

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 23, 2023

## MARRIAGE



one flesh, given and received

**Natural Family Planning**

*...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage*

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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, July 24**

**Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

No Mass

**Tuesday, July 25**

**Saint James, Apostle**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

George Taylor, Sr. + by Premo & Kay Clay

**Wednesday, July 26**

**Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Patti Jackson+ by Darlene Fletcher

**Thursday, July 27**

**Thursday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Lonnie DeRuntz+ by the DeRuntz Family

**Friday, July 28**

**Friday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

John Lewis Brusatti by the Brusatti Family

**Saturday, July 29**

**Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, July 29-30**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Carl Williams, Jr. + Don & Karen Bridick

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

George Friedel+ by the Friedel Family

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: 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.

**Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ord. Time**

*1 Kngs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52*

In the first reading, God gives Solomon a wise and understanding heart to govern God's people. In the second reading, Paul teaches that all things work for good for those in loving relationship with God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure; once found, it is all we want and worth all we have.

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **deceased Priests, Deacons, and Religious of our Diocese**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are for **all first responders: police, dispatch, fire, EMS, doctors and nurses**. 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  
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



## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK

Is love something natural and part of being human? Of course, it is. Many of us may not be able to find the precise words to define love, but we know what it feels like when love is missing in our lives. We also know how satisfied we feel when we have love. And, even better—we know the deep fulfillment we feel when we offer our love to others and they accept it.

The natural ability to know, give, and receive love is a gift from God. As Scripture teaches, it is rooted in our nature, being made in God's image and likeness (Gen 1:27). This basic truth of our humanity has profound implications for all human relationships, especially for those of us who are called to the vocation of marriage.

Learn more ...

Catholic teaching on human sexuality:

[www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/love-and-sexuality/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/love-and-sexuality/index.cfm)

Catholic teaching on married love and the gift of life:

[www.usccb.org/nfp/catholic-teaching/upload/Married-Love-and-the-Gift-of-Life-English-version.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/nfp/catholic-teaching/upload/Married-Love-and-the-Gift-of-Life-English-version.pdf)

Natural Family Planning:

[www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/index.cfm) and [www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/nfp-basic-information.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/nfp-basic-information.cfm)

Where to learn an NFP method:

[www.usccb.org/nfp/find-an-nfp-class.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/nfp/find-an-nfp-class.cfm)

## FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners, and school parents. Happy Summer! I hope it is going well after the windstorms that ravaged our communities halfway through it. We pray that our LORD, God of hosts, Mighty LORD, who rules the raging sea; stills its swelling waves, and calms the storms, may surround us with his faithfulness and protection! (Psalm 89:8-9). Every summer, we (especially for children) have all the opportunities to enjoy many activities, with family and friends. I expect that during these months many of us/families travel to the lakes and parks, have cookouts, and travel out of states/country to enjoy the warm, sunny (humid) weather and change of location. I hope and pray that we savor the God-given moments, with the health of mind and body before the summer season ends. Meanwhile, some of you have been asking me if I will be traveling to Uganda this summer, as I have always done. I was and will not be able to travel to Uganda due to school summer courses that I have had to take as a requirement towards the completion of my Doctoral studies in Health Care Mission Leadership in August 2024. Please join me in prayer thanking God, and all those supporting me on my enormous journey. Nevertheless, I hope to travel early next year!

On a good note, I will be traveling to the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, to attend and concelebrate at the mass of the perpetual profession of my Cousin Sister Restetuta Nakacwa, of the sisters of the "Congregación de María Reparadora" (Sisters of Mary Reparatrix) in the city of Jalisco Mexico, due to take place on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the Parish of San Lázaro, Polanco Deanery, Vicariate of Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Guadalajara, Jalisco (Mexico). Perpetual Profession marks the beginning of Sister Restetuta's total commitment to follow in the footsteps of Christ through a life of poverty, obedience, and chastity, as a sister of Sisters of Mary Reparatrix. Please join me to pray for her total commitment to serving the Lord as a religious nun. The weekend I am gone, (from Friday, July 21, to Tuesday, July 25, 2023), I have asked Fr. Charles Niwagaba, who has been invited to our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois through the mission office MCP program to help do the mission appeal for my home Archdiocese of Mbarara, to help with Sacramental ministry while staying with us at St. Elizabeth Parish (Granite City) parish rectory.

