy Thursday), but Lenten fasting and personal commitments usually continue until Easter. Papal document *Paschalis Solemnitatis* recommends this in order that we "with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection."



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

We look forward to the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, through which the Lord draws us more fully into the mystery of His death and resurrection.

I am writing to ask your financial support for two collections to be taken in all our parishes during these coming days - the Holy Land Collection and the Seminarian Collection, to be taken up correspondingly during the Good Friday service, and then the Easter Vigil Liturgy and Easter Sunday Masses.

Each year, the Holy Father asks each Catholic parish around the world to take up a Good Friday Collection. The purpose of the collection is to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. The Collection supports the work of the Franciscans as they maintain the sacred shrines, minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. Supporting the Holy Land collection offers hope in a region where political, religious, and military challenges are continual threats to the Christian community.

The Seminarian Collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have 16 seminarians. You can take a personal role in their formation with a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

With best wishes and prayers for a blessed Holy Week and Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

RESPECT LIFE

Candlelight Vigil for the estimated 192,000 babies killed by Abortions in Granite City: Sunday, April 2, 2023, 6-7 p.m. at the abortion business in downtown Granite City. Join our candlelight prayer vigil for the estimated 192,000 babies lost to abortion at this clinic in its 48 years. This is the closing rally for our Spring Campaign for 40 days of prayer and fasting on the sidewalk at the facility. Don't miss the raffle for 40 Days for Life gear at the end of the service! info@40daysgc.com or 40daysgc.com.

The Belleville News-Democrat reports that **Memorial Hospital in Belleville/Shiloh plans to begin performing induced abortions as early as June**. Full details can be found at Memorial-BJC.com. The website outlines ideas for immediate action by the general public and by current patients/customers of the hospital to try to persuade the hospital from taking this step. Do not delay. Send an email as soon as possible expressing your position. Speak up for life.

This Week on
FORMED



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum cinematically walks through the locations of Holy Week, of the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, draw nearer to the story, landscape, and reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on any device.

Go to signup.FORMED.org and select our parish name.

Mercy Minute

"During Mass, my soul was steeped in the bitterness and suffering of Jesus. Jesus gave me to understand how much He had suffered in that triumphal procession.

"Hosanna" was reverberating in Jesus' heart as an echo of "Crucify." Jesus allowed me to feel this special way."

(Diary, 1028)



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SAVE THE DATE:

- Totus Tuus in Granite City, June 25-30
Youth during the days Monday-Friday
Teens in the evenings Sunday-Thursday
- STELLAR Vacation Bible School July 24-28

PICNIC UPDATES

We are still in need of a couple of chairmen for the picnic. We have some openings that it is very important that we have people step up and volunteer to be a chairman:

Mexican Booth – very popular booth that generated a great deal of revenue for the picnic. Previous chair will help with the knowledge transfer.

Dining Room – need someone to run the dining room for the 2 meals (Friday – cabbage rolls, Sunday – Chicken). This is a job in A/C!

Evening Trash pickup – looking for someone to manage a team to clean up the campus at night AND someone to operate the forklift and bobcat. The team is usually high school/college students and they are paid.

Fish Booth – need a co-chair. This is an extremely important booth to the picnic and having a co-chair is needed to be successful.

If anyone is interested or knows someone that would be perfect for this opportunity, please call me at 618-954-8323

We have a new chair for The Cake Stand – Chris Domagalski. She will also be working on providing some of the desserts that will be needed for the Cabbage Roll dinner on Friday and for the Chicken Dinner on Sunday. This is greatly appreciated and are grateful that Chris is back.

We also did get a new chair for the Washer/Corn Hole tournaments – held on Saturday and Sunday. Tori Goss will be heading this up. Glad to have this back again. So, dust off your game and enter. Always a great deal of fun!!

The Divine Mercy Novena

In 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Suddenly she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. At the same time she found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly:



Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (Diary, 475)

As she continued saying this inspired prayer, the angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment (see 474). The next day, as she was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice, instructing her how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet." This time, after "have mercy on us" were added the words "and on the whole world" (476).

Pope St. John Paul II established the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and continues until the Sunday after Easter.

For those making the nine-day novena, you may say it privately wherever you are, or attend the prayer with us daily at 3:00 p.m. in the church. The novena begins on Good Friday and ends at the closing on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The closing will be held at St. Elizabeth Church on Sunday, April 24, from 2-3:30 p.m. Confessions and Adoration will be available during the Holy Hour from 2-3. The blessing and veneration of the image will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction starting at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

"At three o'clock implore My mercy especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the Hour of Great Mercy for the whole world. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." – St. Faustina's Diary, 1320.

Pick up a pamphlet for the Divine Mercy Chaplet available in the gathering space and after every Mass on Palm Sunday weekend.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY



IT'S BAKE SALE TIME!

Please join us for our Palm Sunday Bake Sale this weekend in the Harmony Room. We will be offering an EGGS-TRAordinary assortment of delicious homemade goodies. You can purchase bakery items for your family that were created by our family. Please remember all proceeds will be donated to our school for the new windows. What a wonderful way for our parish to begin Holy Week. We look forward to seeing you.

