

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 13, 2023

This Tuesday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered at St. Elizabeth at 6:00 p.m.



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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
Athletic Director: Joe Philips
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, August 14

**Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr**

No Mass

Tuesday, August 15

**Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Dennis Riggs+ by Mary Gray

Wednesday, August 16

Wednesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Father Henry Schmidt+
by Rosemary Tomlovic

Thursday, August 17

Thursday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Warren & Zita Bequette+ by Jim Bohn

Friday, August 18

Friday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, August 19

Saturday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, August 19-20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Brian Foreman+ by Denise Cook

8:00 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Rudy Votoupal Jr.+ by Dorothy & Lee+ Hayes

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: 19th Sunday in Ord. Time

1 Kg 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

The Lord revealed his presence to Elijah not in great forces of nature but in a tiny whisper. Saint Paul writes of his sorrow in loving his people who do not accept Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus invites Peter to join him in walking on water; Peter does so until he doubts, and Jesus catches him when he begins to sink.

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ord. Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

In the first reading, Isaiah tells the people to observe what is right and do what is just, for God's salvation is about to come for all who hold to his covenant. Paul writes that he is the apostle to the Gentiles, for God has delivered them too. In the Gospel, Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman because the woman's faith is great.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Mattias & Mary Lesko+ by Norma Lesko**. 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 Students, staff, teachers, and leadership team of Saint Elizabeth Catholic School**. 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 Mannerick
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

Tuesday's Holy Day of Obligation - The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 6 p.m. this Tuesday, August 15. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for the faithful. Holy Family will have Mass on that day at 8 a.m. should you have need to attend earlier. Father Alfred will be accompanying our teachers on their catechetical retreat to Evermode Institute in Springfield.

MISSION APPEAL

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.

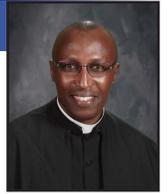
LIVING ROSARY AUGUST 19

Please join us for our next "living rosary" after the 4:30 p.m. Mass next Saturday, August 19.



FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastoral Visit of the Bishop



Praised be Jesus Christ! Last year 2022, we scheduled and requested our Bishop to give us a Parish Pastoral Visit. I am delighted to announce that our Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be visiting our family of God here at Saint Elizabeth Parish in Granite City on Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27. Canon Law 396 §1: 'A bishop is obliged to visit the diocese annually either in whole or in part, so that he visits the entire diocese at least every five years either personally or, if he has been legitimately impeded, through the coadjutor bishop, an auxiliary, vicar general, episcopal vicar, or another presbyter.' According to the Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops "Apostolorum Successores": 'The pastoral visit is an apostolic endeavor, an event of grace.'

What will happen during the pastoral visit of the Bishop?

During the Bishops pastoral visit, he will be particularly interested to hear about our efforts around each of the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese (parish): Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service, and all that we do that make our parish life and faith beautiful and learn about our programs and activities that contribute to sacramental life and our Christian life.

The celebration of the Saturday and Sunday Masses are the spiritual heart of parish life. For this reason, Bishop Paprocki will be the celebrant and homilist at all our scheduled weekend Masses (Sat., 4:30 pm; Sun., 8:00am and 10:30am - to be live streamed). The 10:30am will be a youth Mass, led by our kids (choir, lectors, servers), and the bishop will bless the students and their backpacks as they begin the new school year. Bishop Paprocki would like to be in front of as many parishioners as possible at Mass, after Mass, and at Harmony Cafe hosted by St. Elizabeth Preschool Team following each mass. He will also need to meet with all our Councils only (Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, School Board), to be held after lunch on Sunday.

Goals of the Pastoral Visit

This will help him, as our bishop, to come to a deeper appreciation of the life of the Christian community at Saint Elizabeth Parish and School and certainly, an overview of what the parish is already doing in each area of the four pillars, but also to get everyone brainstorming about what more the Lord might have in mind in those areas.

It will also give him an opportunity to get to know the parish/school and give parishioners/school parents an opportunity to meet with the Bishop, to discuss our parish/school and parish life and to get to know him as shepherd and chief pastor in a deeper way.

Everybody (parishioner/school parent) is invited to take part in this event. The presence of a bishop is a blessing to our parish and school when he visits. If you have suggestions, questions, or maybe something no one thought of or that will be really helpful, share it with me through the parish office. Thank you all for your discipleship and stewardship. Pray now and moving forward that this visit is productive and allows us all to collaborate together and with our Bishop to reach out and grow our parish/school!

