

Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

The Ascension of the Lord ♦ May 21, 2023



The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension commemorates when Jesus ascended into heaven at the end of his time on earth.

On the third day after his death and burial, Jesus Christ rose from the dead, an event we call the Resurrection. He spent the next 40 days preaching and preparing His disciples to perform the work of preaching and baptizing all people. At the end of this 40 day period, Jesus ascended into heaven. We call this the Ascension.

By His death and Resurrection, Jesus opened the gates of heaven for all hu-

manity. His Ascension demonstrates this to us. It is His proof that those of us who believe in Him in faith and follow Him will also be raised on the last day, and enter into heaven.

From heaven, Jesus hears our prayers and intercedes for us with His Father.

Article 6 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is titled, "He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." This week, try to find time to read paragraphs 659-667 of the Catechism, which speak of the Ascension.

Our Lady Help of Christians & the Day of Prayer for the Church in China

The celebration of Our Lady Help of Christians on May 24 traces back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary through the great Battle of Lepanto. The battle occurred on October 7, now the Feast of the Holy Rosary, but the celebration of Our Lady Help of Christians on May 24 also started during that time.

In 2007, then-Pope Benedict XVI asked the Church to pray every May 24 for the Church in China. The wish of Benedict XVI was to promote unity in a community that had become divided into "official" and "underground," but at the same time, to foster communion between the entire Catholic Church and Chinese Catholics. Therefore, on this day, all Catholics are called to express their solidarity with Christians in China.

The prayer aims at strengthening Catholics in their faith, especially when public witness and practice of faith or even the explicit proclamation of the Gospel are increasingly restricted by the Chinese communist government.

See the prayer Pope Benedict asked Christians to pray on May 24 on the back of this bulletin.


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Ladies Sodality: Tammi Mooshegian
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 22

Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, May 23

Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mike Mejaski+ by the Loftus Family

Wednesday, May 24

Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Moske+ by Ed Szczepanik

Thursday, May 25

Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Brian Foreman+ by Nancy Gray

Friday, May 26

Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Gayle Meuren+ by Kathy Mangi

Saturday, May 27

Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter

No Mass

Sunday, May 27-28

Pentecost Sunday

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Mary & Frank Senese

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☛

Richard A. Willaredt+ 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.

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: Solemnity of the Ascension

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

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.

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinth. 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

We hear about the descent of the Holy Spirit and the first followers of Jesus who began speaking in different tongues. Saint Paul writes of different kinds of spiritual gifts and forms of service, but the same Spirit and Lord who produces all of them in everyone. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, saying peace be with you and showing them his hands and his side.

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 the staff, teachers, and leadership team of Saint Elizabeth Parish**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of
Holy Name Men's Club

Czwornog & Ostrenga Families

Kierski Family

Bill Loftus

John & Theresa Straubinger

Carl Williams

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

Brinker & Soboleski Families

Delores Brinker

Paula Gushleff Koliste

DeRuntz & Pfaff Families

Louise Harrison

Kenneth Jaimet

Deceased Members of

St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy

Jim Dederer

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Charles Dickey

Binney Family

Alma & Greg Voss

Chad Sigite

Lisa Garcia-Fensterman

Jim Alsop and Family

Gus & Angeline Scaturro

Dortch Family

Richard A. Willaredt

Lisa Dellamano

Rosalie Boyd

Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Michael & Leona Bonach

Richard Horbelt

Gus & Angie Scaturro

Johnson Family

Jones & Harbin Families

Lesko & Danheiser Families

Mary Mennerick

Glen Hommert

Marvin Wiedemer

Mark Malone

Bill Mathes

Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr.

Robert & Lorraine Joshu

Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman

Jim Noeth & Brothers

Noeth & M. Papp Families

These are the new First Friday
submissions for
May 2023 to April 2024.
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



May, the Month of Mary JOIN US FOR THE LIVING ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY!

As May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, please join us **next 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.



IT'S PICNIC TIME! 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!



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE of the BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, I ask you to consider a generous response in the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.

Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese.

If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections. You can also mail your donation to your parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place.