God Bless,
Marilyn, Bootsie Carol

HELP WANTED NEXT SATURDAY

Next Saturday, April 8 at 8 a.m., our arts and environment team will be at the church to decorate for Easter. Please come lend them a hand. The more help we have, the less time it will take to make our church beautiful. Thank you for helping.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES

As we approach Easter, we plan to offer the Body and Blood of Christ under both species to the faithful at Mass on Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil. Additionally, if you are a person who routinely prefers to receive communion on the tongue, please approach Father or one of the Deacons down the center aisle only. The same will apply when the cup returns, they will be offered down the center aisle at Mass only. Thank you for understanding.

EASTER EGG HELP WANTED

Our Parish Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 11AM. Our planning team is in need of donations of plastic eggs and candy treats! Please drop any donations to us at the parish office. Thank you!

HOLY WEEK PARISH HOURS

Please note that the parish office will be closed beginning at Noon on Thursday, April 6 and will reopen on Monday, April 10 from 8 a.m. until Noon. The office will reopen for regular office hours (8 a.m.- 4 p.m.) on Tuesday, April 11.

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.

an evening of Lenten Music and Reflection
presented by
The FMCHS Concert Choir
Dani Boulanger, director Thomas Halbrook, organist

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.

Madison County Catholic Charities
22nd Annual
Help On The Move
\$10,000 Raffle Prize
Save T.H.E. DATE
Saturday, April 29, 2023
6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Bluff City Grill, Alton, IL
Dinner, Activities, &
Music featuring Flip The Frog

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday Bake Sale after all Masses

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Young Disciples
Teens (The Upper Room)

NO PSR (Palm Sunday & Easter break)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

Monday, April 3

School Easter Break (full week)

Tuesday, April 4

Election Day Polling Place

Wednesday, April 5

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, April 6

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

Friday, April 7

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry (Cafeteria)

Saturday, April 8

9 a.m. - Rosary Prayer (Abortion Business)

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

NO PSR (Palm Sunday & Easter break)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Scholarship applications are available in the lounge of Columbus Home or by calling me at 618-789-0337. We're having our exemplification ceremony later on in April. The date will be announced next week. We have several new members to go through this short ceremony and are asking those who have not considered becoming a Knight to please re-consider and it is not too late to take part in this beautiful introduction into the K of C. As brothers in Christ there are so many more things we can accomplish for all 3 parishes if we can continue to get more help. God bless you all and fellow Catholic men, look deep into your hearts to help us out. Grand Knight, Tom Cholevik



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Oh what fun (and learning) our 6th, 7th, and 8th grades had this week on their Field Trip to Springfield, to the Capitol and Lincoln historical sites. Thank you to all who helped make it happen!



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:
 4/2- Rev. Wayne Stock Rev. Robert Johnson 4/7- Rev. Kevin Mann SJC
 4/13- Rev. Thomas Donovan Rev. Rafal Pyrchla 4/14- Rev. Thomas
 Gallenbach 4/15- Rev. Louis Schlangen 4/16- Rev. Paul Having 4/18- Rev.
 Joseph Havrilka 4/21- Rev. Donald Wolford Rev. Steven Pohlman 4/23-
 Rev. Steven Arisman 4/24- Rev. James O'Shea 4/26- Rev. Philip Kraft

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 4/2- Rev. Girard Mirbach Rev. William Edwin Bloomfield Rev. Joseph E. Drackert 4/4- Rev. Charles Sandon Rev. Ronald Trojcak 4/5- Rev. John P. Diepenbrock Rev. John Driscoll Rev. Joseph O'Reilly 4/6- Rev. Herman Jungmann Rev. Patrick McElherene Rev. Timothy McKeogh Msgr. Michael Enright Rev. George E. Hobbs

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

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

FR. MCGIVNEY

SCHOOL CALENDAR

mccivneygriffins.com/school-calendar



ATHLETICS

NEWS & SCHEDULE

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 mccivneygriffins.com/admissions or email Lisa Rolves at lrolves@mccivneygriffins.com.

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@mccivneygriffins.com by April 1. Details about the job can be found on our website: <https://mccivneygriffins.com/employment-opportunities/>



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 26, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 39 Regular Income	\$4,302.00		
101 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$42.59			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$448.92		
Online Giving	\$883.00		
TOTAL	\$5,633.92	\$8,871.00	(\$3,237.08)
YTD TOTALS	\$316,061.18	\$345,969.00	(\$29,907.82)

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	\$1,638.00
Tuition Assistance	\$265.00
Building Maintenance	\$5.00
BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00
Easter Flowers	\$180.00
Easter Offering	\$1.00
Funeral Stipend	\$150.00
Catholic Charities	\$35.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$15.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$1.00
Seminarians	\$1.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$1.00
Votive Offering	\$43.00
Other Not Specified	\$76.00

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. February tithes: **\$3,280.00**

Scrip

Week ended March 26, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$3,825
National	Not	/	\$11,715
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$15,540
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$744

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

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” - Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

GIVE ONLINE

Consider online giving through GIVE CENTRAL. For more information, visit: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/412/allevnts>



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.

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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.

