

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Third Sunday of Easter ♦ April 23, 2023





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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 24

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, April 25

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mary Konarcik+ by Janice Willardedt

Wednesday, April 26

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Henry Ybarra+ by Michele Morgan

Thursday, April 27

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Janet Gremaud+ by Gloria Goodman

Friday, April 28

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Paul & Jane Jackstadt

Saturday, April 29

**Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

No Mass

Sunday, April 29-30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Jim Barry+ by Norma Lesko

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Darwin Thornton+ by Tom & Cheryl Stanfill

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: 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.

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

In the first reading, Peter proclaims Christ crucified and the people are *cut to the heart*, asking what to do. Peter calls them to repent and be baptized, and *about three thousand persons were added that day*. In the second reading, Peter writes of the suffering Christ endured that *we might live for righteousness*. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he is the shepherd and the gate who protects and guides his sheep

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

This week, the Altar Flowers are **in memory of Paula Koliste+ by Ruthie, Bill & Leonard Koliste**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Bill Loftus

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

Lisa Dellamano

Richard A. Willardedt

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy

Jim Dederda

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

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:

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!

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.



DIocese OF Springfield IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Home mission dioceses are found in every region across the United States and its territories. Often their small Catholic populations are distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. The Diocese of Owensboro, in western Kentucky, fits that mold. With Catholics making up about 6% of the population in a mostly rural territory of 12,500 square miles, pastors often serve multiple parishes that are more than 25 miles apart. Like many regions, it has a large and growing Hispanic Catholic population with a need for liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral support in Spanish.

With your support, Catholic Home Missions assists the Diocese of Owensboro's Hispanic Ministry program to meet the needs of its growing Hispanic community. Its 31 bilingual priests celebrate more than 900 Masses in Spanish each year, along with Baptisms, weddings, and Confirmations in Spanish. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal provides home mission dioceses with the resources to welcome and minister to their growing multicultural populations. Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

This Week on FORMED®



Episode 1: Saint Mark the Evangelist
Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

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

"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary, 687).



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!



YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

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

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

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!**



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!!

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

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

We are pleased to announce that our new parish directories are being printed and should arrive for distribution in about one month. When they arrive, we will have a very limited number of them available for parishioners who are not scheduled to receive one already as part of having your photos taken or who did not already purchase previously. The cost will be \$15. Please contact the parish office for more details. We apologize for the extreme delay in this being accomplished.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We are blessed to have volunteers who are going through our parish database and contacting people to update information, see where you are on your journey and how we might help. Unfortunately there are many of you who have moved or gotten rid of your land line phone over the years and we sadly do not have a way to reach you. Please contact the parish office by phone or email at secretary@stelizabethgc.org OR volunteer@stelizabethgc.org to update your contact information or to talk to us about how you might become reengaged with our parish.

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.

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.

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Come out and join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and entertainment on Saturday, May 13 at 6pm in the Cafeteria. This is sponsored by the Men's Club and will be a choice of a ribeye or chicken breast dinner. The ticket cost is \$15 per person and is open to ALL parishioners. Tickets will be sold in the gathering space the weekend of April 29th and May 7th and be available for purchase in the Parish Office as well. Mark your calendar and plan to be with your parish family!.



Sunday, May 7th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
St. Elizabeth School Cafeteria
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 23

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

Monday, April 24

Tuesday, April 25

6 p.m. - Ladies Sodality (Harmony Room)
7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, April 26

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, April 27

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

Friday, April 28

4-7 p.m. - Men's Club Taco Sale (Cafeteria)

Saturday, April 29

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

Sunday, April 30

Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Breakfast (Holy Family)
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

We are happy to announce that last Sunday we had our council membership increase by 7 new Knights to the 3rd degree. They are Brian Cholevik, Chris Widel, Eric Davis, Keith Unfried, Daniel Krause, Don Scheyer, James Johnson and Deron Griffen. These men have pledged to follow the 3 pillars of our council, Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We look forward to these men in growing the faith and in helping the Christian community of our 3 cities to become a better place. We thank, open heartily those who attended this sacred ceremony. God bless our priests and deacons and parishes. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight



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

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

FR. MCGIVNEY

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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ATHLETICS

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Annual Appeal 2023



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Help make a Catholic education possible for the students of Father McGivney Catholic High School. Make a gift and Fund a Griffin!



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 4/21- Rev. G. Meillinger Rev. Joseph William Fitzpatrick Rev. Roy Bauer 4/24- Rev. Francis Zabel Rev. Patrick Longhney Rev. Francis Kehoe 4/25- Rev. John P. Diggins Rev. Mario A. Kuvacic 4/26- Rev. Joseph A. O'Brien Msgr. Robert John Plocki 4/27- Rev. Joseph Jele Rev. Joseph McVeigh 4/28- Rev. Mauritius Klostermann



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 16, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 40 Regular Income	\$6,022.00		
82 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$73.44			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$339.00		
Online Giving	\$1,415.00		
TOTAL	\$7,776.00	\$8,871.00	(\$1,095.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$347,705.68	\$372,582.00	(\$24,876.32)

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	\$14,339.00
Tuition Assistance	\$170.00
Building Maintenance	\$250.00
1st Offering	\$10.00
Easter Offering	\$640.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$95.00
Seminarians	\$25.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$20.00
Altar Flowers	\$50.00
Votive Offering	\$165.00
Other Not Specified	\$110.00

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.
March tithe: \$3,384.00

Scrip

Week ended April 16, 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!

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>

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” - Luke 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

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. 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

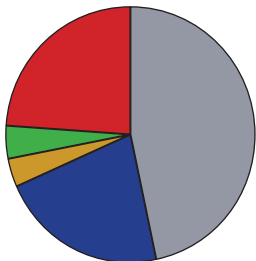
Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

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.



Given last week: \$14,339.00 THANK YOU!

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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.

