

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 🔶 July 30, 2023



# Blasting off for adventure!

## If you haven't yet, register NOW! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL blasts off THIS 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.gc/vbs** 



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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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#### 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 31 Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest No Mass

Tuesday.August 2 Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liquori, **Bishop and Doctor of the Church** 6:00 p.m. Mass: Romana Lofink+ by Charles & JoAnne King

Wednesday, August 2 Wednesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: Emma Jakich+ by Elaine Smith

Thursday, August 3 Thursday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: Patricia Jackson+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, August 4 Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest 8:15 a.m. Mass: **First Friday Intentions** 

Saturday, August 5 Saturday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: Carl Williams, Jr.+ by Don & Karen Bridick

Saturday-Sunday, August 5-6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord 4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass: Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: D John Straubinger+ by The Straubinger Family

10:30 a.m. Mass: Mel Stroud+ by Donna Murphy

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

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

This 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, 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 the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure; once found, it is all we want & worth all we have.

Next Sunday: Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9 In our first reading, a vision of Daniel, the Ancient One takes his throne and the Son of Man receives an everlasting dominion. In the second reading, Peter instructs to be attentive to his prophetic message, as he was an eyewitness to Jesus' majesty. In the Gospel, Peter, James, and John climb a mountain with Jesus, who then converses with Moses and Elijah while a voice speaks from a cloud, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

#### **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP**

This week, the 14-day Santuary 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 **the suffering** souls in Purgatory. 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 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



## Service

#### **CHARITABLE OUTREACH UPDATE & 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 for our bag program (see the list in the gathering space). We are in particular need of small toothpaste containers and feminine hygiene items to go in the bags. Our laundrymat ministry could use donations of Tide/Detergent Pods and Dryer sheets as well as ziplock bags to go in them. Thank you for all you do to help those in need in our community.

#### ABL PREGNANCY HELP CENTER SEEKING NURSE

A Beacon of Light (ABL) Pregnancy Help Center is searching for a deeply compassionate Illinois licensed registered nurse to join our mission 15-20 hours per week. Please email your resume to ABL or share with someone interested & qualified. Send resume to resume@ablpregnancyresource.org.

#### UPCOMING MISSION APPEAL

Our annual Diocesan Mission Appeal will take place the weekend of August 19-20. Here is a message with a bit of background information about the ministry that will visit us, St. Dominic Mission Society.

St. Dominic Mission Society is the foreign mission organization of the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Albert the Great (Central USA). Our principal foreign mission is in Puerto Rico.

Presently our greatest needs there are:

• Scholarships: Families in need due to earthquakes and hurricanes, who have students at our gradeschool and high school at Nuestra Señora del Rosario parish in Yauco. 300 students x \$1000 each = \$300,000;

• Restoration of Priory: Need for completion of restoration of the Dominican Friars' house in Yauco, severely damaged by a 6.8 magnitude earthquake in January 2020 (\$100,000).

#### **Mission Appeal preachers:**

#### Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, OP

- Ordained a Dominican priest on June 7, 2008.
- Priest with faculties and good standing in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.
- Director of the Center for Engagement and Evangelization at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis.

• Firsthand experience in our Dominican mission in Puerto Rico.

#### Fr. Vincent Davila, OP

• Ordained a Dominican priest on May 20, 2017.

• Priest with faculties and good standing in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

• Professor of Theology at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis.

• Firsthand experience in our Dominican mission in Puerto Rico.

We seek your prayers for our vocations and ministries in Puerto Rico, as well as your charitable donations for this mission. Thank you for your support and prayers.

#### MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES WANTS YOU TO JOIN OUR ADVISORY BOARD!

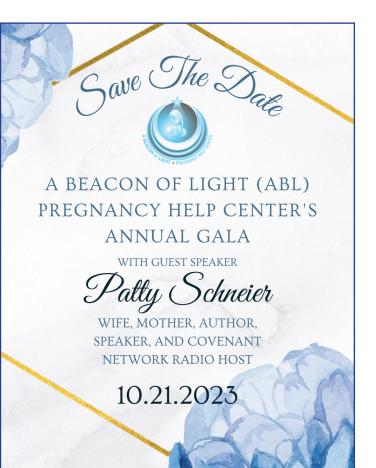
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- Commit: Attend 5 meetings a year and participate in subcommittees with a specific focus
- Connect: Promote community relations and build connections
- Expand: Recruit and train new members, build programs, and explore new opportunities
- Create: Share fundraising ideas, plan events, set goals, and use your special talents to help your team succeed

For more information, contact Madison County Area Director Denise Burton at 618.462.0634 or burton\_ccmc@cc.dio.org.