Together with Christ's Mission,
Fr. Alfred Tumwesigye

This Week on FORMED®



Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe
After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape - one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.

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.

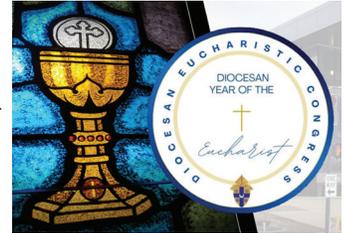


THE RESCUE PROJECT IS COMING

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!

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

To celebrate the Year of the Eucharist going on in our diocese right now and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city of our diocese from Alton to Springfield, a Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. You are invited! Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the first speaker starting at 1 p.m., and Mass begins at 4 p.m.



This Eucharistic Congress will be a spiritually uplifting and motivating event featuring talks from nationally popular Catholic speakers Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Father Denis Robinson, OSB, and Dr. Scott Hahn. It also includes Catholic vendors, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, a showing of the documentary *God is Alive I* Incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois, and a showing of *The Chair*, which highlights the beauty of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield and the history of the diocese. The day culminates with the very essence of the Year of the Eucharist, the Mass, with an arena full of Catholics from across the diocese eager to hear the Word of God and receive Jesus present in the holy Eucharist.

This is a free event, but to attend, you must contact the parish office, as each parish in the diocese is given a specific number of available seats.

Schedule of the day:

- 10:30 a.m.: Doors open, family room open, vendor row open
- 11 a.m.: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession available in basement (both end at 3:30 p.m.), concession stands open
- 11:30a.m. - 12:35 p.m.: Screening of documentary, *God is Alive I* Stories of incredible faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois
- 12:50 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.: Dr. Scott Hahn presentation.
- 1:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.: Screening of *The Chair*, video that highlights the history of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and Bishop Paprocki's journey to Springfield
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.: Sister M. Karolyn Nunes of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, presentation
- 2:50 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.: Father Chase Hilgenbrinck presentation
- 3:10 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Father Denis Robinson, OSB, presentation
- 4:00 p.m.: Mass

Remember, to register, contact our parish office. Interested in riding the charter bus? It should leave around 8 AM that morning and return that evening about 7pm. We are asking for riders to pay a portion of the cost, \$25 per rider. Please do not let this be a hindrance. Contact the office for help. There will be NO Masses at parishes in the diocese on Saturday, Oct. 28. We want you in Springfield!

Mercy Minute

"During meditation, God's presence pervaded me keenly, and I was aware of the Virgin Mary's joy at the moment of Her Assumption. Towards the end of the ceremony carried out in honor of the Mother of God, I saw the Virgin Mary, and She said to me, 'Oh, how very pleased I am with the homage of your love... Everyone who perseveres zealously till death in My Congregation will be spared the fire of purgatory, and I desire that each one distinguish herself by the following virtues: humility and meekness; chastity and love of God and neighbor; compassion and mercy.'"

(Diary, 1244)



Called to Communion?

Journey 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.

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!

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you receive envelopes for your weekly contributions, thank you for what you are able to contribute each week to help maintain the parish and school as well as support the ministries of our parish. When you contribute, please be sure to use your envelope as it helps the counting process and ensures that your contribution is credited properly. If you choose to place cash in the basket, it is always appreciated. Be sure however to note your envelope number or family name. We want to be able to account for the contributions of our parishioners and school families for tax and tuition purposes. If you have questions or need help setting up an envelope number or with our online giving program GiveCentral, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

QUILT RAFFLE

It is time again to purchase quilt raffle tickets for the 2023-2024 drawings. You have a chance to win six beautiful quilts sewn by our very talented quilters. Our first drawing will be at the August meeting so turn your tickets into the church office or place in collection basket at mass prior to the drawing. Thank you for your support of the Ladies Sodality fund raiser.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 22nd following the 6pm mass. Come out and help us celebrate a long-time member. Call Tammi for more information, 618-920-1792.

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 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.

ABL OPEN HOUSE

Look around, meet the team, see what's new at A Beacon of Light Pregnancy Help Center. August 30, 3-6 p.m., 6201 W. Main St. #150, Maryville, IL

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 13

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC Library)
YDS Teens after 10:30 Mass (PLC Upper Room)
1-4 p.m. - Secular Franciscans (PLC)
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

Monday, August 14

5:30 p.m. - Kindergarten + Parent Meet & Greet (School)

Tuesday, August 15

**Holy Day of Obligation:
The Assumption of the BVM
Mass at 6 p.m.**

All Day - St. Elizabeth School Staff & Teachers at Formation Day at Evermode Institute in Springfield
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Father McGivney Staff Retreat at St. Elizabeth (Harmony Room & Church)
Exodus St. Michael's Lent begins!

