

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday ♦ April 16, 2023

## Happy Easter! The 50-day Feast

What's the Catholic way to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection? Celebrating it for fifty days, of course! Why fifty days? That's simple: After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended to heaven, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.  $40+10=50$ .

In the first chapter of Acts we read that Jesus "presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."

In Acts chapter two, we find the followers of Jesus gathered for the Day of

Pentecost, which actually means "fifty."

The Mass readings on these Sundays of Easter explore the post-resurrection appearances of Christ, and also the promise of a future resurrection. The first reading at Mass during the Easter season is from the book of the Acts of the Apostles (the stories of the early church, the book of the Bible in the New Testament right after the Gospels), whereas during the rest of the year it is from the Old Testament.

Ascension Day falls on the fortieth day, which always falls on a Thursday. But since this is a weekday, most dioceses in

the United States observe the Ascension on the following Sunday, the 7th Sunday of Easter. On Ascension Sunday we hear the Gospel in which Jesus give us the Great Commission, to go forth and Baptize all the nations in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching all that He has taught us to observe.

How are you celebrating the fifty days at Easter at home? Are you still feasting virtuously? Are your Easter decorations still up? Don't miss the opportunity to continue the "Alleluia" of Easter for all of these 50 days. Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

### Farewell Deacon Patrick O'Toole & Family

We're sad to have to share that Deacon Patrick and his family have been called on the next step of their mission journey and are leaving our parish sooner than expected. They will be departing Granite City this coming weekend for a new assignment in Sarasota Springs, New York.

Deacon Patrick, we are grateful for your time and service among us, and especially that you were able to teach and inspire us during our Lenten Mission.

Thank you for your diaconate service, and for serving our parish family over the last few months. We pray for you and your family on your continued journey on mission!

### Concluding the Divine Mercy Novena

The closing of the Divine Mercy will be held this Sunday, April 16, 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.

Thank you very much to Kay Clay whose passion for this important devotion helps anchor and encourage our celebration of it each year.

Jesus, I trust in You.




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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 17**

**Monday of the 2nd Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Tuesday, April 18**

**Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mary Ellen Becherer+ by Nancy Santana

**Wednesday, April 19**

**Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Uzunoff+ by Keith & Susan Gehling

**Thursday, April 20**

**Thursday of the 2nd Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Arnold Willaredt+ by Janice Willaredt

**Friday, April 21**

**Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Johanna Bucavac+ by Norma Lesko

**Saturday, April 22**

**Saturday of the 2nd Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Sunday, April 22-23**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Sam Lucido+ by Michele Morgan

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Daryl Miller+ by Janice Willaredt

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.

### 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: Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31**

In Acts, we hear a description of the early Church as a community of deep faith, shared possessions, and continual growth. Saint Peter speaks of the power of faith that endures through adversity. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself twice to his disciples. Thomas would not believe without seeing Jesus.

**Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35**

In the first reading, Peter teaches that David foresaw Jesus' resurrection. In the second reading, Peter teaches that we are redeemed by Christ's blood, and that Christ was known before the foundation of the world. In the Gospel, Luke shares the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus who learn from the risen Christ the meaning of his death and resurrection.

### 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 **all newly initiated Catholics, particularly our own Katie Kukarola**. To offer the 14-day candle in honor of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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 Dederer

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

### IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

The First Friday Memorial is a special offering made by St. Elizabeth parishioners, which lists your intentions for deceased loved ones in our bulletin, and these listed names are then remembered monthly at Mass each First Friday through the year. The Memorial names are printed each week in our Sunday Bulletin. A yearly donation of \$60.00 is requested for these intentions to be listed. This donation allows the names to be printed constantly in our bulletin, in the exact same way other bulletin ads are funded, and all the funds go to offset the cost of printing our bulletin. This is not a donation for a Mass intention since the money does not, and by Canon Law cannot, go into the Mass stipend account, as taking any money for large, so-called "collective intentions" (where multiple names are listed for the Mass intention) is explicitly forbidden. Father is happy to remember these names collectively once a month at Mass with no stipend involved. Your donation is a publishing/printing fee, ultimately paid to our printer in Godfrey, Illinois.

You are encouraged to attend this weekday Mass. You may list your intentions as one individual name: *Mary Jones*, or you may list family groupings: *The Jones Family*. You may NOT submit a litany of individual names or multiple families, as space will not permit. If you wish to continue having your past intentions remembered at these Masses, you will be asked to renew your donation each year. Please fill out this form below and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible with the requested donation.

Feel free to call the Parish Office at 877-3300 during business hours which are 8:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday. We will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding those who are remembered each First Friday.

**Please clearly mark your envelope or the memo line on the check: First Friday Memorials and return by May 13, 2023.**

#### Application for First Friday Memorials

NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION (Phone/Email):

INTENTION:

### PARISH PICNIC NEWS

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 (Saturday – cabbage rolls, Sunday – Chicken). This is a job in AIR CONDITIONING!!!!
- 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 did get a new chair for The Cake Stand – Chris Domagalski. In addition to these duties, 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!!

