

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fourth Sunday of Easter ♦ April 30, 2023



Celebrating Saint Joseph the Worker

This week, we enter into May, the month of the Blessed Mother, with a special Memorial in honor of Saint Joseph the Worker on Monday, May 1. To foster devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955.


Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.


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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, May 1

Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker

No Mass

Tuesday, May 2

**Memorial of St. Athanasius,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Marie Loftus & Family

Wednesday, May 3

Feast of Saints Philip & James, Apostles

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Darlene Waller+ by John Waller

Thursday, May 4

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Albert Lesko+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, May 5

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, May 6

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Romana Lofink+ by Denise Spier

Sunday, May 6-7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Brian Foreman+ by Nancy Gray

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

May is dedicated to Mary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May:

For the media: We pray that the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.

This 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.

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

In the Acts of the Apostles, the new role of deacon fills practical needs of the growing Church. The first Epistle of Peter calls us to be built together as living stones, into a spiritual house. We are a royal priesthood called into the light of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus reassures his disciples that he goes to prepare a place for them. He promises that those who believe in him will do his works and greater ones.

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 priests and religious who have ministered at St. Elizabeth Parish**. 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 Albert Lesko+ by Norma Lesko**. 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. Willaredt

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy

Jim Dedera

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Cassy Family

Binney Family

Chad Sigite

Rose Vierdag

Charles Dickey

Angela & Ronald Briggs, Jr.

Robert & Lorriane Joshu

Billy Adams

Jim Gray

Lesko & Danheiser Families

Pawlak & Sertich Families

Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Pfaff & DeRuntz Families

John & Theresa Straubinger

Winters & Huff Families

Votoupal- Bursik Family

Connie B. Hayes

Jim Noeth & Brothers

Noeth & M. Papp Families

Jim Alsop

Leonard Hylla

Lisa Garcia- Fensterman

Bob Scaturro

Dortch Family

The Kierski Family

James Dittman

Michael & Leona Banach

Deceased Members of

St. Elizabeth Men's Club

Czwornog and Ostrenga Families

Ida Gragg & Patti Jackson

Tony & Mary Bellue

Brian Foreman

Merry Trtanj

Carl Williams

Cliff Jones

Rene Zayner

Dennis Riggs

Alma & Greg Voss

Contact the parish office to add yours to the list.

Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

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:

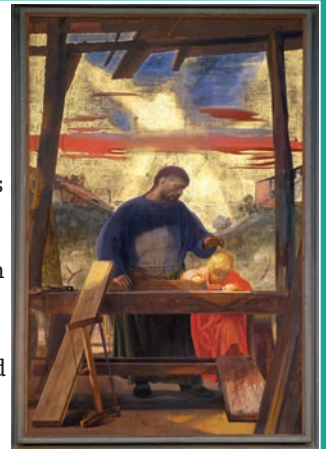
CONTACT INFORMATION (Phone/Email):

INTENTION:

Saint Joseph the Worker, continued from Page 1

Jesus, too, was a craftsman. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's shop. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."



-Franciscan Media

STEWARDSHIP THROUGH STOCK DONATIONS

The tax deadline just passed, and we know savings might be top of mind right now. So we want to take this opportunity to share about a tax-savvy way you can join the Diocese of Springfield in building up our community of disciples as we enrich hearts, minds, and souls.

Stock donations are uniquely impactful for diocesan ministries, your parish or Catholic school, and you!

If you own appreciated stock and sell it, you generally have to pay a capital gains tax on that value increase. But if you donate the stock to the Diocese or your parish, you can skip paying this type of tax.

And, if you have owned the appreciated stock for more than one year and you itemize deductions on your tax return, you may be able to take a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock. Using <http://freewill.com/stocks/dioceseofspringfield/learn>, you can fill out the necessary forms to donate your stock directly to the Diocese or your parish in about 10 minutes.

RESPECT LIFE

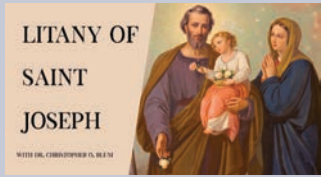
The Belleville News-Democrat reports that **Memorial Hospital in Belleville/Shiloh plans to begin performing induced abortions as early as June.**

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.

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.

This Week on FORMED®



Litany of St. Joseph
Join Dr. Christopher O. Blum as he prays the Litany of St. Joseph, asking for his intercession in your life and the lives of your loved ones.

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

"Once when I was suffering greatly, I left my work and escaped to Jesus and asked Him to give me His strength. After a very short prayer, I returned to my work filled with enthusiasm and joy...when we suffer much we have a great chance to show God that we love Him; but when we suffer little we have less occasion to show God our love; and when we do not suffer at all, our love is then neither great nor pure. By the grace of God, we can attain a point where suffering will become a delight to us, for love can work such things in pure souls." (Diary, 303).



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 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.

SEEKING YOUR PARISH IDEAS

We're seeking your ideas for activities within our parish for the Eucharistic Revival. Share yours with Deacon Michael at mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org.

NEW INFO ON THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS! YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield. To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, contact the parish office and express your interest. Each parish in the diocese is given a specific number of available seats. You can inquire about reserving a seat through the parish office starting July 1, or if you are interested in volunteering, you can register now! For more information on the event or volunteering, visit dio.org.

