

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 16, 2023



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

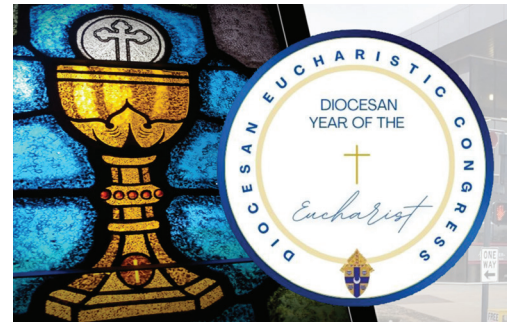


## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE PANELS (with a correction)

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 the *Holy Name Men's Club*. *We mistakenly reported that these were obtained with help from our local Knights of Columbus Council, but that was in error.* 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 which have been recognized by the 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. **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](http://dio.org).


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Finance Council: Charlotte Charbonnier  
School Board: Adam Meyenburg  
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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, July 17**

**Monday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday, July 18**

**Tuesday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Melanie Rees+ by Tim & Marylou Lyerla

**Wednesday, July 19**

**Wednesday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Patricia Jackson+ by Sam+ & Barb Shambro

**Thursday, July 20**

**Thursday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Emma Jakich+ by Rosemary Tomlovic

**Friday, July 21**

**Saint Lawrence of Brindisi,**

**Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mel Stroud+ by Debra Murphy

**Saturday, July 22**

**Saint Mary Magdalene**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, July 22-23**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Stephen & Helen Doroghazi+  
by Stephen Doroghazi

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Mary Konarcik+ by Janice A. 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: 15th Sunday in Ord. Time**

*Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23*

The first reading speaks of God's word, like rain, doing his will and achieving the end for which it is sent. In the second reading, we hear that creation is groaning, but that we have the firstfruits of the Spirit while we wait for redemption. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed that fell on rich soil.

**Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ord. Time**

*Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-4*

The author of the Book of Wisdom ponders the mystery of God's power, which he exercises with justice and leniency. In the second reading, Paul describes how the Holy Spirit helps us pray. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about the kingdom of heaven through a series of parables.

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Glenn, Patrick & Pete Gibson+ by Barbara Gibson**. 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 **Tom Lesko by Norma Lesko**. 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 Menerick

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

## PARISH PICNIC UPDATE



Wanted to take time out to say THANKS!!! The 2023 Picnic was a success for a number of reasons. We made some adjustments with our hours of operation and the changes were very positive. Closing at 11:00 on Friday and Saturday was successful, allowing the various booths and workers to “finish” earlier without negatively impacting the “bottom line”. We initially decided to close at 6:00 on Sunday to make sure that we had the available resources to tear the camp down on Sunday night. We can probably extend this to 7:00 next year but will continue to look at numbers to see if the reward is realized. Will make that decision later this year as to when we will actually close.

We kept costs down with less expensive bands for Friday and Saturday and not having to pay for a band on Sunday. This was a BIG expense save.

The biggest success was closing early on Sunday. Implementing a need to have each booth staff as if we were to be open until 10:00 allowed the effort to provide the necessary resources to effectively tear down the entire camp. We were able to get most of the camp torn down and put into the barn that night....just leaving some minor things to address on Monday morning. Historically, the Monday tear down has experienced such a gap in resources that made the effort of tearing down the camp extremely difficult and challenging to the staff that normally represented on that Monday. This was TRULY a parish effort and the teamwork and willingness to meet this demand was very much appreciated and inspiring.

We are still gathering some left over invoices that will need to be paid but overall, the numbers look great. I know that we are over \$200,000 gross and hope to have more finalized numbers for you all in the coming months. (Realize that this is a “gross” amount.....and the actual profit will be a percentage of this amount.).

Again, BIG THANK YOU to all who made this successful..... especially Bud, Mike and his crew, Dennis Krystopa, Rob Hutson, Andy Yurko, Paul Mills, Beth Dittman, Michelle Williams, Loretta Joyce, Bret Ware, Jackie Jones, Father Alfred, and ALL of the chairman. The hours of preparation leading up to this picnic and the hours spend AFTER the picnic are incredible. The dedication and the spirit of these people....along with the hours that the parents and parishioners work during the picnic helps us realize success....regardless of what obstacles/challenges we might encounter throughout the event.