With every best wish and prayers, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

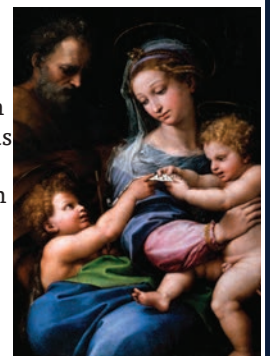
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

THE BIBLE *and the* VIRGIN MARY

Join us for an Inspiring Bible Study at
Holy Family, 2606 Washington Ave.
Beginning June 5 at 6 p.m. (12 Sessions)
Presented by Deacon Neil Suermann
Registration: \$25
Contact: Keith Unfried at 618-877-7158
or kunfried@holyfamilygc.org

Mary as you've never
seen her before:

- Discover how Catholic beliefs about Mary build on the Old Testament as well as the Gospels.
- Learn why the early Church used titles like "New Eve" and "Ark of the New Covenant" for Mary.
- Grow in your devotion to Our Lady.



This Week on FORMED®



Pentecost | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to enhance your prayer and expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode, they discuss Jean Restout's depiction of Pentecost.

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

"You have indeed prepared a tabernacle for Yourself: the Blessed Virgin. Her Immaculate Womb is Your dwelling place, and the inconceivable miracle of Your mercy takes place, O Lord. The Word becomes flesh; God dwells among us, the Word of God, Mercy Incarnate. By Your descent, You have lifted us up to Your divinity. Such is the excess of Your love, the abyss of Your mercy. (Diary, 1745).



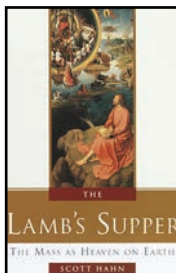
Have You Heard?

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.

OUR NEXT EUCHARIST BOOK CLUB!



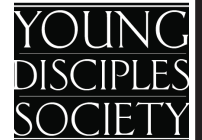
Mary Lou Lyerla is hosting our next book club. This year, we'll read & study together Scott Hahn's classic, *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. The group will meet on Thursday nights starting June 15 through July. Make it a summer Thursday

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

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

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

You do not have to be Catholic to attend!

Sign up for Totus Tuus at:
stelizabethgc.org/totus-tuus

YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS



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



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

To volunteer or help donate items, contact Deacon Michael: mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

ROOM FOR MORE

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

The First Friday Memorial is a special offering which lists your intentions for deceased loved ones in our bulletin. These are then remembered monthly at First Friday Mass. 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 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.

Feel free to call the Parish Office with any questions, or to add your First Friday Memorials to the list.

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

HELP WANTED

Calvary Catholic Cemetery has a job opening for a Grounds Crew Member. This is a part time position, working approximately 2-1/2 days per week, 20 hours. If you have experience with landscaping, mowing, general building maintenance, and can operate a tractor and backhoe please call our office at 618.656.5464 to schedule an interview. We look forward to having you join our team.

LADIES SODALITY BBQ, WOMEN OF DISTINCTION WINNER, AND NEXT MEETING

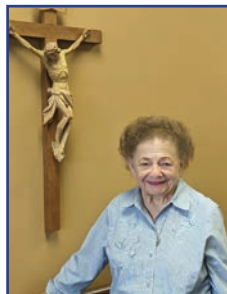
What can we say but WOW. The Ladies Sodality BBQ that was held on April 21st was a HUGE success. We hoped to have a profit of \$2500.00 and with the sell out crowd we made \$4000.00. We cannot thank Tom Cholevik, his son Daniel, Al Ruesing, and Paul Hellrich who organized, ordered food and supplies, and cooked all of the delicious food. 500 potatoes, 550 pork steaks, baked beans, hot dogs and brats.

I also want to thank Kathy Byrd for all of the pre-work and advertisement of the event. The ladies that came out and worked, some all day, some double shifts, it was hard but also fun and rewarding. Their willingness to help and outpouring of our mission to welcome those from the whole community made for a great day.

Thank you to everyone for the support in making our 1st, but hopefully not our last, a great success.

The Women of Distinction award for 2023 will be awarded to Rose Krystopa on June 24th in Springfield, Illinois at a mass followed by a celebration lunch. Ladies Sodality thanks all that took the time to cast a vote.