In need of stuffed animals for prizes for various kids games. Please donate good condition toys if you can.

## RESPECT LIFE

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.

### FMCHS BABY SHOWER FOR LIFE

FMCHS's Griffins For Life invites you to a Baby Shower supporting A Beacon of Light and Relevant Options pregnancy centers from 1-3 pm on April 30th at FMCHS! Check out our Registry on Amazon (name: Griffins For Life FMCHS) for donations! Please RSVP by Sunday, April 21st by contacting Caroline Foppe at [caroline.foppe@mcgivneygriffins.com](mailto:caroline.foppe@mcgivneygriffins.com)!

### ABL SEEKING NURSE MANAGER

If you are looking for a rewarding opportunity at a pregnancy help center, and you are a licensed registered nurse in the state of Illinois, please consider applying for a Nurse Manager position at ABL. We are seeking a qualified candidate who shares our mission and would like to be a part of the great work we are doing in Maryville and the surrounding communities. Resumes can be emailed to [resume@pregnancyresource.org](mailto:resume@pregnancyresource.org).



**This Week on FORMED®**



**God's School of Trust | Divine Mercy | Episode 1**

The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.

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

Go to [signup.FORMED.org](http://signup.FORMED.org) and select our parish name.

**Mercy Minute**

"Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Feast of Mercy." (Diary, 699).



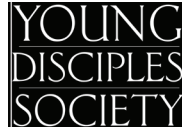
**YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS**

Teens, join us AFTER 10:30 Mass on May 7.

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

**YOUNG DISCIPLES: KEEP COLLECTING THOSE TOKENS!**

Don't forget to keep collecting your Young Disciples tokens when you're at Mass, assisting with a ministry, etc. We're scheduling a summer party, and each token will count as an entry ticket for awesome door prizes!



**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 31-August 4. **NOTE: This is an adjusted date from what we have previously been promoting!**



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Over the past year (Grades K-5) and the coming two years (Grades 6-8), St. Elizabeth School AND our Parish School of Religion (PSR) for students attending public schools or being homeschooled have been transitioning to a new religion curriculum, the *Word of Life* series from Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. You can learn more about the curriculum at [wordoflifeseries.org](http://wordoflifeseries.org).

One wonderful aspect of the *Word of Life* Series is an online portal with resources to help the person teaching the child (teacher or parent) learn more about the topic at a more advanced level to be more well-informed and able to teach the topic well. There are also special resources just for parents to learn more and to weave the topic and our faith in general into their home life as a family.

If you know of a child who hasn't been able to be in our parish school or in our Parish School of Religion (PSR), we would still love to help make the material available to you so that you can work through it together at home. This would be a great way of a parent or grandparent to help a child continue to learn about our faith, while also learning more as they accompany them! What a great idea for a summer vacation "project"!

For more information on getting access to *Word of Life* for a child in your family, please contact the Parish Office.



**Have You Heard?**

**WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!**

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

**YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL**

**June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023**

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, priests, & deacons to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through eucharistic congresses and events.

**YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL**

**June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024**

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

**July 17 – 21, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana**

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

**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!

**BBQ TIME!**

**LADIES SODALITY SPRINGTIME BAR-BE-QUE**

*Bellmore Village, Next to Dairy Queen*

**Friday, April 21st**  
**10:30 AM - 6 PM (or sold out)**

Pork Steak or Brat Plate w/ 2 sides - \$10  
Hot Dog Plate w/ 2 sides - \$6  
Sides are Baked Beans and Baked Potato Sandwich only-  
Pork Steak or Brat - \$7  
Hot Dog - \$2

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - WOMEN OF DISTINCTION**

Springfield of Illinois Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (S.D.C.C.W) Our Lady of Good Counsel Women of Distinction 2023 Celebration... Celebration Mass will be held in Springfield on June 24th followed by a luncheon and award presentation. Charlotte Charbonnier was our recipient last year.

This year we have received the following names to consider for this award. The woman with the most votes will represent all the women of our parish that do so much to keep Jesus's work and our church mission alive and thriving.

Please only vote one time. If you enter a vote through the church then you would not vote again at your monthly meeting. Please circle one of the following, tear out and place in the collection basket.

- Kay Clay
- Rose Krystopa
- Norma Lesko

Thank you for your time and consideration in helping choose our Women of Distinction award recipient for 2023.

**PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Ticket sales for the Parish Appreciation Dinner will be happening soon. Save the date, Saturday May 13th. More details to come!.

*Spring Fling Market*  
**2ND ANNUAL**  
HANDMADE GIFTS FROM LOCAL VENDORS,  
SWEET TREATS, FOOD AND DIRECT SALES

Sunday, May 7th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth School Gym  
Proceeds benefit Cub Scout Pack 103  
Free Admission

Support more than 50 local artisans by shopping with us for unique gifts, home decor, self-care, treats, and much more!

Stop by the Cub Scout table and enter to win one of Four \$25 shopping spree certificates that you can use at any vendor's table.

