

# Disciples Stewards


St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

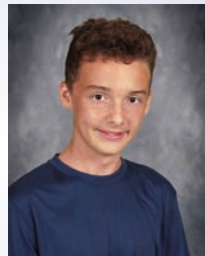
Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Sixth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 14, 2023

HAPPY  
*Mother's*  
DAY




  
**2023**  
*class of*  
Congratulations Graduates!





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Finance Council: Charlotte Charbonnier  
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Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson  
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

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 15**

**Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Tuesday, May 16**

**Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Emily Mejaski+ by The Loftus Family

**Wednesday, May 17**

**Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

**Thursday, May 18**

**Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

George Friedel+ by The Friedel Family

**Friday, May 19**

**Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Dorothy Byrd

**Saturday, May 20**

**Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Sunday, May 20-21**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Candy Thompson

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Daryl Miller+ by Richard P. 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.

May is dedicated to Mary,  
Mother of God & the Church

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May:**

**For ecclesial movements and groups:** We pray that that ecclesial movements and groups might daily rediscover their evangelizing mission.

**This Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a**

Philip goes to Samaria, proclaiming Jesus and working signs. Peter and John go there to lay hands on the newly baptized. Saint Peter counsels those who face persecution that they will be glorified by God. In the Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father as his hour has come. He describes how everything he has done has been for the Father.

**Next Sunday: Solemnity of the Ascension**

**Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20**

In the opening verses of Acts, Saint Luke describes how Jesus ascended to the Father, having first entrusted his Apostles with the task of spreading the Gospel throughout the whole world. In the second reading, Paul prays that all who hear his words might experience the wisdom and power of the ascended Christ, who now reigns in glory over all creation. Matthew recalls the ascension of Jesus and his promise to be with them to the end of the age.

### 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 **our 8th Grade Graduates of St. Elizabeth Catholic School**. To offer the 14-day candle in honor of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are for **Vivian Broadwater+ by Roger & Machele Knobloch**. 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 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

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.

# May, the Month of Mary

## Have you Visited these Marian Pilgrimage Sites Near Us?

### Black Madonna Shrine & Grottos

The Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos is located in rural Jefferson County, Missouri, about 35 highway miles or 45 minutes southwest of downtown Saint Louis.

The shrine is operated by the Franciscan Missionary Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The brothers follow the Rule of Third Order Regular of Saint Francis; they are a lay and not a clerical or monastic order.

Featured is the altar in the open-air "Chapel of the Hills." Behind the altar is a copy of the famous Our Lady of Czestochowa painting, also known as the "Black Madonna." According to ancient legend, Mary sat for this portrait by Saint Luke the Evangelist at the request of the faithful.

<https://theblackmadonnashrine.org>

### National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is 80 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri, on Interstate 55, near Perryville. Saint Mary's of the Barrens was founded in 1818 by the Vincentian fathers. The Shrine was built in 1929 by the Promoters of the Association of the Miraculous Medal. Visitors



The grotto of the open-air Chapel of the Hills at the Black Madonna Shrine

are welcome to visit the Shrine Chapel and the grounds at any time of the year during daylight hours. Guided tours of the Church are available on a regular schedule or you are welcome to take a self guided tour by using a pamphlet that is available in the vestibule or the gift shop.

<https://www.amm.org/marysshine/visit-the-shrine.aspx>

### Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is 80 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri, on Interstate 55, near Perryville. It is home to much devotion - and semi annual pilgrimages - related to Our Lady of Sorrows.

<https://risensavior.diojeffcity.org/our-lady-of-sorrows/>

### National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Practically in our own backyard (in Belleville), this Shrine is an extremely popular pilgrimage destination, and is notable for its elaborate pre-Conciliar Modernist architecture. The grounds feature walking paths and an outdoor Stations of the Cross.

<https://snows.org/>



## IT'S PICNIC TIME!

### PICNIC NEWS...

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JUNE 9, 10, 11

We're in need to get 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 an air conditioned job!!!!

**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.

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

We will not have **wristband pre-sales** this year through the parish office. We will however offer the Pre-Sale price of \$60.00 again on the Friday morning of the picnic from the picnic office window. This window is located behind the lemonade stand. The hours of sale will be 9:00 am until NOON. Picnic opens at 4:00 p.m. and the weekend band will be \$70.00 at that time.

Again, please remember these weekend bands are a true savings. Ride tickets are \$1.00 each BUT the rides take 4 & 5 tickets each.

Don't forget to sign up to volunteer. Everyone is needed in the success of this picnic!

**This Week on FORMED®**



**A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)**

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.

*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**

"I have been living under the virginal cloak of the Mother of God. She has been guarding me and instructing me. I am quite at peace, close to Her Immaculate Heart. Because I am so weak and inexperienced, I nestle like a little child close to Her heart. (Diary, 1097).

Jesus, I trust in you.



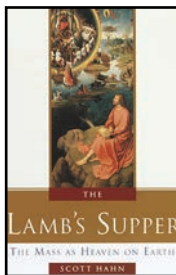
**Have You Heard?**

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

**NEW INFO ON THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS!**

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration. Our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass in an arena with thousands of Catholics from across our diocese. 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](http://dio.org).

