

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fifth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 7, 2023

Royals' Annual Day of Service

This week our students participated in a day of service to our school and parish. Our campus looks great after its spring refresh!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to service others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."


- 1 Peter 4:10





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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 8

Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, May 9

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Jerry Dickerson+ by Michele Morgan

Wednesday, May 10

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, May 11

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

James Moske+ by Jim Ridenhour

Friday, May 12

Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ Don & Kathy Byrd

Saturday, May 13

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

No Mass

Sunday, May 13-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Charles Rickert+ by George & Brenda Nord

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Daryl Miller+ by Janice Willaredt

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

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: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

The new role of deacon fills practical needs of the growing Church. 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.

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

The Second Reading and Gospel today are taken from the Seventh Sunday in Easter, since we will celebrate the Ascension next Sunday. 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.

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 **Albert Lesko+ by Norma Lesko**. 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 all widows and widowers, that they may find peace and comfort**. 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 Alsoop

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

Czornog 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:

STEWARDSHIP THROUGH STOCK DONATIONS

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/diocesefspringfield/learn>, you can fill out the necessary forms to donate your stock directly to the Diocese or your parish in about 10 minutes.

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

PICNIC NEWS

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 conditioning 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.



Spring Fling Market

THIS 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!

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

You Are Cordially Invited

Saturday, May 13 @ 6 p.m.
St. Elizabeth School Cafeteria
Cost is \$15 per person
Grilled Chicken or Ribeye Meal
Entertainment & Fellowship
Tickets on sale April 29-30 & May 6-7 in Gathering Space or at Parish Office



Sponsored by the Holy Name Men's Club

This Week on FORMED®



**Spiritual Motherhood
The Augustine
Institute Show**

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, every woman is called to be a spiritual mother.

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

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

Mercy Minute

"I saw the Mother of God with the Infant in Her arms. And a moment later, the Infant Jesus disappeared from the arms of His Mother, and I saw the living image of Jesus Crucified. The Mother of God told me to do what she had done, that, even when joyful, I should always keep my eyes fixed on the cross, and She told me that the graces God was granting me were not for me alone, but for other souls as well. (Diary, 561).



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](https://www.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 THIS Sunday, May 7. T-shirts are in, and we'll plan summer activities.

Sign up for updates:

Text "YDS-TEENS" to 84576



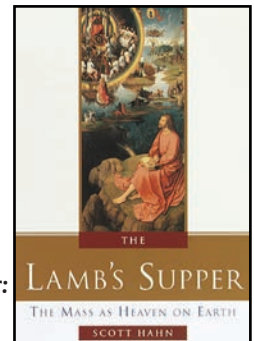
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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.

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.

THANK YOU!

A huge heartfelt thanks to all who helped with the Ladies Sodality Springtime BBQ! Tom, Paul, Brian, Al, Paul & Steve!! We couldn't have done it without you. Ladies, you all jumped in and helped tirelessly as you always do. We thank all from St. Elizabeth parish for the continued support. This event was a huge success. Thank you!

LADIES SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to Isabella Wilmsmeyer, recipient of this year's Ladies Sodality Scholarship, which is offered to a St. Elizabeth school graduate. Isabella plans to attend Rockhurst University, majoring in biology and physics of medicine. Isabella has been an active member of our church and has volunteered many hours to help our community. We wish her well in her future endeavors. - Joyce Alexander Scholarship Chairman

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

The 3rd and 4th degree of the Granite City K of C has proudly donated \$10,000 each to the Knights of Columbus Ukrainian



Knights of Columbus

Relief Fund. This donation was made also to honor Monsignor Robert Pioraowski of the Greek Ukrainian Catholic Church, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Madison, IL. Father Bob, when health allowed, attended, faithfully, almost all of our meetings and events.. Father passed away several years ago. This is just another sample of the gifts to not only our community and parishes but to also to help people who are suffering around the world. Once again we ask you to help with our bingo fund raisers in order for us to keep providing assistance we all of these various causes. Our biggest need is Sunday night bingo's. God Bless you all,

THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, May 8

Tuesday, May 9

Wednesday, May 10

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, May 11

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

Friday, May 12

Father Alfred's Birthday!