Or take a chance to win a beautiful wooden flag for only \$5 or 3/\$10.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 16**

*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
9 a.m. - Men at Prayer  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Blood Drive (Cafeteria)  
2-3 p.m. Holy Hour with Confessions & 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, concluding the Novena (Church)  
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

**Monday, April 17**

**Tuesday, April 18**

**Wednesday, April 19**

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

**Thursday, April 20**

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Church) (Benediction at 9 p.m.)  
9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

**Friday, April 21**

10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Ladies Sodality BBQ (Bellemore Village)

**Saturday, April 22**

9 a.m. - Rosary Prayer (Abortion Business)  
3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

**Sunday, April 23**

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (Parish Life Center)  
5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER**

Today, April 16 we will be having our exemption ceremony at Holy Family at noon. We have several new candidates to be brought into our council and we are inviting families and parishioners to attend the ceremony. It will last about 30 minutes. This is an excellent opportunity to observe these men initiating a new chapter in their lives. I ask for your prayers for these candidates and hope some of you will attend and observe this wonderful ceremony.  
- Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight





## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thank you to everyone who helped make our liturgy so beautiful through the Easter Triduum. To Dawn & Candy and their team who decorated the church so beautifully for each liturgy... To the choir... The Sacristans... and all those who helped in any way.

WELCOME to our newest baptized member of our church, Katie Kukarola. It was a beautiful night at this year's Easter Vigil to share with you and your family as you received the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion. May God continue the good work that has begun in you and bring it to fulfillment! And thank you to our whole RCIA team, including Cheryl Mangi & Deacon Michael, who journeyed with you this year in preparation.



**YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY**

## THANK YOU ALTAR SERVERS!

Thank you to all of our Young Disciples who serve as altar servers, but especially to those who assisted at the liturgies of the Easter Triduum. We are proud of you, and you did a fantastic job this year.

**Holy Thursday:** Charlie G., Max G., Caroline C., Sam S., Rachel W., Alice M., Joshua W., and Nathan W.

**Good Friday:** Ben O., Sam S., Andrew H., and James J.

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (shown to the right):** Ben W., Joshua W. (MC extraordinary), Ben O., Charlie G., Isabel S., Andrew H., Nathan W., and Ava L.

**Easter Sunday:** Luke W., Giovanni L., Kaylee K., Abby K., Lily K., Chelsea P., Caroline C., Annie P., Sam S., and Miles B. (MC)

## 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).

## 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/)



### NOW HIRING

FMCHS is seeking qualified candidates for these positions for the 2023-24 school year:

- Full-time Theology
- Full-time Chemistry
- Full-time Math (Geometry & Statistics).

Applications will be accepted until May 15 or until a qualified candidate is found. More details can be found at:

<https://mcgivneygriffins.com/employment-opportunities-1>

## ST. ELIZABETH 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.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:  
4/14- Rev. Thomas Gallenbach 4/15- Rev. Louis Schlagen 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: 4/13- Rev. Andrew Smith Rev. Michael Costello 4/14- Rev. Francis Kelly Rev. John Freeman 4/15- Rev. Leopold Moczgamba Rev. John Moroney 4/16- Rev. John Mohr 4/17- Rev. Joseph DeChene Most Rev. Joseph A. McNicholas 4/18- Rev. Bernard Wubbe 4/19- Rev. Joseph Spaeth Rev. William McGuire Rev. Arthur Thies Rev. Frank O'Hara 4/21- Rev. G. Meillinger Rev. Joseph William Fitzpatrick Rev. Roy Bauer



## 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 April 9, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 41 Regular Income	\$9,031.00		
147 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$61.44			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$583.50		
Online Giving	\$1,898.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,512.50</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>\$2,641.50</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$339,929.68</b>	<b>\$363,711.00</b>	<b>(\$23,731.32)</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	\$843.00
Tuition Assistance	\$90.00
Building Maintenance	\$90.00
Mission & Ministry	\$30.00
Holy Thursday/Wellfare Fund	\$389.76
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$598.00
Seminarians	\$1,034.00
Catholic Charities	\$3.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$35.00
Votive Offering	\$169.02
Other Not Specified	\$10.00

### 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 April 9, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$1,175	/	\$5,000
National	\$9,415	/	\$21,130
Total Sales	\$10,590	/	\$26,130
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$1,383

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

### “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” - John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

## 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. 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 the parish office to set up initial appointments and preparation 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 the parish office.

## PASTORAL CARE

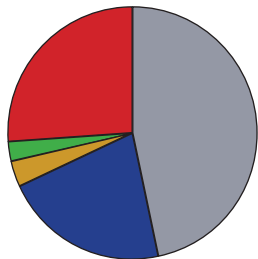
**Entering the Church:** If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

**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.

### View to the Future School Windows Project

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 support.  
*Note that this week we're changing from showing what has been committed to-date to showing money in-hand to-date.*



**Given last week: \$843.00 THANK YOU!**



Our charitable outreach team has assembled packs with socks, water, granola bars, toothbrush/toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and bathing wipes. They are in the gathering space. Take one to keep in your car to give to any homeless you encounter. 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)

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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.

