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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ June 18, 2023

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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, June 19

Monday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday, June 20

Tuesday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Jim Dittman+ by Janice Dittman

Wednesday, June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mattias & Mary Lesko+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, June 22

Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;

St. Thomas More, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Dale Fletcher+ by Darlene Fletcher

Friday, June 23

Friday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lonnie DeRuntz+ by the DeRuntz Family

Saturday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

No Mass

Sunday, June 25

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Claude & Carol Kessler on their Anniversary

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☉

Sam Shambro+ by Pat & Alice Loftus

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.

June is dedicated to
the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June:

For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

This Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

In today's first reading, Moses reminds the people that God fed them with manna to show them that one does not live by bread alone. In the second reading, Saint Paul beautifully describes the bread and the cup as a participation in Christ, making us one body. In the Gospel, Jesus declares himself the living bread, promising life to those who eat his flesh and drink his blood.

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Jeremiah fears turbulent times and impending siege, but also trusts in God. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that sin entered the world through Adam, but redemption through Jesus overflows all the greater to save everyone. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to fear no one, and that all who acknowledge him he will acknowledge before the Father.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Bill Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are **in memory of Jim Dittman+ by Janice Dittman**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of
Holy Name Men's Club
Czornog & 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
Brian Foreman
Tony & Mary Bellue
Jim Dittman
Pattie Jackson
Ida Gragg
Pawlak & Sertich Families
Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality
Betty Lampitt
Connie Hayes Family
Bursik/Votoupal Family

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.

PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU!

We deeply appreciate each and every person that came to visit us last weekend for our parish picnic. We hope that you had a great time with your friends and neighbors. We love our community and appreciate the support!

Our gratitude goes to our chairperson Steve Hay and his team, to our booth chairs and all the workers, Father Alfred for his guidance, support and prayers, to the set up and clean up teams, to every parishioner, school parent and friend who lent a hand, we see you, we appreciate you and THANK YOU for all you do.

Thank you especially to God for blessing us with a great weekend and wonderful weather during all of our open hours.

Cover photo from Friday evening courtesy of Sam Wielgus Photography.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

This is the task of local parishes in this Year of Parish Revival: to revive their parishioners in their love with Jesus in the Eucharist and to send them forth to share this love with others. We must remember the power and responsibility of the local parish, especially in light of the jarring statistics about Eucharistic beliefs among Catholics. Seven in ten Catholics believe the Eucharist is merely a symbol, an encounter with an “it” instead of a “who.” This reality should break our hearts, not because of what it means for Mass attendance or stewardship but because so many Catholics are missing the opportunity to know Jesus Christ. As our hearts break, we should remain hopeful and empowered. We can directly impact these numbers.



SEEKING FIRST COMMUNION CLASS PHOTOS

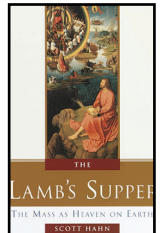
We would love to assemble a gallery of all of the First Communion Class Photos that we can track down from all of the years of St. Elizabeth School. Please see if you can find yours, then bring it by the parish office for us to quickly scan it to reproduce for our gallery. Thank you!

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, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the PLC Library. Make it a summer Thursday night activity with fellow parishioners diving into this great book! For more information, contact the parish office.



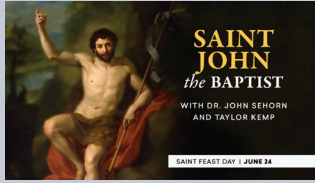
For in the warmth of his presence, our lives change. Without him, everything would truly be gray. Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask him with our heart: “Lord, give me the daily bread to go forward, Lord, satisfy me with your presence!”



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

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TOTUS TUUS STARTS NEXT WEEK!

Youth Entering Grades 1-6:
Monday-Friday days, June 26-30
Holy Family Community Center
9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Lunch, Snacks, & Drinks Provided



Youth Entering Grades 7-12:
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

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:
stelizabethg.gc/totus-tuus

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Free for youth - all are invited!
Monday-Friday evening, July 31-August 4
Sign up at: stelizabethg.gc/vbs



RSVP TO A FREE SHOWING OF A NEW DOCUMENTARY IN SPRINGFIELD

In a world full of selfishness, hardships, and despair, more and more people are asking, "God, are you up there?" *God is Alive*, an original documentary, created and produced by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, answers that question in an adventurous, impactful, and local way. *God is Alive* takes viewers to Jerseyville, Springfield, Peoria, Quincy, and Decatur and features five incredible stories of faith/miraculous events that most will be surprised to learn about and touch on many things people struggle with such as prayer, feeling unforgivable, and dealing with an incredible hardship. The premiere takes place Saturday, July 8 at Sacred Heart Griffin High School in Springfield at 7 p.m. To RSVP to the free showing and watch the trailer, go to: dio.org/documentary.

FATHERHOOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF VOCATIONS - BLOG BY DCN. MICHAEL

Read Deacon Michael's recent blog post on the Exodus blog, on the intersection of the vocation to marriage (and fatherhood) and the diaconate. Find it easily via stelizabethg.org/deacon-dad

Called to Communion? Journeying into the fullness of the Catholic faith

Has God been calling you - or someone you love - into full Communion with our Catholic Church, or to the Sacraments of Initiation?

Now is the time to start exploring the opportunity to journey into the Church with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion next year at Easter.

For those who are already baptized in another Christian tradition, it could be a shorter journey to entering the church at some point sooner.

For those baptized and raised Catholic but just needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation & First Communion), we can work from where you are.

Call the parish office or go to: stelizabethg.org/meet-with-deacon to set up a meeting with Deacon Michael.

Mercy Minute

"Jesus, My Life, how well I feel that You are transforming me into Yourself, in the secrecy of my soul where the senses can no longer perceive much. O my Savior, conceal me completely in the depths of Your Heart and shield me with Your rays against everything that is not You. I beg You, Jesus, let the two rays that have issued from Your most merciful Heart continuously nourish my soul." (Diary, 465).



DO WE HAVE JESUS'S DNA?

Scientific findings of Eucharistic miracles will shock you - Think Jesus isn't present in the Eucharist? We got proof. Father Luke Spannagel of the Diocese of Peoria joins *Dive Deep* to discuss eucharistic miracles where the scientific findings will shock you. The findings also beg the question, "Does this mean we have Jesus' DNA? Go to dio.org/podcast or search *Dive Deep* on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

TEENAGERS:
Sign up for YDS Teens updates at: stelizabethg.org/yds-teens

Sign up for our Six Flags trip ASAP!
Text "YDS-TEENS" to 84576



PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Could you take Holy Communion to one homebound parishioner after either 8:00 or 10:30 Sunday Mass? We're looking for a few people, each of whom could take Communion to just one or two people after Mass. It is truly appreciated by them and 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. Thank you!

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 REUNION

Next 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: Mike Barth, Patrick Becker, Joani (Cicio) Dietrich, Joe Distler, Walter Fabry, Jane Frederich, Walter Govlick, Maureen (Hoedelbeck) Worthen, Joe Kriehock, Ted Kuberski, David Miskell, Mary Ann Simmers, Anita (Turner) Sirevaag, Kathy (Michell) Weber, Mary Beth (Winfield) Boone, Debbie (Carr) Ryan, Bill Carr, Laura Rosales, Mary (Vesci) Jacobsmeyer.

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

EMHC's PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's), please watch for opportunities to volunteer for additional open spots via Ministry Scheduler Pro. We have added two additional EMHC spots in the schedule, beginning THIS weekend, that were not there when the current schedule was created. If those spots are filled by EMHCs, we will be able to resume offering the Holy Eucharist under both species (host and chalice) at those Masses.

S'MORES NIGHT

Join us next Sunday for S'mores Night to meet the Totus Tuus team at 5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth. Everyone of every age is welcome for this fun evening of s'mores & fellowship. Bring a friend or neighbor!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Call the parish office to honor a loved one with Altar flowers. We have lots of available weeks: June 25, July 16, 23 and 30, August 6, 13, and 27, September 3, 10, and 17. The cost is \$50.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Our new parish directory is finally here and ready for distribution. If you had your photo taken for the directory, please visit the parish office to pick up your copy. If you would like your copy mailed, please contact Bret to make arrangements. Should you wish to purchase one of the extra copies (supplies are limited) you can do so for \$15 per copy at the office as well. Thank you to all for your patience.

ADVOCATE TRAINING

Training for those interested in representing the Tribunal in preparing marriage nullity cases as Advocates will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Christ the King parish, 1920 Barberry Dr., Springfield. There will be no cost for the training but please pre-register by July 10 by contacting cbranyan@dio.org or 217-321-1117. Lunch will be provided.

