

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 27, 2023

Welcome, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki!
We're grateful for your leadership and presence, and are excited to welcome you for your pastoral visit this weekend.



Sign up for a Day of Eucharistic Celebration

A special day to come together to celebrate our faith and the Eucharist is happening **Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield.**

This "Eucharistic Congress" is a special gathering around spiritually uplifting and motivating talks, the opportunity to visit with fellow Catholics and Catholic vendors, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for Confession, and more!

The day will also include the opportunity to see two related films: the documentary **God is Alive**, showcasing incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois, and **The Chair**, highlighting 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 celebration of Holy 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

You can drive on your own, or take the opportunity to ride in the charter bus from St. Elizabeth with fellow parishioners, so that you don't even have to worry about the drive or parking



near the event in Springfield for the day!

Nationally popular Catholic speakers include Biblical scholar Dr. Scott Hahn; Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM; Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, former professional soccer player & vocations director for the Peoria Diocese; and Father Denis Robinson, OSB.

The day starts at 10:30 a.m. and is filled with film screenings, speakers, and then

culminates with the celebration of Mass at 4 p.m.

There will be NO Masses or other events in our parish or any other parish in our Diocese on Saturday, October 28 - we'll all be celebrating the Congress in Springfield that day. Join us there!

This event is FREE to attend, but you must contact the parish office to request one of our available tickets. Our charter bus should leave around 8 a.m. that morning and return that evening about 7 p.m. We are asking for riders to pay a portion of the cost, \$25 per rider. Please do not let this be a hindrance. Others are available to help cover the cost if necessary. Contact the office for help. Call the parish office & join us in Springfield October 28!


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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 28

**Memorial of St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

No Mass

Tuesday, August 29

Mem. of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Beverly Fossie+ by Cathy Cassy

Wednesday, August 30

Wednesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Marie & Elaine Foreman

Thursday, August 31

Thursday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Francis "Rocky" McBride+
by Lew & Lois Glasgow

Friday, September 1

Friday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, September 2

Saturday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Katherine Kern+ by St. Elizabeth Choir

Saturday-Sunday, September 2-3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Darwin Thornton+ by Debbie & Joe Valencia

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Harry Hill+ by Premo & Kay Clay

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

Mass offerings are available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle / Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Flowers. Contact the parish office.

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: 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.

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

In the first reading, Jeremiah bemoans the suffering he endures because of his faithfulness to the word of the Lord. In the reading from Romans, we are urged to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice and be transformed. In the Gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to take up their cross and follow him.

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 **St. Elizabeth Parish & School by Andy & Joanne Yurko**.

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 Menerick
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

Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



WHAT IS A BISHOP?

A bishop is a man who possesses the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the priesthood of Jesus Christ, the chief among the three orders in service of the Church (bishop, priest, and deacon). The bishop is ordained to the fullness of the priesthood in order to govern and to teach a diocese, a geographic portion of the faithful, as its chief pastor. Bishops are the successors of the Apostles. A bishop's responsibilities include:

To Teach: A bishop is the principal teacher in his diocese and has the responsibility to preach the Word of God and the truths of the faith to his people. He must ensure that those delegated to teach in his name, namely priests, deacons, teachers, catechists and others, teach the truth.

To Govern: A bishop is responsible for meeting the needs of the local community (material, social, personal and spiritual) as well as ensuring that Church laws are observed. He is ultimately responsible for training and supplying clergy for parishes, for the finances of the diocese, and for all church property. A bishop has the power to make Church laws, to be a judge in Church matters, and to enforce observance of these laws. These laws generally relate to worship, preaching, administration of the sacraments, safeguarding the faith and morals of the faithful, and religious instruction.

To Sanctify: A bishop is responsible for ensuring that the sacraments are administered and has the special authority to ordain priests and deacons, and to confirm the faithful. He must ensure that Mass is celebrated in the diocese every Sunday and on major feast days.

What symbols are associated with the Bishop?

Crozier: The shepherd's staff which symbolizes being the shepherd of the people in the diocese.



Mitre: The triangular headgear used ceremonially and removed whenever the bishop is about to pray.



Pectoral Cross: The large ornamental cross worn as a necklace.



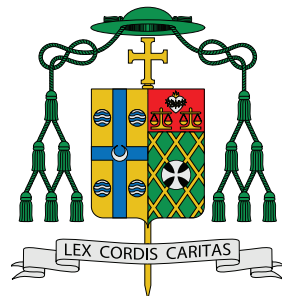
Ring: A ring worn on the third finger of the right hand. Some people kiss the bishop's hand or ring as a sign of their love for him and the recognition that he is a living icon of Christ in the midst of the Church.

Zucchetto: Bishops wear a purple zucchetto on their head while cardinals wear red and the Pope wears white.