Wednesday, August 16

First Day of School!

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 17

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Church) (Benediction at 9 p.m.)
6 p.m. - School Parent (1st-8th grades) Meet & Greet (School - start in the Cafeteria)

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

Mission Appeal at all Masses

Living Rosary after 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 20

Mission Appeal at all Masses

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

K of C CORNER

We have a lot of things happening in the next several months, kids Halloween party, Christmas party and several other events. In the next fiscal year we still plan supporting both schools and all 3 parishes. How much support depends on how our bingo nights turn out. Our nights are Fridays and Sundays. There is nothing exciting on tv these days so how about coming out and play some bingo, especially knowing the funds come back to all of you in different ways? All are welcome to attend our meetings, must be 18 or over. They are the 4th Tuesday of each month. God bless you all and be with you 24-7, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



Knights of
Columbus

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.

It's great to be a ROYAL!

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to all of our St. Elizabeth School families! It has been an eventful summer and we have many great things planned for this upcoming school year.

Some new positions this school year are as follows: Mrs. Ratchford - 7th grade; Joe Philips - Athletic Director; John Dimitroff - Assistant Athletic Director; Chris Spanberger - Director of Religious Education. Preschool students are welcome to join early next week, but the official start day for all students will be Wednesday, August 16. Myself and the teachers will be in Springfield all day Tuesday for a Catechesis retreat, we ask you to pray for us. An updated calendar and a monthly calendar of events will be shared next week. We are excited to kickoff the 23-24 school year! See you soon.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 16, 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Parents are welcome to come in and take pictures and drop off school supplies. Please be extremely careful in the parking lot on the first day.

Lunches need to be brought from home for the first week of school.

MEET & GREET EVENTS

Kindergarten Meet & Greet is for the parents and Kindergarten. They are to bring their supplies that evening. We will be meeting in the students classroom to discuss school routines and classroom routines. This event is held Monday, August 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m..

1st-8th grade families: All families meet in the cafeteria to begin the evening at 6 p.m. Following the all school meeting parents will go to their child's classroom. The teacher will talk about their classroom for approx. 20 minutes. If you have 1 child enrolled you are then free to leave. If you have more than 1 child you are then expected to go to the other child's classroom at 7 p.m. The teachers will repeat themselves at each session. This meet and greet event will take place on Thursday, August 17, beginning at 6 p.m.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:
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: 8/13- Rev. Henry B. Schnelten Rev. Patrick J. Muldoon Rev. Robert L. Meyer Deacon Frank Maynerich 8/15- Rev. Daniel O'Grady Rev. Oscar J. Wernet Rev. James Keefner, O.F.M. 8/17- Rev. Vincent Heraty 8/18- Rev. Roman Weinzaepfle Rev. Richard Welsh Rev. David W. Munn



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 August 6, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 5 Regular Income	\$9,031.00		
135 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$66.90			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$307.00		
Online Giving	\$1,465.00		
TOTAL	\$10,803.00	\$9,104.00	\$1,699.00
YTD TOTALS	\$49,539.83	\$54,624.00	(\$5,085.17)

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	\$2,196.00
Tuition Assistance	\$676.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$416.00
Other - Not Specified	\$343.00
Mission & Ministry/Formation	\$251.00
Assumption of Mary	\$150.00
Votive Offering	\$96.00

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 August 6, 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>

“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” - Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

SACRAMENTS

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

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

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism and sign up for a Baptism Preparation class at least a month before your desired date of Baptism. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30 Mass most Sundays or at 7 p.m. some Wednesdays.

Matrimony: To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact the parish office to set up initial appointments and preparation at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults: Contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE

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

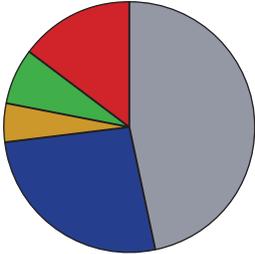
Communion to the Homebound: If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

Declarations of Nullity: In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an ‘annulment.’) Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Laura Black are available as Advocates before our diocesan tribunal for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.



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
- \$49,594 ● parish & school family donations

\$597,682 total in-hand

\$102,318 ● still needed

Given last week: \$2,496.00 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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