CALLED TO SERVE? COME & SEE

Any man discerning a vocation to the diaconate (being ordained to serve as a deacon) is invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria in Springfield, Friday September 8, (4 p.m.) thru Saturday September 9, (2 p.m.). Meet the men currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, and enjoy meals and social time. You'll also attend Mass with the deacon candidates and wives and participate in the Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation are also invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Register at: stelizabethgc.org/diaconate

PROJECT RACHEL: HELP & HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

K of C CORNER

Phrases we all use, wait a second, give me a second, hold on a second, that didn't take a second, etc. According to those phrases we can do a lot in a second. On the outside we look as to what can be done or happen in a second, well a lot. Death can come in a second, a car crash, accident, how about a God wink. A lot can be accomplished in a second, a prayer, kind gesture, a split decision to help some one. Many decisions are made in a second. Either you are or you aren't. I bring this up as you can use 1 second to decide to help us in or major fundraiser. May just one evening of help to help us provide the enormous amount of support we give our parishes and schools. Think about it for a second! Our meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30. You are all welcome to attend. Our prayers are going out to our priests and deacons on this very Sunday. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 18

Happy Father's Day

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

Monday, June 19

Juneteenth (Parish Office is Open)

Tuesday, June 20

Wednesday, June 21

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach (Harmony Room)
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, June 22

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Church) (Benediction at 9 p.m.)
7-8:30 p.m. - *The Lamb's Supper* Book Club (PLC Library)

Friday, June 23

Saturday, June 24

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive (Cafeteria)
10 a.m. - Women of Distinction Mass & Luncheon (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield)
5:30 p.m. - Class of 1973 Reunion (Harmony Room)

Sunday, June 25

5 p.m. - S'Mores Night (Outside the PLC) - All are welcome!
6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)
6-8:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus Teens (Entering Grades 7-12) (Harmony Room)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)



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PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 6/18- Rev. Joseph Carlos O.F.M. 6/21- Rev. Aloysius Ndeanaefo 6/24-Rev. Allen Kemme 6/27- Rev. Thomas Hadstrom 6/29- Rev. Charles Dahlby Rev. Jason Stone Rev. Dennis Koopman O.F.M. 7/1- Rev. Mariada Chatla, Rev. Aaron Kuhn 7/6- Rev. Valery Safari Burusu 7/8- Rev. Richard Weltin Rev. Kevin Laughery 7/10- Rev. Robert Jallas Rev. Michael Berndt 7/11- Rev. John Doctor, OFM 7/12- Rev. Michal Rosa 7/13- Rev. John Ossola Rev. Andre Schludecker, OFM 7/15- Rev. Robert Spriggs Rev. Benjamin Unachukwu, OMV 7/22- Rev. Michael Kuse Rev. Seth Brown 7/24- Rev. Robert Barko, OFM 7/31- Rev. Donald Blaeser, OFM

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 6/18- Rev. Julius Kirchgessner, C.S.B. 6/19- Rev. James Ahern Rev. Thomas Gorman 6/20- Rev. Francis X. Schreiber Rev. William Pietsch 6/22- Rev. John Marion Rev. John A. Duval Rev. John Hogan



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 June 11, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 50 Regular Income	\$4,160.00		
72 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$57.78			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$246.00		
Online Giving	\$495.00		
TOTAL	\$4,901.00	\$8,871.00	(\$3,970.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$405,072.68	\$443,550.00	(\$38,477.32)

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	\$336.00
Tuition Assistance	\$60.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$65.00
Mission & Ministry	\$15.00
Votive Offering	\$146.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
Retired Priests	\$45.00
Other Not Specified	\$70.00

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.
April tithes: \$6,961.00

Scrip Week ended June 11, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$600	/	\$7,025
National	\$1,435	/	\$27,445
Total Sales	\$2,035	/	\$34,470
Approx. Gross Profit to-date			\$1,703

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/allevnts>

"As you go, make this proclamation: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Matthew 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with s right now, while we are on earth. Start this second - invite the Lord into your heart!

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

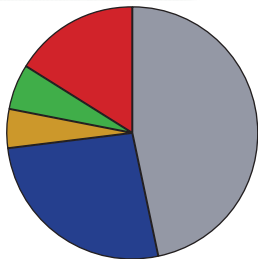
Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

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... the replacement of the school windows!



\$700,000 anticipated project cost
 \$327,000 startup from savings
 \$184,600 club/organization donations
 \$36,488 school fundraisers & PTO donations
 \$40,428 parish & school family donations
\$588,516 total in-hand
\$111,484 still needed

Given last week: \$5,336.00 THANK YOU!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & ADVERTISING

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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.



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