Coat of Arms: A bishop chooses symbols appropriate to himself and his diocese. The arms of the diocese may occupy the left side while his personal arms occupy the right.

Motto: A set of meaningful words, often written in the official language of the Catholic Church, Latin. Bishop Paprocki's motto is, "Lex Cordis Caritas," which translates to, "The law of the heart is love."



ABOUT BISHOP PAPROCKI

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois (installed on June 22, 2010). Growing up in Chicago, he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1978. After ordination, he studied law at DePaul University College of Law and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1981. Working as a parish priest at St. Michael Church in South Chicago, a neighborhood with high unemployment due to shutdowns of the local steel mills, then-Father Paprocki co-founded the South Chicago Legal Clinic to help answer the need for legal services for the poor. In 2014 Bishop Paprocki was named President Emeritus and Of Counsel of the organization, now called the Greater Chicago Legal Clinic.



In November, 1985, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin appointed Fr. Paprocki Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago and in 1987 sent him to do post-graduate studies in canon law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He completed his doctoral degree in 1991. Father Paprocki then returned to his previous position in Chicago as Vice-Chancellor and was appointed Chancellor in March, 1992, serving in that capacity under Cardinal Bernardin and then under Cardinal Francis George, following Cardinal Bernardin's death in 1996.

Concluding his service as Chancellor after two terms in office in June, 2000, Father Paprocki studied Polish language and culture at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. In January 2001, he was appointed Pastor of St. Constance Parish, serving primarily a large immigrant community from Poland on the northwest side of Chicago. Pope John Paul II appointed him to serve as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago on January 24, 2003. Cardinal George named him Liaison for Health and Hospital Affairs in the Archdiocese of Chicago. In May 2013, he received his Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree from the University of Notre Dame. He taught as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Loyola University's Chicago School of Law from 1999 to 2015. He also taught at Notre Dame Law School from 2016-2021. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Law, Business, and Bioethics at Quincy University's Oakley School of Business. Bishop Paprocki also serves on the Illinois Catholic Health Association Board and serves as the chairman of the Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In addition to English, he speaks Polish, Spanish and Italian, and he reads Latin. Bishop Paprocki's hobbies are reading, running, and playing hockey. He has run 24 marathons: Chicago (1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002 and 2005), Columbus, Ohio (1998), Boston (1998), Rome (2000) Athens (2000), Washington, D.C. (2004 & 2007), Dayton, Ohio (2006), Dublin, Ireland (2008), Minneapolis-St. Paul (2009), Denver (2010), Kansas City (2011), St. Louis (2012), Springfield (2013 and 2015), Philadelphia (2016), Indianapolis (2017), Long Beach, CA (2018), and in the process raising more than \$500,000 for charity. He has made the connection between sports and faith a focus of his ministry. In this regard, he serves as the Chairman of the Episcopal Advisory Board of Catholic Athletes for Christ. His first book, *Holy Goals for Body and Soul: Eight Steps to Connect Sports with God and Faith*, was published by Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana), in 2013. His second book, *Running for a Higher Purpose: Eight Steps to Spiritual and Physical Fitness*, released in 2021, was also published by Ave Maria Press.

**This Week on
FORMED®**



Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

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

"As long as we live, the love of God grows in us Until we die, we ought to strive for the love of God. I have learned and experienced that souls living in love are distinguished in this: that they are greatly enlightened concerning the things of God, both in their own souls and in the souls of others. And simple souls, without an education, are outstanding for their knowledge." (Diary, 1191)



Called to Communion?

Journey into the fullness of the Catholic faith

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 and to set up an informational discussion.

And join us for The Rescue Project to begin the journey together this fall:

the RESCUE project

Why is there something rather than nothing?
Why is everything so obviously messed up?
What if anything has God done about it?
How should I respond?

Ever asked yourself these questions?
We have. Join us.

RescueProject.us



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!

YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

Our next gathering will be Sunday, September 17 after 10:30 Mass in the Upper Room in the PLC. We'll discuss our kickball tournament idea and painting & decorating our room, enjoy pizza, and play Stump the Deacon. Bring your questions & bring a friend!

National Catholic Youth Conference - NCCY is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service and empowerment for Catholic high school teenagers that will be hosted on November 16-18 at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The event includes inspiring keynote speakers, breakout sessions on a variety of topics for teenagers and the celebration of Holy Mass with people from all over the country. If you're interested in us going with a small group from the parish, let Father, Deacon, Bret, or Mrs. Norma know.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

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

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.

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.

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

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS & ROSARY WALK

This year's annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass and prayer procession is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 at Holy Family Parish in Granite City. Bishop Paprocki will celebrate Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a prayer procession around the abortion facility in Granite City. Lunch and speaker will follow the procession.

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

The American Life League is having an essay contest for middle and high school students. For essay prompts and information to submit essays go to: <https://www.all.org/clsp/2023-pro-life-essay-contest>. Essays must be submitted by November 6.