Rose will be a great representative of all the work the ladies of our parish provide. Congratulations and may God continue



THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 21

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

Monday, May 22

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

6 p.m. - Special Friends (Harmony)

Saturday, May 27

6:30 a.m. - Exodus Fraternity Breakfast (Uncle Linny's Restaurant)

Sunday, May 28

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

to bless you in your work at our parish.

The next Ladies Sodality meeting will be held after Tuesday evening mass, May 23rd. This is our annual potluck. All women of the parish and school are welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share. We will have a short meeting after dinner. This is our last meeting until August. Hope to see you there.

-Tammi 618-920-1792

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Scholarships will be awarded at the Tuesday, May 23rd meeting at 7:30 in the Columbus home meeting room. Come and see these students receive these hard-earned scholarships and help us honor them. We know it will take some time out of your evening but supporting and congratulating our youth in the parishes a good way to show our students how much we all support them now and in the future. Those students who cannot make it on the 23rd will be awarded their scholarships at the following months' meeting. We would like to give a shout out to all the parishioners from Holy Family and St. Elizabeth for the kind comments for the donations we have made. God Bless you all and men listen to that whisper that comes to you about joining or coming back to the knights.

God bless you all, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight



**Knights of
Columbus®**

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

MAY OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Miles B. and Chelsea P. were selected as the Granite City Optimist May Students of the Month. Chelsea and Miles are members of Mrs. Valarie Kohl's eighth 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.

Miles is fourteen years old and is the son of Randy and Rachel. Civics is Miles' favorite subject at St. Elizabeth's because he likes to study the different levels of government in our country and learn how they function. When the school day is over, you will find Miles playing one of his many video games. He was on the St. E's Royals Volleyball team and enjoyed being a member of the Coding Club. He also volunteers as a server at Mass. Next year, Miles will be a freshman at Father McGivney High School. After graduating high school, Miles would like to attend the Air Force Academy and major in some type of engineering.

Thirteen-year-old Chelsea is the daughter of Christina and Rob. Chelsea also picks civics as her favorite class. She says that this is due to her civics teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Jones, who makes the topic fun, interesting and easy to learn. Outside of school, Chelsea is a member of the Prima Cheering Squad based in Edwardsville. Chelsea and her team travel the area participating in cheering competitions. The squad has been very successful so far this year, earning three first place awards and one second. Chelsea played volleyball for the Royals, and volunteered as an altar server and a member of the Student Council. She will be a freshman at Father McGivney High School next year and plans on going to college once high school is over. She has not picked a field of study yet, she is keeping her options open.

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!

Thanks to everyone who helped us have tons of Field Day fun!



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.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 5/20- Rev. Paul Skelton 5/21- Rev. Francis Meyers 5/24-Rev. Louis Lammert 5/25- Rev. Anthony Vogt Rev. Dennis D. Kollross 5/26- Rev. Joe Zoegel Rev. Charles Zucker Rev. Alexius Pruemmer, O.F.M. Rev. Joseph McCarthy



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 14, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 46 Regular Income	\$6,137.00		
120 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$51.14			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$402.00		
Online Giving	\$495.00		
TOTAL	\$7,034.00	\$8,871.00	(\$1,837.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$376,928.68	\$408,066.00	(\$31,172.32)

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	\$1,087.00
Tuition Assistance	\$175.00
Building Maintenance	\$445.00
Mission & Ministry	\$105.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$125.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$40.00
Catholic Charities	\$50.00
Cath. Comms. Campaign	\$95.00
Votive Offering	\$146.00
Other Not Specified	\$100.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithe to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.
April tithe (estimate): \$6,972.00

Scrip

Week ended May 14, 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>

"I am praying for them." - John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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.

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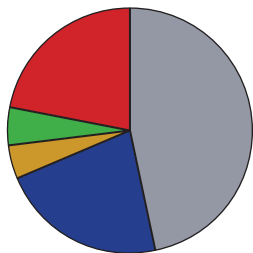
Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

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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Prayer for the Church in China



Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians," the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection. We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a haven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens.

When you obediently said "yes" in the house of Nazareth, you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in your virginal womb and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption. You willingly and generously cooperated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live.

From that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in his footsteps by taking up his Cross. Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unflinching trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love.

Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen!

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