Meanwhile, as the parish life activities continue into the summer with the preparations for the Summer Vacation Bible School, July 31-August 4, please have the kids sign up. Secondly, pray for Bret Ware, and others from our diocese, traveling to attend the National Black Catholic Congress XIII (July 20-23, 2023) at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland, to join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture. Thirdly, Our View into the Future School Window Project has been approved by our Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, with permission to accept the bid and contract GRP Wegman of Bethalto (which we have done) in the amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 to replace the circa 1955 windows in St. Elizabeth School. The work is in progress, and they will be starting soon. I am grateful to all of you who are contributing and are yet to contribute to this project so that we can hit our goal together before the summer season ends.

Thank you all for your time, talents, and treasure shared for our parish and school, and you are all living examples of discipleship and stewardship in action, as we help to make our campus a beautiful place to worship and experience fellowship, as we learn and grow in our faith.

With gratitude and appreciation for all you do, peace and blessings.

Father Alfred Tumwesigye

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### ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

Finance Council: Charlotte Charbonnier  
School Board: Adam Meyenburg  
Parent/Teacher Org.: Natasha Reidl  
Ladies Sodality: Tammi Mooshegian  
Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson  
Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik  
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames  
Athletic Director: Matt Schwendemann  
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

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**This Week on FORMED**



A STUDY OF *Sacred Art*

Joachim and Anne  
GIOTTO DI BONDONE

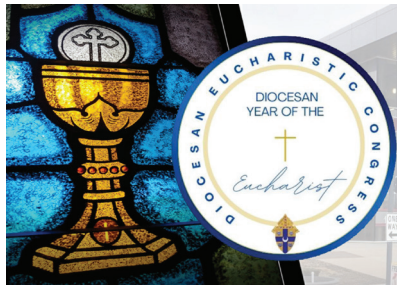
FORMED NOW

**Sts. Joachim and Anne Sacred Art**

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."

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.



You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration, our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, Saturday, October 28 in Springfield. Experience nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass in an arena with thousands of Catholics from across our diocese. **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).



# Blasting off for adventure!

**It's time to register NOW.  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
blasts off NEXT WEEK!**

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.org/vbs](http://stelizabethg.org/vbs)



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## Mercy Minute

"There are souls who despise My graces as well as all the proofs of My love. They do not wish to hear My call, but proceed into the abyss of hell. The loss of these souls plunges Me into deadly sorrow. God that I am, I cannot help such a soul because it scorns Me; having a free will, it can spurn Me or love Me. You, who are the dispenser of My mercy, tell all the world about My goodness, and thus you will comfort My Heart." (Diary, 580).



## YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

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!

## Called to Communion?

*Journeying into the fullness of the Catholic faith*

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

Call the parish office for more information and to set up an informational discussion.

## Exodus

# The best wing man you'll ever have.

The 40 days of St. Michael's Lent leads men through prayer and penance — imitating the practice of St. Francis of Assisi who used this time to prepare for the great feast of the Archangel Michael.

**St Michael's Lent**  
August 15 - September 29

[StartMyExodus.com](http://StartMyExodus.com)





## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### LADIES SODALITY

#### BAZAAR UPDATE

In order to accommodate people who wish to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Springfield on October 28, this year's Turkey Dinner & Bazaar will be on Sunday, October 22. Please adjust your calendar accordingly.

#### BAZAAR BASKET BOOTH

Summer is almost over and fall is right around the corner. We're requesting donated items for the fall Bazaar. We need approximately 190 baskets for the raffle. You may donate a completely made themed basket or baskets. If you only donate items or baskets we will be happy to put them together.

All donated items should be new and not have an expiration date before 2024. Cash donations and gift cards are welcome as well.

Items may be dropped off in the bin by the choir room or at the Parish Office. Please call Mary Riggs at 618-542-7855 or Chris Domagalski at 618-304-2575.