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING & CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Presented by The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance: Wednesday, September 6, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Shrine Visitors Center. "We Remember You" Candlelight Vigil 7 pm at the Shrine's Lourdes Grotto. If you or someone you know has been affected by suicide or concerned for another, please join us for our Suicide Prevention Training and Candlelight Vigil to honor those we have lost to suicide. No charge. For more information, call 618-394-6281 or visit snows.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27

Bishop Paprocki's Pastoral Visit

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

Monday, August 28

Tuesday, August 29

6:45 p.m. - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Harmony Room)

Wednesday, August 30

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 31

6 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity Meeting (PLC)

6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting (Harmony Room)

Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 2

7 a.m. - Exodus Breakfast (Apple Tree)

Sunday, September 3

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

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

K of C CORNER

Exciting news! The Knights are planning several events to take place in the future. We will have a Halloween and a Christmas party for the kids this year. Since the KC Corner is written on the Mondays before the next Sunday bulletin, we will have more news in the following bulletin. On November 4th the American Legion is holding an Honor the Vets banquet. Both the 3rd and 4th degree were honored to sponsor 4 tables at \$150 each. This is another example of how we support the veterans and the community. We continue to pray and hope that some of the men who are Knights but have been inactive to come back and become active at their own pace. We also pray for men who are not Knights to take a look at our council and understand our need for new members. . God bless you all, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



Some of our school & parish staff recently made it to the #CityHallSelfie station in front of Granite City's City Hall. Fun!



ROYALS BASEBALL

Come support the young men of our St. Elizabeth Royals Baseball team! Upcoming games include:

- Wednesday, August 30 at 4:30 p.m. vs. East Alton Wood River at Wilson Park Diamond 2, Granite City
- Friday, September 1 at 4:30 p.m. vs. Cahokia Ms at Cahokia High School, 800 Range Lane, Cahokia, IL 62206



St. Elizabeth
YOUTH
Ministries

BE A PART OF THE REVIVAL!

10:30 am mass each first Sunday of the month!

We're looking for school and parish youth to join our new youth mass & music ministry

We need our youth to fill these roles:

- Youth Choir
- Instrumentalists
- Cantors
- Readers
- Greeters
- Gift Bearers
- Ushers

Sign up to join us today!

<https://bit.ly/steyouthmass>

Or contact us by email at steyouthmusic@stelizabethgc.org

CELEBRATING SUNDAYS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Each week we hope to share a bit of information that can help families get more out of Mass. This 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 16:15-18

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Today, we hear Jesus ask the ultimate question: Who do you say that I am? He asked his disciples, and he is asking us as well. He wants to know who you say that he is. Not your priest, not your parents, not your friends, but you. Your authentic response can change your life. Peter doubted while walking on water, he denied Jesus in his time of need, and he was not educated in the temple. But notice that his response to who he believed Jesus was, what he truly believed in his heart about him, led Jesus to choose him to be the head of the Church. I wonder what Jesus could do with your answer.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

How would you answer Jesus' question: Who do you say that I am?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

I wonder how Simon Peter felt when Jesus said, "Blessed are you... Upon this rock I will build my church." I wonder if he fully understood what Jesus was asking of him.

LIVING THE WORD

It is hard to answer Jesus' question with just one word. Simon Peter even had two different names for Jesus in his answer in today's Gospel. Write down everyone's answer to the question "Who do you say that Jesus is?" Look at the variety of ways Jesus reveals himself to us.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 9/6- Rev. Suresh Sambaturu 9/7-Rev. James Isaacson SJC Rev. Adam Zawadzki 9/8- Rev. Anthony Chowrappa 9/9- Rev. Daniel Willenborg 9/10- Rev. Nicholas Husain 9/11- Rev. John Beveridge 9/12- Rev. Joseph Kerber 9/24- Rev. Henry Schmidt+ 9/27- Rev. James Flach Rev. Michael Haag 9/28- Rev. Thomas Meyer 9/29- Most Rev. Victor Balke Rev. Bernard Meyer

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 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



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 20, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 8 Regular Income	\$4,848.00		
96 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$50.50			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$543.00		
Online Giving	\$1,487.50		
TOTAL	\$6,878.50	\$9,104.00	(\$2,225.50)
YTD TOTALS	\$61,893.94	\$72,832.00	(\$10,938.06)

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:

St. Dominic Mission Society	\$2,880.00
Assumption of Mary	\$1,003.00
Tuition Assistance	\$500.00
Special Projects/Windows	\$402.00
Mission & Ministry/Formation	\$251.00
Votive Offering	\$82.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$25.00
Other Not Specified	\$10.00

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/allevants>



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

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
- \$50,481 ● parish & school family donations

\$598,569 total in-hand

\$101,431 ● still needed

Given last week: \$402.00 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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