Although Mary and I have moved to another city, the parish family of St. Elizabeth will ALWAYS be home for me and Mary.

Appreciate you.

- Steve and Mary Hay

## WORDS OF FAITH

*This week, we share a reflection from a new parishioner, Sharon Brinker. Thanks Sharon!*

### **This Is My Why**

I wanted to share something that was placed on my heart at 10:30 am Mass this past Sunday as well as at Vespers. I believe it was inspired from great sharing and conversation happening at the [Lamb's Supper] book study,



I was really struck by how empty the pews looked this past weekend at Mass. Granted... I do realize this is vacation time and I don't know the attendance numbers at the other weekend Masses, but it really looked noticeably sparse. Some have shared at book study that some parishioners have said to them that they don't plan on returning to in person Mass when streaming Mass at home is more convenient and comfortable. Now don't get me wrong.... I think streaming was a wonderful option we were blessed to have during COVID and I still think many benefits to keeping that option, especially for the homebound or the sick who cannot physically attend. I additionally think it is helpful to supplement our prayer life.... but not to take the place of in person Mass.

During 10:30 Mass, this question came to my mind....maybe we need to ask parishioners that say they don't want to return to in person Mass “What would it take to bring you back?”

I then started reflecting on what brings ME back every weekend and thought “Maybe those that come every week can share in some venue WHY they keep coming every week in person.” Maybe something shared would move someone to come back. Maybe they just need to be reminded of things forgotten or missed during the sometimes felt repetitiveness or routine we sometimes find ourselves feeling.

This is my “Why I attend Mass weekly in person....Please come back”

I am a new parishioner who felt called to join St. Elizabeth Parish while attending weekly 10:30 am Mass. I started attending after my mom died and enjoyed sitting near the front behind the servers and at that time the two Seminarians. I admired how they would mentor the young servers....it would make me smile. Every time I enter the church, I am greeted with a smile and good morning at the doors and walking t-o my pew more smiles from those sitting at the back chairs.

- First and foremost, Jesus is present along with all in Heaven to worship with us in the pews.
- The beauty of God's Home and welcoming environment
- The stunning Altar with the Angels and Tabernacle
- Just like any event like a concert-TV is not the same as live and we have a choir that leads us in praise loud and strong and makes it easy for us to participate
- We witness our youth/future and support them as they participate in various ministries including youth choir and serving. We need to be good examples and be seen and present for them.
- We need your voices joined with ours in unity as we pray for the closure of the abortion facility that stains our city and also the much needed St. Michael prayer.
- We notice and care when we don't see part of our church family.
- The graces we need and Father's Blessing for strength for what comes our way in life.
- Fellowship is a welcome after so much isolation and masks during COVID.

This is what is here every weekend and why I chose to join!

I invite all of you to reflect and consider sharing why YOU choose to come in person....who knows how many can be reached when God uses us to help others come to Him

**This Week on FORMED**



**Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)**  
Learn about the “apostle to the apostles” in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus’s encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection..

Thanks to our Men’s Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on any device. Go to [signup.FORMED.org](http://signup.FORMED.org) and select our parish name.

**Mercy Minute**

“The Lord said to me, ‘I am more deeply wounded by the small imperfections of chosen souls than by the sins of those living in the world....Others distrust My goodness and have no desire to experience that sweet intimacy in their own hearts, but go in search of Me, off in the distance, and do not find Me. This distrust of My goodness hurts Me very much. If My death has not convinced you of My love, what will? Often a soul wounds Me mortally, and then no one can comfort Me. They use my graces to offend Me.” (Diary, 580)



# Blasting off for adventure!

**It’s time to register NOW. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL blasts off in just 2 weeks**

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: [stelizabethg.gc/vbs](http://stelizabethg.gc/vbs)



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## YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

We had a blast on our Six Flags trip this past Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs. Norma & Deacon Michael for driving & chaperoning. Here’s a picture of the teens after Mass before departing on Wednesday.



Mark your calendar for our next YDS Teens meetup, Sunday August 13 after 10:30 a.m. Mass until 1 in the Upper Room in the PLC. Bring a friend!