#### **FORMATION** Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church





#### Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

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.



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.



LAMB'S SUPPER BOOK CLUB We are approaching the end of our summer book club exploring Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth, by Scott Hahn. The group of parishioners from the Granite City community feel very fortunate to have the opportunity of reading through this insightful book and reflecting on it prayerfully together. Do you have a book you would like to explore? Contact the parish office and share it; maybe we will use that one next.



**THE RESCUE PROJECT IS COMING TO ST. ELIZABETH AGAIN THIS FALL** Mark your calendars, get ready, and start to invite friends and neighbors to this wonderful and engaging introduction to our Christian faith. *The Rescue Project* will be shared on Thursday evenings from September 14 through November 2. Dinner, movie, and discussion are included. Free for all. Come any or all nights!

#### **Mercy Minute**

"When I went to my cell, I saw over me the Sacred Host in great brightness. Then I heard a voice that seemed to be coming from above the Host: 'In the Host is your power; it will defend you. After these words, the vision disappeared, but a strange power entered my soul, and a strange light as to what our love for God consists in; namely, in doing His will." (Diary, 616).



#### 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.







## **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 & Baazar 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

#### PARISH DIRECTORY

As you know our parish directory is in and available for pickup in the office or at Mass in the next few weeks. As you begin to look through it, if you are aware of people whose contact information is not accurate (yours, or someone else) please don't hesitate to contact the office to share that updated information. If there are people who have moved, changed address or phone number, please let us know. Thank you!

#### 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

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

#### 8th ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is hosting the 80th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows. Friday, July 28 through Saturday, August 5. Mass begins at 7:30 p.m. "Mary the Dawn, Christ the Perfect Day!" Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, and prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. For more information, call 618.394.6276. snows.org/novena

## **This Week**

#### 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)

#### Monday, July 31

5:30-8:15 p.m. *Stellar* Vacation Bible School (Check in at front of Gym)

#### Tuesday, August 1

5:30-8:15 p.m. *Stellar* Vacation Bible School (Check in at front of Gym)

#### Wednesday, August 2

5:30-8:15 p.m. *Stellar* Vacation Bible School (Check in at front of Gym) 7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

#### Thursday, August 3

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Church) (Benediction at 9 p.m.)

5:30-8:15 p.m. *Stellar* Vacation Bible School (Check in at front of Gym)

7-8:30 p.m. - **The Lamb's Supper** Book Club (PLC Library)

#### Friday, August 4

5:30-8:15 p.m. *Stellar* Vacation Bible School (Check in at front of Gym)

#### Saturday, August 5

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

7-9 p.m. - PTO Back to School Pool Party (all preschool & school families welcome) (Paddlers Pool)

#### Sunday, August 6 Harmony Cafe after all Masses

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

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

#### K of C CORNER

The men of the Honor Guard are a very important and dedicated group that go above and beyond in memorializing with honor and respect on different occasions. They stand guard when a fellow knight has passed. They stand in honor at the Memorial Day mass at the Catholic cemetery. They



are also present at either church for the 5th Sunday mass. At the funerals they stand perfectly still for 15-minute shifts. Try standing very still for even 5 minutes and you will get a better appreciation for their passion for this sacred and holy ministry. Thank you, men, for your commitment. All of you are appreciated in a very special way. Christ be with all of us, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337

## **St. Elizabeth School**

Know a future Royal? Space is still available and registration is still open for the coming school year. If you know of someone who would be a great candidate to join our school family, contact the school office for more information and/or a tour.



#### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS**

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 7/29- 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 23, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 4 Regular Income	\$6,597.00		
92 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$71.71			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$306.77		
Online Giving	\$805.00		
TOTAL	\$7,708.77	\$9,104.00	(\$1,395.23)
YTD TOTALS	\$31,887.33	\$36,416.00	(\$4,528.67)

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	\$200.00
Votive Offering	\$112.00
Funeral Stipend	\$100.00
Tuition Assistance	\$60.00

#### 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. June tithe: \$4,203.00

Scrip	Week ended July 23, 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/allevents

## "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better



#### **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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