

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 9, 2023

## This Week on FORMED®

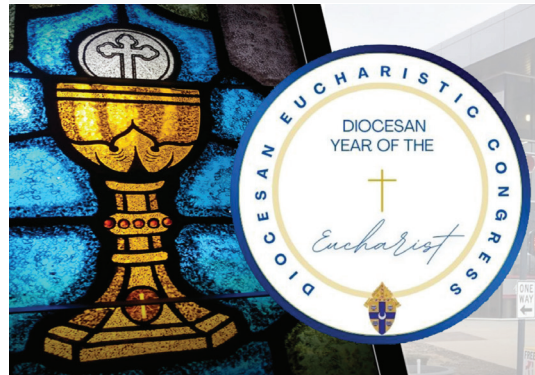


### The Story of Death Eternal Rest, Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

## Divine Mercy Minute

"O incomprehensible God! I am aware that I am dissolving in You like a drop in an ocean. I am aware that You are within me and all about me, that You are in all things that surround me, in all that happens to me. O my God, I have come to know You within my heart, and I have loved You above all things that exist on earth or in heaven. Our hearts have a mutual understanding, and no one of humankind will comprehend this"  
(Diary, 478, Part 2)



## DIOCESAN EUCCHARISTIC 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. **You can now 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).

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 9

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

### Monday, July 10

### Tuesday, July 11

7 p.m. - Columbus Home Meeting (Columbus Home)

### Wednesday, July 12

Young Disciples Teens Six Flags Day  
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, July 13

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 14

### Saturday, July 15


### Sunday, July 16


2:30 p.m. - Churches & Community United Meeting (Harmony Room)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)


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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 10**

**Monday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday, July 11**

**St. Benedict, Abbot**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Pat Loftus

**Wednesday, July 12**

**Wednesday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Bruce & Mary Brown

**Thursday, July 13**

**Thursday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Emma Jakich+ by Rosemary Tomlovic

**Friday, July 14**

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Joseph Czwoznog+ by Ann Czwoznog

**Saturday, July 15**

**Saint Bonaventure,**

**Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16**

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Carmen Dickerson+ by Michele Morgan

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Jeanette Stunkel

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: 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.

**Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary 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.

### 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 **Paula Gushleff Koliste+ by Ruthie, Leonard & Bill Koliste**. 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

Czwoznog & 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

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Bursik/Votoupal Family

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### SIGN UP FOR VBS!

Free for youth - all in grades 1+ are invited! Invite a friend. Monday-Friday evening, July 31-August 4, here at St. Elizabeth Sign up NOW:

[stelizabethgc.org/vbs](http://stelizabethgc.org/vbs)

### 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 - If you can help at VBS, 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.

### 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)

### 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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

### CALLED TO COMMUNION?

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 for more information. Thank 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](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.

## STEWARDSHIP

Due to the holiday, collection numbers will be delayed by one week.

***"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* - Matthew 11:30**

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us!

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## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:  
 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: 7/9- Rev. Augustine Tolton Rev. James Hassett 7/10- Rev. Bernard Ahne 7/11- Rev. Edward Welsh Rev. Paul Limacker Rev. John O'Connell Rev. Joseph Fortman 7/13- Rev. William Busch



## 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

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