

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 20, 2023





A Royal Back to School!



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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik
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**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 21

Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope

No Mass

Tuesday, August 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the BVM

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Sylvia Winfield by Ladies Sodality

Wednesday, August 23

Wednesday of the 20th Week in Ord. Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Bob Pawlak+ by Dot Pawlak

Thursday, August 24

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Glen Hommert+

by Bud & Charlotte Charbonnier

Friday, August 25

Memorial of St. Louis, King of France

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Melanie Rees+ by Tim & Mary Lou Lyerla

Saturday, August 26

Saturday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, August 26-27

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Ruth Malottki+ by Nancy Rosales

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Vivian Broadwater+

by Roger & Machele Knobloch

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: 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.

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ord. Time

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

In the first reading, Eliakim is given the tokens of the master of the palace and the Lord gives him authority over the palace to be a father to all Jerusalem. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that God's knowledge and wisdom are unfathomable. In the Gospel, when Jesus asks who the crowds say he is, the disciples give varied answers. Peter answers correctly and Jesus gives him the keys of the kingdom.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **the students and families, staff, and teachers of St. Elizabeth Catholic School**. 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 **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
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

LIVING ROSARY AUGUST 19

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



WELCOME!

WELCOME DEACON DANIEL MCGRATH!

We are pleased to share the news that Deacon Daniel McGrath will join our parish for the upcoming school year. Deacon Daniel will be a great addition to our pastoral leadership team and to our

parish-school community! Take a moment to read a bit more about him in the short biography he shared with us:



I come from a small town south of Spring-

field, IL, called Thayer. I grew up there and went to high school in Springfield. During my last couple of years of high school, I began to discern the call to the priesthood. I had been confirmed during my Junior year, and my relationship with Jesus in prayer grew after that. I ended up going to college for one year at Eastern Illinois University, and during that year, I discerned to enter the college seminary in Indianapolis.

I was in Indianapolis at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary for three years. After that time, I was sent to Kenrick - Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, MO. I have been there for the past four years. My previous parish assignments have been at St. Boniface in Edwardsville, where I spent two summers, and the time off during COVID. I spent an entire year at Our Lady of Lourdes in Decatur, IL as a pastoral intern. Finally, I was ordained a Deacon in May and spent the summer at Mother of Dolors parish in Vandalia, IL.

During this school year, I will be at St. Elizabeth on the weekends and at Kenrick during the week. I look forward to being here and serving you at the parish!

God Bless,
Deacon Daniel McGrath

FROM OUR PASTOR



Praised be Jesus Christ! This weekend of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 19/20) as you have been reading in the last couple of our parish bulletins, we receive and host Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, OP and Fr. Vincent Davila, OP both of St. Dominic Mission Society. As we have always been generous to our brothers and sisters in need, let join the Office for the Missions in our diocese in cooperation with the Missionary Cooperative Program of the Pontifical Mission Society, and the universal Catholic Church in our support of the missions. This gives us the opportunity to directly participate in the Church's mission work by our prayers and financial assistance, for St. Dominic Mission Society to meet their needs. In this way, our parish has an opportunity to be part of this global work. Let us remember that *"the one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness."* (2Corinthians 9:10).

Secondly, allow me to introduce to you, Deacon Daniel McGrath, ordained to transitional diaconate on Friday, May 26, 2023, for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and currently in his final year of seminary formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis (MO). Deacon McGrath looks forward to spending his weekends with us this year and will be joining our faith community and staff here at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church and School in Granite City. Let us welcome Deacon Daniel McGrath.

Pastoral Visit of the Bishop

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.

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®



Pope Saint Pius X
Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.



The Queen Mother Lectio: Mary, Episode 4
Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

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.

Mercy Minute

"The most solemn moment of my life is the moment when I receive Holy Communion I long for each Holy Communion, and for every Holy Communion I give thanks to the Most Holy Trinity. If the angels were capable of envy, they would envy us for two things: one is the receiving of Holy Communion, and the other is suffering."
(Diary, 1804)



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!

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

We're having ANOTHER Meet-up THIS Sunday, August 20 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

Please continue to support our outreach bag program. At the moment, we are in need of the following: toothbrushes/toothpaste, small size soap or bath/handiwipes, feminine hygiene products, beef sticks or granola bars and short bottles of water. Donated items can be left in the bin in the gathering space or at the PLC. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this project.