Donors are willing to sponsor any teens who wish to attend *Called & Sent* July 23-26. Contact the parish office for info.

# Called and Sent Dive Deep with God

## For high school students



Sunday, July 23 -  
Wednesday, July 26,  
2023

Villa Maria Retreat Center  
1903 E Lakeshore Dr.  
Springfield, IL 62712

Hosted by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, Office of Vocations

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### Called to Communion? Journeying into the faith

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

Explore the opportunity to journey into the Church with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion next year at Easter.

For those 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 for more info.

#### 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.

#### 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](http://stelizabethgc.org/diaconate)

#### HOMEBOUND 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/](http://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/](http://springfieldop.org/lives-tream/)

#### 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](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

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



## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 16

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC Library)  
2:30 p.m. - Churches & Community United Meeting (Harmony Room)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

### Monday, July 17

### Tuesday, July 18

### Wednesday, July 19

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

### Thursday, July 20

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 21

### Saturday, July 22

### Sunday, July 23

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

#### K of C CORNER

A special thank you to the officers that agreed to serve 3rd and 4th degree councils. We welcome the new officers who have agreed to serve and perform to the best of their abilities for the coming year. The 4th degree will be holding their 5th Sunday Honor Guard on July 30th at the 8a.m. mass at St. Elizabeth. This is one of the traditions that the 1098 council has been performing for many years. The men will be dressed in the official K of C uniforms. This is really a special occasion and recommend for all to come out to view this Guard to display their procedure with honor, love, and dedication to the Lord. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 25th at 7:30 p.m at the Columbus Home. All members of parishes are invited but must be 18 or over. If you would like to come out and pray the Rosary with us, we do so, starting at 7 p.m. God bless the members of all parishes and the community.

Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



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ATHLETICS**  
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S c r a m b l e

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CLOSEST  
TO THE PIN!  
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GAMES!**

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DINNER!**

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 12TH**  
REGISTRATION-700AM  
SHOTGUN START-800AM

**LEGACY GOLF  
COURSE**

**\$80/ PERSON \$320/ TEAM**  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 31ST, 2023.  
TO RESERVE YOUR TEAM CONTACT MATT SCHWENDEMANN  
@618-792-0863, THEN FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM!



**PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS**

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:  
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: 7/15- Rev. J. Philip Johnson Rev. Wilbert  
Hegener, O.F.M. Deacon William J. Maruer 7/16- Rev. John Sullivan  
7/17- Rev. Adolphus Jacques 7/18- Rev. Anthony Roettger Msgr. Casimir  
Toliusis 7/19- Rev. William Murphy Rev. Francis J. Hogan Rev. Linus G.  
Kipping Msgr. Frank Dirksen



**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; Brandon Weidner- US Coast Guard, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; Kody Presswood- Staff Sergeant, US Space Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado

# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship **TWO WEEKS** ending July 9, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 2 Regular Income	\$14,741.00		
227 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$64.94			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$743.56		
Online Giving	\$2,180.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,664.56</b>	<b>\$18,208.00</b>	<b>(\$543.44)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$17,664.56</b>	<b>\$18,208.00</b>	<b>(\$543.44)</b>

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	\$4,086.00
Tuition Assistance	\$622.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$411.00
Mission & Ministry	\$271.00
Votive Offering	\$255.00
Retired Priests	\$110.00
Calvary Catholic Cemtry.	\$100.00
Peter's Pence	\$70.00
Other Not Specified	\$475.00

### 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.  
June tithe estimate: \$4,091.00

### Scrip Week ended July 9, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	\$300	/	\$7,325
National	\$1,505	/	\$28,950
Total Sales	\$1,805	/	\$36,275
Approx. Gross Profit to-date			\$1,795

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 seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13:22**

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

## 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](http://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

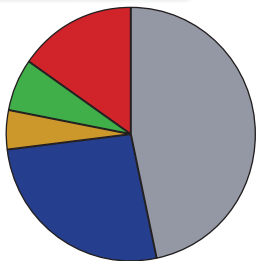
**Entering the Church:** If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

**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  
 \$46,129 parish & school family donations  
**\$594,217** total in-hand  
**\$105,783** still needed

**Given last week: \$4,086.00 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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