

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 2, 2023

Congratulations Rose Krystopa, Diocesan Woman of Distinction



Congrats to Rose Krystopa, St. Elizabeth's recipient of the 2023 Women of Distinction Award this past Saturday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. A group of friends and family including Deacon Michael accompanied her to Springfield for Mass with Bishop Paprocki and a lunch reception following. Thank you Rose for all that you have done and continue to do in setting an example as a woman of God in our parish!



Totus Tuus Fun



Totus Tuus was in Granite City this week for the youth of our 3 parishes. During the days, grades 1-6 enjoyed the youth program at Holy Family and in the evenings, grades 7-12 enjoyed the teen program at St. Elizabeth. ___ youth took part in the daytime program and over 20 youth shared in the evenings.


Thank you to all who helped feed the youth & team during the day time lunches and evening dinners, and who housed or otherwise helped.


(Totus Tuus means "Totally Yours", from St. Louis de Montfort's writings, and the motto of St. Pope John Paul II.)


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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
Athletic Director: Matt Schwendemann
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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, July 3

Saint Thomas, Apostle

No Mass

Tuesday, July 4

Tuesday of the 13th Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Bruce & Mary Brown

Wednesday, July 5

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jamana & Matthew Rongey

Thursday, July 6

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Family

Friday, July 7

Friday of the 13th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, July 8

Saturday of the 13th Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, July 8-9

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Tom Lesko by Renee Weidner

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Barbara Byrd+ by Richard P. Willaredt

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



July is dedicated to
the Precious Blood of Jesus

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July:

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

This 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.

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

A prophecy from Zechariah tells of the Messiah coming into Jerusalem riding a donkey, proclaiming peace. His kingdom will stretch over the whole world. Saint Paul encourages the Romans to live according to the Spirit, not worldly desires. In the Gospel, Jesus praises his Father for the wisdom of revealing himself to the meek. Those who are burdened can find rest in him.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **James Alsop+ by Pat Alsop**. 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.

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 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

GC ROCK Update - A Note from Woody & Rita Halbrook

Editor's Note: GC Rock has served the high school youth of the three parishes across Granite City, Madison, and Venice for the last nine years. We at St. Elizabeth parish are grateful for the efforts and leadership of Woody and Rita over the years and wish them all of God's blessings as they move on to their new ministry efforts. We would like to thank Dawn Wright for her support and leadership of this ministry on behalf of the parish as well! God bless you all and thank you.

To the Parishioners of Holy Family, St. Elizabeth, and St. Mary/St. Mark Parishes,

GC Rock Youth Group originated 9 years ago in the summer of 2014, with a packed St. Anthony Room at Holy Family Community Center. It was a room full of eager high school kids with huge ideas, and lots of pizza. We had a huge vision and knew that forming this group of high school youth was something our three parishes needed desperately. With the support and Blessing of Father Chris and Father Jeff, we reached out and met with two women, 'the best' at youth ministry, at Our Mother of Perpetual Help. They shared with us so many ideas on how to make this happen... And so, it began!

We started the youth group in the perfect direction with a day retreat at St. Boniface called "Shine your Light" on November 8, 2014...and the kids were hooked, and we were too! By the spring of 2015, "our kids" named their group GC Rock, because "God's Children DO Rock". Since our first "Gathering" we have enjoyed every single moment spent with each of the precious children that the parents of our high school youth have entrusted with us. We did the best we could at offering opportunities to share our Faith and taking them on Life-affirming trips. We have always encouraged service to others including the children, the elderly, and the homeless in our community. We have also enjoyed and will treasure some mighty fun outings filled with faith and fellowship with our Rocks!

In the summer of 2015, we took a van loaded with youth to St. Catharine College in Kentucky to attend our first Ignite Your Torch Youth Conference. We spent the next 4 summers taking Rocks to Ignite Your Torch in Kentucky and Alabama! We have had high school youth participate in Theology of the Body retreats as well as attending the Diocesan summer retreat in Springfield, Called and Sent. Each summer we have encouraged Rocks to come to the tri-parish Totus Tuus week retreat and we have encouraged them to help direct the younger children during the Totus Tuus day sessions.

In January 2016, with your prayers and support, our youth boarded one of 5 buses with over 200 youth pilgrims from this area and headed to Washington DC for OUR FIRST Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and March for Life! In January, for the next 5 years, we took our Rocks to stand and March for Life with thousands of youth in Washington DC.

We have sold countless mason jars of our homemade cookie and soup mixes, Krispy Kreme donuts, Gus's Pretzels, St. Louis Cardinal calendars, and built our famous "Brick Money Wall" to make these trips AND activities possible. YOU, our parishes, supported us in everything! We are so grateful for the support you gave to our GC Rock kids.

So now, with much prayer and discerning, (and many tears), after 9 years as mentors of GC Rock we have made the very difficult decision to step back. We can hope and pray that we can pass the GC Rock legacy on to someone younger who has a love of our Faith and LOTS of energy...someone who sees the importance of keeping our high school youth that attend both public and private schools together. If not, we know that all is well in God's time. We ask you to pray with us that the new Young Disciples of St. Elizabeth Church will welcome and succeed in keeping the youth of our parishes together.

