Disciples Stewards

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ June 25, 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 26 Monday of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday, June 27 Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Ann Fabisher+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

Wednesday, June 28 Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass: Francis Schwarzkopf+ by Jean, John & Derek Benning

Thursday, June 29 Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:15 a.m. Mass: Vivian Broadwater+ by Roger & Machele Knobeloch

Friday, June 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church 8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

Saturday, July 1 Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass: Terry Harbin+ by Norma Lesko

Sunday, July 2 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass: Claude & Carol Kessler on their 65th 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: 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.

Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42 In the first reading, Elisha is warmly received by a woman of influence. In recognition of her hospitality, he promises her a baby son. In the second reading, Saint Paul tells the community that, by dying with Christ, we find our way to new life. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his Apostles that those who lose their life for his sake will ultimately find fulfillment.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Santuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman+ by Steve & Marilyn Hahn.** To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are **Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman+ by Steve & Marilyn Hahn.** Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

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.

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 Dedera 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

LEARNING & LIVING OUR FAITH

VISIT THE CATHEDRAL IN SPRINGFIELD OR Ss. PETER & PAUL CHURCH IN ALTON, RECEIVE AN INDULGENCE!

The diocesan-wide Year of the Eucharist going on now has a heavenly treasure of our Catholic faith attached to it. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki received permission from the Holy See, granting a plenary indulgence to those who make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton (the "Old Cathedral") now through Dec. 8. One must also partake in the other usual conditions to receive this indulgence by going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope. These acts "may be carried out several days preceding or following the performance of the prescribed works. But it is more fitting that communion and the prayer for the pope's intentions take place on the day the work is performed" (Handbook of Indulgences, Norms for Indulgences, 23.3). An indulgence a gift and grace that remits the temporal punishment due to a sin.





DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On August 14, 2021, a powerful earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale struck within 100 miles of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. More than 2,000 people were killed, 12,000 were injured, and 300 were missing. Then widespread damage to houses and other structures was worsened by a tropical storm that hit the island shortly afterward. In responding to the urgent needs of the victims of these disasters, Pope Francis donated €200,000 through the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to support immediate emergency relief efforts in the most affected dioceses in Haiti.

Your contribution to the *Peter's Pence* collection helps fund not only all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also a number of solidarity projects that aid those most in need. To learn more about the ways in which this collection supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and reach out to the most marginalized in our world.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprock

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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.



EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE PANELS

Catholics from across the diocese have been wowed to read and view 151 true eucharistic miracle stories from across the world over the centuries, depicted through photographs and historical descriptions on panels temporarily set up in parish centers, gyms, and vestibules. Several parishes in our diocese have already hosted this display, called The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit. This exhibit was gifted to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and is available to parishes and schools in the diocese free of charge.

St. Elizabeth is blessed to have been able to purchase a full, printed set of these miracle panels with help from the men of Knights of Columbus Council #1098. These panels are on regular rotating display in the gathering space each week. Take a moment before or after Mass each week to check them out.

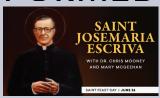
The exhibit presents some of the principal Eucharistic miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Catholic Church. By means of the panels, one can "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.

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.

FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church

This Week on FORMED®



St. Josemaria Escriva Catholic Saints

Called "the saint of ordinary life" by Pope John Paul II, St. Josemaria Escriva centered his ministry around a simple truth: each person can experience the extraordinary grace of holiness even in the ordinary events of dayto-day life.

St. Junípero Serra: A Man of God, A Mission of Love

In this documentary, learn about Father Serra's heroic missionary activity to Indigenous peoples in 18th-century North America

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

"When great sufferings will cause my nature to tremble, and my physical and spiritual strength will diminish, then will I hide myself deep in the open wound of the Heart of Jesus, silent as a dove, without complaint. Let all

my desires, even the holiest, noblest and most beautiful, take always the last place and Your holy will, the very first."
(Diary, 957)



TOTUS TUUS IS THIS WEEK!

Youth Entering Grades 1-6:

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

Youth Entering Grades 7-12:

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

Need space

this summer?

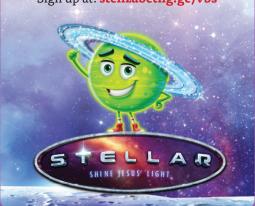
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is going to be out of this world!

Free for youth - all in grades 1+ are invited! Invite a friend.

Teens are needed to help as leaders.

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

Sign up at: stelizabethg.gc/vbs



YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

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



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



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.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREATS IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

- -8/4/2023 8/6/2023 St. Peters, MO
- 9/29/2023 10/1/2023 St. Peters, MO
- 12/1/2023 12/3/2023 St. Peters, MO

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?

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: **stelizabethgc.org/meet-with-deacon** to set up a meeting with Deacon Michael.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

HELP US WITH VBS!