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

Teens, join us AFTER 10:30 Mass next Sunday, May 7. T-shirts are in, and we'll plan summer activities.

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

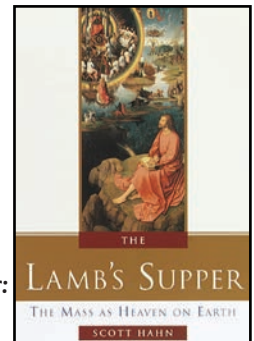


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SAVE THE DATE:

- 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!**

OUR NEXT EUCHARIST BOOK CLUB!

Want a great way to engage in the Eucharistic Revival Year of Parish Revival? Mary Lou Lyerla is going to host our next book club, a follow-up to last year's. This year, the group will read & study together Scott Hahn's classic, *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. The group will



meet on Thursday nights starting June 15 (the Thursday after the Parish Picnic, and the start of the Year of Parish Revival), through July. Make it a summer Thursday night activity with fellow parishioners diving into this great book! For more information, contact the parish office.

Live different.

MEN: LIVE DIFFERENT IN EXODUS

Starting this Easter, the 90-day "Exodus 90" exercise (cold showers and all) isn't the only way into the Exodus life. The men of Exodus invite you to join with them in seeking an uncommon life of freedom together. You can jump in any time during our Easter season reflections on the book of Acts, and join our fraternity meetings on Thursday nights to learn more about joining the life of prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. For more information, contact Bret in the parish office or Deacon Michael.

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.

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!

PARISHIONER NEEDS A RIDE

We are looking for a few good people who would be willing to provide a male parishioner a ride to Mass. Please contact the parish office if interested for more details.

DISCOUNTED SCRIP

We still have a number of gift cards in the parish office that we are liquidating. Among them, we have a small number of Bed Bath & Beyond \$25 cards that we will be selling for 50% off until they are gone. These cards are valid to use through May 8th only. In addition, we have several Aeropostle, JC Penney and Old Navy/Gap cards that are on sale for 20% off. Please call or visit the parish office and help us clear these out.



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 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)

Monday, May 1

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, May 4

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, May 5

8 a.m. - Mary Mass

Saturday, May 6

Harmony Cafe after all Masses
9 a.m. - Rosary Prayer (Abortion Business)

Sunday, May 7

Harmony Cafe after all Masses
9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR year-end party (Parish Life Center)
After 10:30 Mass - Young Disciples Teens (PLC Upper Room)
11-3 - Cub Scout Vendor Fair (Cafeteria)
5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Our council will be providing 13 scholarships to help students further their education. We are so grateful for these students who are still practicing their Catholic journey through their lives. This is just another example, of many, on how we support the 3 parishes financially and spiritually. Also, thanks to those on our scholarship team for the hard work they provided us with in coming up with the results. God bless the men in our council, the parishes and schools. 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.

OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Joseph H. and Maddie W. were selected as the Granite City Optimist April Students of the Month. Maddie and Joseph are members of Mrs. April Hawley's seventh 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.



Joseph H. is thirteen years old and is the son of Deacon Michael and Suzanne. Joseph picks science as his favorite academic class. He says that each science topic he has encountered has been very interesting, and he can't wait to see what information the next topic will bring. Outside of class, Joseph likes playing wiffle ball with his three brothers and baseball. He plays catcher and second base for the Blue Devils, a Granite City Park District Baseball Team. He is also a member of Scouts BSA Troop 103 and an altar server for his parish. If Joseph could talk to anyone who has lived during the past five hundred years, he would pick Ben Franklin. Besides being a Founding Father of our country, Mr. Franklin was a prolific scientific inventor. Joseph would like to ask Mr. Franklin about some of the inventions he did not get to develop before he died. After high school and college, Joseph would like a job associated with major league baseball.

Twelve-year-old Maddie W. is the daughter of Joseph and Amanda. Maddie's favorite subject is Literature because she enjoys writing, especially fictional stories. At the present time she is writing a piece set in the 1960's about a girl living on a farm. In her free time, Maddie likes to play volleyball for the St. Elizabeth Royals team and skateboard at the local skateboard park. She is also a member of the St. E's Drama Club. Maddie picks James Dashner, author of her favorite book series, The Maze Runner, as a person from the past five hundred years that she would most like to meet. She would ask him to give her tips on writing so that she could become a best-selling author in the future.

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!



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 5/2- Rev. Leo Enlow 5/7- Rev. Jeffery Grant 5/8- Rev. Piotr Kosk 5/9- Rev. Dominic Rankin 5/10- Most Rev. Kevin Vann Rev. Christopher House 5/12- Rev. Alfred Tumwesigye 5/24- Rev. David Peters 5/28- Rev. Scott Snider

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 4/30- Rev. Leonard Rathgeb 5/1- Rev. Dennis Ryan 5/2- Rev. William MacAteer Rev. Nicholas A. Klink 5/3- Msgr. Lawrence A. Wiskirchen 5/4- Rev. Charles J. Zwiesler Rev. Bartholomew Bartels Rev. Bernard Haase Rev. James Walsh Rev. Raymond E. Rieck 5/5- Rev. Patrick Brady Rev. Richard W. Niebrugge

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ATHLETICS

NEWS & SCHEDULE

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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 23, 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/allevents>

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’” - Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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.



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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.