Basket ideas or suggestions: Wine, coffee, date night, movie night, adult / children's reading baskets, baking (cookie cutters, mitts, etc.), tea, beer/liquor, spa, BBQ/Grilling, hunting, fishing, swimming, pets, Lotto, gift cards, comic books, sports, game night, pasta, Legos, Disney, superhero, golf

#### CHARITABLE OUTREACH NEEDS

We greatly appreciate the support we are seeing behind our Charitable Outreach efforts. Please continue to contribute funds (through GiveCentral or in the basket at Mass) or donate items (see the list in the gathering space for our bag program. We are in particular need of small toothpaste containers and feminine hygiene items to go in the bags. Thank you for all you do to help those in need in our community

#### 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)

#### 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 23

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

### Monday, July 24

### Tuesday, July 25

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

### Wednesday, July 26

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, July 27

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 28

### Saturday, July 29

### Sunday, July 30

Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Mass (Breakfast at Columbus Home After)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

#### K of C CORNER

Next week the men of the 4th degree will be presenting the honor guard at the 8 a.m. mass at St. Elizabeth. This is a very solemn ceremony that represents our faith and love for our Lord Jesus Christ. We also have many activities planned for the next several months. Our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month. All are welcome to attend our meetings, which start at 7:30 p.m.

Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0377



Knights of Columbus



**ST. ELIZABETH  
ATHLETICS**  
G o l f  
S c r a m b l e

**LONGEST  
DRIVE!  
CLOSEST  
TO THE PIN!  
PLUS MORE  
GAMES!**

**SPONSORSHIP  
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AVAILABLE!**

**HOT DOGS AT THE TURN!  
DRINK TICKETS!  
DINNER!**

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

**LEGACY GOLF  
COURSE**

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**\$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:  
7/24- Rev. Robert Barko, OFM 7/31- Rev. Donald Blaeser, OFM 8/2- Rev. Thomas Liebler **8/5 Most Rev. Thomas John Paprocki** Rev. D. Patrick Gibbons 8/8- Rev. Trenton Rauck SJC **8/13- Rev. Zachary Edgar** 8/14- Most Rev. Carl Kemme 8/16- Rev. Martin Smith

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 7/23- Rev. James Harty Rev. Joseph S. Miller 7/24- Rev. Patrick Malloy Rev. John Murphy 7/26- Rev. Stanley O. Yunker 7/27- Msgr. Joseph O'Dwyer 7/28- Rev. Daniel Ryan Rev. Mike Clifford Rev. Edward J. Kowalski 7/29- Deacon Robert Moulton 7/30- Rev. James Smith Rev. Wimar Oberdoerster Rev. James T. Landers Rev. Raymond F. O'Connor 7/31-Rev. F.J. Fisher Rev. Joseph Reis Rev. George Windolph, O.F.M. 8/1- Rev. C.S. Bell Rev. Robert Joseph Rebert 8/3- Rev. James Heslin Rev. George Windsor



**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 July 16, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 2 Regular Income	\$4,740.00		
73 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$64.93			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$404.00		
Online Giving	\$1,370.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,514.00</b>	<b>\$9,104.00</b>	<b>(\$2,590.44)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$24,178.56</b>	<b>\$27,312.00</b>	<b>(\$3,133.44)</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	\$407.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$300.00
Tuition Assistance	\$160.00
Funeral Stipend	\$100.00
Retired Priests	\$50.00
Mission & Ministry	\$15.00
Votive Offering	\$255.00
Catholic Charities	\$3.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$3.00
Easter Flowers	\$3.00
All Souls Day	\$2.00
Other Not Specified	\$136.00

### 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: \$4,203.00

### Scrip Week ended July 16, 2023

	Current	/	YTD
Walmart	Did	/	\$7,325
National	Not	/	\$28,950
Total Sales	Balance	/	\$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/allevnts>

**"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13:24**

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

## 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

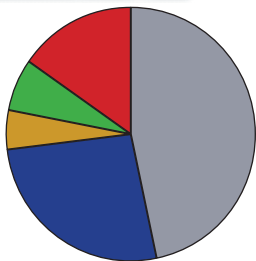
**Entering the Church:** If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

**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  
 \$46,536 parish & school family donations  
**\$594,624** total in-hand  
**\$105,376** still needed

**Given last week: \$407.00 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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