**OUR NEXT EUCHARIST BOOK CLUB!**



Mary Lou Lyerla is hosting our next book club. This year, we'll 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 through July. Make it a summer Thursday

night activity with fellow parishioners diving into this great book! For more information, contact the parish office.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS**

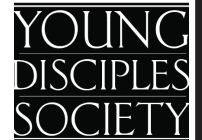


**TEENAGERS:** Sign up for YDS Teens updates at: [stelizabethgc.org/yds-teens](http://stelizabethgc.org/yds-teens)  
**Sign up for info on our Six Flags trip soon!**

**ALTAR SERVER, MC, & LECTOR THANK YOU BBQ**

Youth altar servers, lectors, & MC's, you and a parent are invited to join Father Alfred & Deacon Michael for a "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE BBQ" at Deacon Michael's. Stop by any time from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, June 17. For more information or to sign up (so that we have enough food), go to: [stelizabethgc.org/ServerBBQ](http://stelizabethgc.org/ServerBBQ)

*We're also working on booking a pool party this summer for ALL Young Disciples to earn prizes with your tokens. Watch for more info.*



**SIGN UP NOW! SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

**TOTUS TUUS**

Calling all Youth  
Free Admission!

**Youth Entering Grades 1st through 6th:**

Monday-Friday days, June 26-30  
Holy Family Community Center  
9:00 am to 2:30 pm  
Lunch, Snacks, & Drinks Provided



**Youth Entering Grades 7th through 12th:**

Sunday-Thursday evenings, June 25-29  
St. Elizabeth Harmony Room & Church  
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**\*\*New this year: Dinner included starting at 6!**  
Dinner, Snacks, & Drinks Provided

**S'Mores Night for the Whole Community**

Sunday, June 25 at 5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth  
**All are invited!!**

For more information contact Cheryl Moe:  
618-610-7158 or [camoe5659@gmail.com](mailto:camoe5659@gmail.com)

You do not have to be Catholic to attend!

Sign up for Totus Tuus at:

[stelizabethgc.org/totus-tuus](http://stelizabethgc.org/totus-tuus)



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Free for youth - all are invited!

Monday-Friday evening, July 31-August 4  
Here at St. Elizabeth

Sign up for Vacation Bible School at:

[stelizabethgc.org/vbs](http://stelizabethgc.org/vbs)

To volunteer or help donate items, contact Deacon Michael: [mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org](mailto:mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org).

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### PARDON US WHILE WE STAND UP AND APPLAUD...

Because of your wonderful generosity & support., we were able to present Father with a check for \$3,100 to go towards the new school windows. It only takes a moment to say thank you, but your thoughtfulness for the Bake Sale will be remembered for a long time.

We wanted to let you know that we are well rested and moving on to our next project, our Church Picnic. We thought it would be terrific to serve your scrumdiddlyumptious cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc., etc. By doing this, we will help Chris achieve success with her cake booth and dinner desserts. So, with a - Dash of Humor - Healthy Dose of Generosity - Smudge of Nuttiness - and Loads of Parish Pride we can make this happen. Wishing you "Wonder Women a Wonderful Mother's Day".

God Bless, Marilyn, Carol & Bootsie

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

We are in need of a few people who would be willing to commit to taking Holy Communion to a few homebound parishioners. It is truly appreciated by them and will be a blessing to the person who participates in this ministry as well. If you are interested, please talk to Father Alfred, Deacon Michael or Bret in the parish office. We hope to find a few more to help make the experience better for all!

### ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 REUNION

On Saturday, June 24th the graduating class of 1973 will gather at 4:30 p.m. Mass and then have a dinner/reunion in the Harmony Room. The class needs your help in finding the following classmates: Herman Apponey, Mike Barth, Patrick Becker, Joani (Cicio) Dietrich, Joe Sistler, Walter Fabry, Jane Frederich, Walter Govlick, Maureen (Hoedelbeck) Worthen, Joe Krieshock, Ted Kuberski, David Miskell, Mary Ann Simmers, Anita (Turner) Sirevaag, Raymond Valencia, Kathy (Michell) Weber, Mary Beth (Winfield) Boone, Debbie (Carr) Ryan, Bill Carr, Laura Rosales, Mary (Vesci) Jacobsmeyer, Michael Becherer.