We've created a Wishlist Signup for items needed Vacation Bible School. Please sign up for anything that you could help get us. Please have items to the Parish Office any time, but no later than July 17. Check out the list at: https://stegranitecity.flocknote.com/

https://stegranitecity.flocknote.com/ signup/126223

Or call the parish office and Bret can walk you through ideas and sign you up. Thank you!

ALSO - we need teens and adults to help as crew leaders to walk participants around and spend the time at VBS each night with them (July 31 - August 4), and to assist the leaders with a few of the stations. If you can help any or all of those nights, please call Bret in the parish office. Thank you!

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!

S'MORES NIGHT

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

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 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

CELEBRATE 150 YEARS WITH

THE SPRINGFIELD DOMINICANS

Celebrate 150 years with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield – The Springfield Dominican Sisters are pleased to welcome you to Sacred Heart Convent for a celebratory Mass in honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of their community. Please join them at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, 1237 W. Monroe Street, Springfield. RSVP by August 1 is appreciated. This may be made either with a phone call to 217-787-0481 or at springfieldop.org/150years/. With plenty of off-street parking and a building accessible to everyone, you will be warmly and gratefully welcomed. For those unable to be present, a live-stream is offered at springfieldop.org/livestream/.

Knights of

K of C CORNER As most you know

Columbus[®] the K of C no longer manages the hall anymore. That has been taken over by the Columbus Home. It's basically the same people, just a different entity. Those of us in the 3rd, 4th and 5th degree would like to thank the members of the Columbus Home for the support they give us. Without them we would not be in the position we are in to support the schools and parishes. If you are going to go out to watch the Cardinals. Blues or other events consider coming out and supporting them. There are plenty of big screen televisions, the Queen of Hearts drawings on every Wednesday. I have tried to make all of the messages in the KC Corner spiritual but just had to give a shout out to the Columbus Home for all the ways they help us. Our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month, June 27th this month, at 7:30. Our meetings are open to all families in the parishes Yours in Christ, Tom

Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337

This Week

Sunday, June 25

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC Library)

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)

Monday, June 26

2nd Anniversary of Deacon Michael's Ordination

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus (Entering Grades 1-6) (Holy Family)

6-8:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus Teens (Entering Grades 7-12) (Harmony Room)

Tuesday, June 27

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus (Entering Grades 1-6) (Holy Family)

6-8:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus Teens (Entering Grades 7-12) (Harmony Room)

7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, June 28

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus (Entering Grades 1-6) (Holy Family)

6-8:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus Teens (Entering Grades 7-12) (Harmony Room)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, June 29

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus (Entering Grades 1-6) (Holy Family)

6-8:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus Teens (Entering Grades 7-12) (Harmony Room)

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 30

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Totus Tuus (Entering Grades 1-6) (Holy Family)

Saturday, July 1

Sunday, July 2

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

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Monday, July 3

18th Anniversary of Father Alfred's Priestly Ordination

St. Elizabeth School







PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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. Michael Rosa

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 6/25- Rev. Louis Hinsen 6/26- Rev. F. Furbin Rev. Francis Ostrop Rev. Edward McGowan Rev. James Dougherty Rev. James R. Molony Rev. Phillip J. Newman Rev. John F. Sheahan 6/27-Rev. Donald Meehling Rev. Anthony Schmidt 6/28- Rev. Thomas Ryan Rev. Michael J. O'Reilly Msgr. Virgil Mank 6/29- Rev. Joseph Wilson Rev. Matthew Malley Dcn. William Neuser 6/30- Rev. William Weigand Rev. Lawrence Winking Rev. Charles Francis Knaperek Rev. Gene Katoski, OFM



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 18, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 51 Regular Income	\$6,730.00		
104 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$64.71			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$264.25		
Online Giving	\$1,580.00		
TOTAL	\$8,574.25	\$8,871.00	(\$296.75)
YTD TOTALS	\$413,646.93	\$452,421.00	(\$38,774.07)

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 \$425.00 Tuition Assistance \$270.00 Building Repair/Maintenance \$500.00 Mission & Ministry \$100.00 **Retired Priests** \$40.00 Other Not Specified \$5.00

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. May tithe: \$2,774.00

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We want to take a moment to specifically thank a particular donor to the View to the Future windows project. We recently received a \$30,000 donation from the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. These funds come from the hard work put in by these men and others that volunteer to work BINGO at the Columbus Home. This often includes spouses of our Knights and other volunteers from the parishes who are not Knight affiliated at all. This is a blessing but also a reminder of the need for more of our Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus or consider helping out at the various BINGO sessions. It would be a much different parish and school without this support. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAD A PART IN THIS DONATION and to everyone who has given even a dollar to our View to the Future!

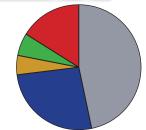
"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." - Matthew 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!



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 \$40,853 parish & school family donations \$588,941 total in-hand

Given last week: \$425.00 THANK YOU!

still needed

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & ADVERTISING

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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.

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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