We are beyond thankful and have been blessed so tremendously by the ministry that was entrusted to us with the children of our parishes for as long as we have been able to do so.

Through some mighty challenging months in this past year, we have learned even more clearly that when a door closes, God has a way of opening a new one to serve "his children". A message in his homily on Pentecost Sunday, Deacon Michael shared such a message that resonated in our hearts that God's timing is so perfect... **"Each of us is called. Each of us is given different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit, different forms of service, but the same Lord. Different workings, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we each receive all the strength, all the gifts to do what God calls us to do, in Jesus's name."**

With thankful hearts, Woody and Rita Halbrook

Congratulations Deacon David

On June 3, 2023, Most Reverend Michael McGovern, Bishop of Belleville, ordained David Scott Miskell as a Permanent Deacon for the Belleville Diocese, along with thirteen classmates. Deacon David was baptized at St. Elizabeth in June of 1959 by the Reverend James Shortal and is an alumni of our school, class of 1973. This is the same class that celebrated a reunion last weekend here at our parish. Congratulations to Deacon David and may God bless you in your ministry!



Reunion Recap

Saturday evening, the St. Elizabeth School Class of 1973 gathered at Mass and then had a wonderful evening of food and fellowship in the Harmony Room afterwards. Deacon David Miskell, recently ordained in the Diocese of Belleville, preached the homily at Mass. Father Alfred took the group on a tour of the school and many great memories were shared. Thank you to the group for coming home. We hope to see you all again soon!



This Week on FORMED



Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

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.

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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 NOW: stelizabethgc.org/vbs



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



Mercy Minute

"O my Jesus, You know, You alone know well that my heart knows no other love but You! All my virgin love is drowned eternally in You, O Jesus! I sense keenly how Your divine Blood is circulating in my heart; I have not the least doubt that Your most pure love has entered my heart with Your most sacred Blood. I am aware that You are dwelling in me, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, or rather I am aware that it is I who am living in You, O incomprehensible God!" (Diary, 478, Part 1)



YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

TEENS: Sign up for YDS Teens updates: stelizabethgc.org/yds-teens And sign up ASAP for our July 12 Six Flags trip. We'll buy the group tix this week!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



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. **Beginning this week, you can contact the parish office to put your name on the waitlist for our available seats. If you are interested, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.** For more information on the event or volunteering, visit dio.org.

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/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!

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

HOMEBOUNDED MINISTRY

Could you *please* 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!

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/lives-tream/.

MID-LIFE SINGLES

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at La Salle Retreat Center, Wildwood, MO (35 min from downtown St. Louis), on July 21-23, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Early bird cost is \$240 (\$250 after July 7th) including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

K of C CORNER

We want to remind everyone in our parishes that they are welcome to come to our meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. We have had some questions of why we would do this. The reason being that we are doing everything we can to connect with the parishioners so they can understand how dedicated we are to supporting them in supporting the parishes and them with spiritual and financial aid. Next week we will announce the results of our election of officers for the coming year. May God bless our parishes and Catholic community. God be with all of you, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 2

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

Monday, July 3

18th Anniversary of Father Alfred's Priestly Ordination

Tuesday, July 4

**Independence Day
Parish Office Closed**

Wednesday, July 5

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, July 6

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, July 7

Saturday, July 8

Sunday, July 9

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC Library)
1 p.m. - Secular Franciscans (PLC)
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: 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: 7/1- Rev. A. Teppe Rev. F. Marke Rev. Francis Shiels Rev. Donald Knuffman 7/2- Most Rev. John Janssen Most Rev. James Ryan 7/3- Most Rev. John Baptist Franz 7/4- Rev. Joseph Ferkulj 7/5- Rev. Vincent Carey 7/6- Rev. Joseph Corcoran



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 25, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 52 Regular Income	\$5,705.00		
104 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$54.86			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$488.00		
Online Giving	\$610.00		
TOTAL	\$6,803.00	\$8,871.00	(\$2,068.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$420,449.93	\$451,292.00	(\$40,842.07)

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:

BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00
Special Projects/Windows	\$1,190.00
Peter's Pence	\$369.00
Votive Offering	\$136.00
Tuition Assistance	\$80.00
Retired Priests	\$35.00
Calvary Catholic Cemtry.	\$20.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$10.00

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.
May tithes: \$2,774.00

Scrip Week ended June 25, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$7,025
National	Not	/	\$27,445
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$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/allevents>

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."
- Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: If you have been away from the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a while, feel free to contact the parish office for guidance & materials to help you prepare to return to the Sacraments. In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you could also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism 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

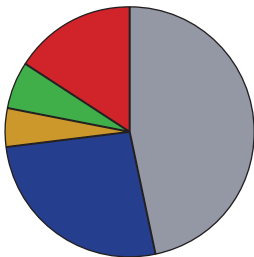
Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

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
 \$42,043 parish & school family donations
\$590,191 total in-hand
\$109,869 still needed

Given last week: \$1,190.00 THANK YOU!

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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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