Please contact: Cheryl (Bellue) Folkerts 618-791-5353 Cathy (Turck) Pabst 636-233-8402 Lori (Malottki) Silva 618-610-3009 or Joyce (Riggs) Johnson 618-514-1523

### FATHER CHRIS'S BIRTHDAY

Former Pastor Fr. Chris Comerford's birthday is on June 9. His address, if you care to send him a card, is: Fr. Chris Comerford, St. Patrick Church, 407 E. Eldorado St., Decatur, Illinois 62521

### LIVING ROSARY

As May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, please join us on Sunday, May 28th between the 8 & 10:30 a.m. Masses (at approx. 9:20 a.m.) near the front portico to pray a Living Rosary. We will have our large rosary and need as many people as possible to pray for Our Lady's intercession for our parish, our school, our community and the world. Questions or want to help? Contact the parish office.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Before the next meeting, May 24th at

7:30 p.m. we will be awarding scholarships to students who qualified. All are welcome to attend this event. These students have worked hard throughout the year and we pray they will have great success in their future. To all our parishioners, we hope and pray you will support our bingos on Friday and Sunday evenings, either by helping or playing. The bingos are our lifeblood and only fundraisers we do. Please pray for our continued success so we can support all 3 parishes and the 2 schools.

God bless you all,  
Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus'

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 14

#### Mother's Day!

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

### Monday, May 15

### Tuesday, May 16

### Wednesday, May 17

#### Last Day of School!

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach Meeting (Harmony Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Pre-K Graduation (Church)  
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, May 18

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

### Friday, May 19

### Saturday, May 20

### Sunday, May 21

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC)  
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

### FUND A GRIFFIN

Our motto at FMCHS is "Serving a Culture of Life." Last year, our students gave 6,200+ volunteer hours in their parishes and community as they lived their faith and modeled the teachings of Jesus Christ. Help us continue our mission of a Catholic education and Fund a Griffin at [McGivneyGriffins.com/Annual-Appeal](http://McGivneyGriffins.com/Annual-Appeal).

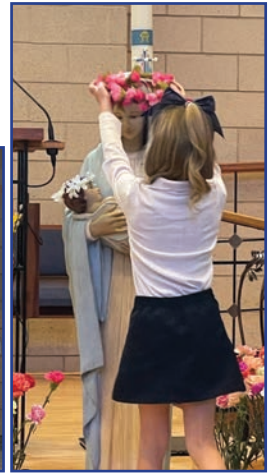
### FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Our 8th graders enjoying their class trip to YMCA Camp Lakewood with their peers from Holy Family - including Mass celebrated by Father Alfred & Father Steve.



Mary Mass, May Crowning, and presentation of flowers to mothers on Friday, May 5.



## 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.

St. Elizabeth Catholic School

## 2023-2024 REGISTRATION

**Enroll today!**

Contact Loretta Joyce in the school office at [ljoyce@stelizabethgc.org](mailto:ljoyce@stelizabethgc.org) or by phone at 618.877.3300

- Preschool through 8th grade
- Full-day Preschool & Kindergarten
- Before & after care available
- Music, athletics, and clubs
- Experienced and dedicated teachers, staff & pastor

- Academic excellence in a community grounded in faith
- Strong curriculum with emphasis on reading, writing & math
- High percentage of graduates enter high school with advanced placement honors classes

**CALL 618.877.3300 TO SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR!**

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## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:  
 5/7- Rev. Jeffery Grant **5/12- Rev. Alfred Tumwesigye** 5/24- Rev. David Peters 5/28- Rev. Scott Snider 6/1- Rev. Paul Bonk 6/4- Rev. Adam Prichard 6/7- Rev. Chima Frederick Mbiere **6/9- Rev. Christopher Comerford** 6/11- Msgr. David Hoefler 6/16- Rev. Joseph Ring Rev. Pawel Luczak 6/21- Rev. Aloysius Ndeanaefo 6/24- Rev. Allen Kemme 6/27- Rev. Thomas Hadstrom 6/29- Rev. Charles Dahlby Rev. Jason Stone

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 5/15- Rev. Vincent Nagler Rev. Theodore Bruener Rev. Augustine Sauer Msgr. Michael Owen Driscoll 5/16- Rev. A.J. Wolf Msgr. James J. Haggerty 5/17- Rev. Hugh Brody, Jr. Rev. Francis Lucius 5/19- Rev. Bernard Claus Rev. Francis Derwin 5/20- Rev. Paul Skelton



## 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 May 7, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 45 Regular Income	\$7,458.00		
111 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$67.19			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$331.00		
Online Giving	\$2,080.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,869.00</b>	<b>\$8,871.00</b>	<b>\$998.00</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$369,894.68</b>	<b>\$399,195.00</b>	<b>(\$29,300.32)</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	\$1,976.00
Tuition Assistance	\$442.00
Building Maintenance	\$231.00
Mission & Ministry	\$66.00
Easter Offering	\$10.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$100.00
Cath. Comms. Campaign	\$35.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$22.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
Votive Offering	\$95.75
Other Not Specified	\$136.00

### 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 May 7, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$600	/	\$6,025
National	\$1,960	/	\$24,810
Total Sales	\$2,560	/	\$30,835
Annual Gross Profit to-date			\$1,533

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>

**"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."**

**- 1 Peter 3:17**

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right! "Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

## 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.

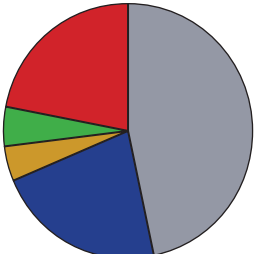
**Communion to the Homebound:** If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and 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.



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