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 20

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

Monday, August 21

Tuesday, August 22

After 6 p.m. Mass - Ladies Sodality (Harmony Room)
7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, August 23

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 24

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

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

Bishop Paprocki's Pastoral Visit

Sunday, August 27

Bishop Paprocki's Pastoral Visit

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

K of C CORNER

Next meeting we will be bringing up some new ideas on how we can have more participation in all 3 parishes. In our council, we care about you no matter which parish you belong to; from Holy Family, St. Elizabeth or St. Mary/St. Mark. We are unified in doing whatever we can to help all 3 parishes. The members are dedicated to a common cause in that we are all Catholics, we believe and practice our faith in prayer and actions to do whatever we can for the good of the parishes. Today we ask you to pray for the Sainthood of Father Michael Joseph McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. God bless you all, 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 this 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.



TEACHERS' FORMATION

Our school staff, along with Chris Spanberger our new Director of Religious Education and Father Alfred enjoyed a special day of formation at the Evermode Institute in Springfield on Tuesday. The diocese launched this new institute especially for the ongoing formation of the teachers and catechists in our diocese, and we're excited that our teachers and team will continue their own spiritual & academic formation in our faith through the Evermode Institute, in order to better continue to strongly pass on the faith to our young people!



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: 8/18- Rev. Roman Weinzaepple Rev. Richard Welsh Rev. David W. Munn; 8/21- Rev. William Futerer 8/22- Rev. Ferdinand Stick Rev. John Pleuner 8/23- Rev. Lawrence C. Ryan 8/24- Rev. Charles Englum 8/25- Rev. Francis Reinhardt Rev. Charles Oppenheim Rev. Jerome L. Jacek Rev. William Michael Wand Rev. Floribert Veverka, O.F.M. 8/28- Rev. Charles Oberprintacher 8/29- Rev. Gerald J. Griffin Rev. William E. Kekeisen 8/30- Rev. A. Rotte Rev. Thomas Quigley

CELEBRATING SUNDAYS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

This week, we are going to begin sharing a bit of supplemental information that can be used to help families get more out of Mass. This information is from a book called 'Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families' by Kerri Mecke-Lazano. It includes the Gospel, a reflection, a question to ponder before AND after Mass as well as a section called Living the Word to consider how you can take the Gospel with you for the rest of the week. Please use them to help you and your family get more out of the Mass each week!

HEARING THE WORD: Read Matthew 15:21-28

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Did you know that almost everything we say in the Mass is from the Bible? When we know the stories behind the words we say, what we profess has so much more meaning. In today's Gospel, we hear a woman say to Jesus, "Have pity on me, Lord," or said in another way, "Have mercy on me, Lord." We say these powerful words at Mass when we are asking God to forgive us. In this moment we are repeating the Canaanite woman's plea for help. She had so much faith that even the "scraps" of his power were enough for her. Jesus knew that her faith would be an example to his own disciples! May she also be an example to us!

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Pay attention to the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass. Why is it important to ask for God's mercy and forgiveness at the start of the Mass?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Jesus says that the Canaanite woman has great faith. How does she show great faith? How can we have faith like she does?

LIVING THE WORD

The words "Lord, have mercy" are sometimes repeated or sung in Greek, which is the original language of the Gospel accounts. As a family, explore the different ways this prayer can be said or sung:

Greek: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

English: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Discuss which way each person prefers and why.



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 13, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 7 Regular Income	\$4,579.00		
103 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$66.90			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$281.61		
Online Giving	\$615.00		
TOTAL	\$5,475.61	\$9,104.00	(\$3,628.39)
YTD TOTALS	\$55,015.44	\$63,728.00	(\$8,712.56)

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	\$485.00
Annual School Fund	\$340.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$275.00
Tuition Assistance	\$100.00
Votive Offering	\$100.00
Assumption of Mary	\$55.00

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.
July tithes: \$3,990.00

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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>



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

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
- \$50,079 ● parish & school family donations

\$598,167 total in-hand

\$101,833 ● still needed

Given last week: \$485.00 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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