8:15 a.m. - Kindergarten Graduation
7:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation

Saturday, May 13

9 a.m. - Rosary Prayer (Abortion Business)
6 p.m. - Parish Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day!

5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

St. Elizabeth Catholic School
2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Enroll today!

Contact Loretta Joyce in the school office at ljoyce@stelizabethgc.org or by phone at 618.877.3300

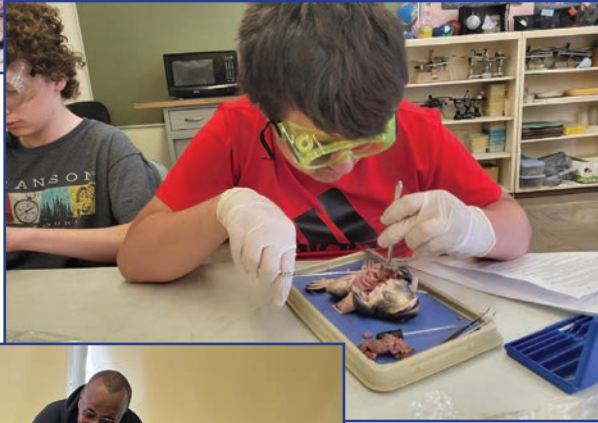
- Preschool through 8th grade
- Full-day Preschool & Kindergarten
- Before & after care available
- Music, athletics, and clubs
- Experienced and dedicated teachers, staff & pastor
- Academic excellence in a community grounded in faith
- Strong curriculum with emphasis on reading, writing & math
- High percentage of graduates enter high school with advanced placement honors classes

CALL 618.877.3300 TO SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR!

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ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

OUR STUDENTS ENJOYED DISSECTING FROGS...
AND FATHER ALFRED ENJOYED JOINING THEM!



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.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our TJ's Pizza Fundraiser. We netted \$5,377 towards the View to the Future Windows Project.

FR. MCGIVNEY

SCHOOL CALENDAR
mcgivneygriffins.com/school-calendar



ATHLETICS
NEWS & SCHEDULE

il.8to18.com/McGivneyGriffins/

FUND A GRIFFIN

At FMCHS, we nurture our students' Catholic faith so they can go out into the world and do God's work. Make a Catholic education possible for our students and help Fund a Griffin at McGivneyGriffins.com/Annual-Appeal.

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:
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: 5/8 - Rev. Edward J. Douglas Rev. Martin O'Hara 5/9- Msgr. Edward Spalding Rev. Edward McMahon Rev. John B. Day Rev. Eston Coghill, O.F.M. 5/10- Rev. John Sandrock Rev. Herman Schaefermeyer Rev. John Crosson Rev. Valerius Messerich, O.F.M. Rev. Donald Paulis, O.F.M. Rev. Joseph Kromenaker Rev. Barry Harmon 5/11- Msgr. Daniel F. Daly 5/13- Rev. Dominic Lyto



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 30, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 44 Regular Income	\$5,884.00		
105 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$56.04			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$475.00		
Online Giving	\$663.00		
TOTAL	\$7,022.00	\$8,871.00	(\$1,095.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$360,025.68	\$390,324.00	(\$30,298.32)

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	\$3,076.00
Tuition Assistance	\$195.00
Building Maintenance	\$55.00
Mission & Ministry	\$135.00
Easter Offering	\$30.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$5.00
Seminarians	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$235.00
Calvary Cemetery	\$50.00
Cath. Comms. Campaign	\$20.00
Other Not Specified	\$55.00

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 30, 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>

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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

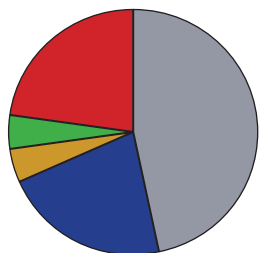
Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

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.



\$700,000	●	anticipated project cost
\$327,000	●	startup from savings
\$152,600	●	club/organization donations
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