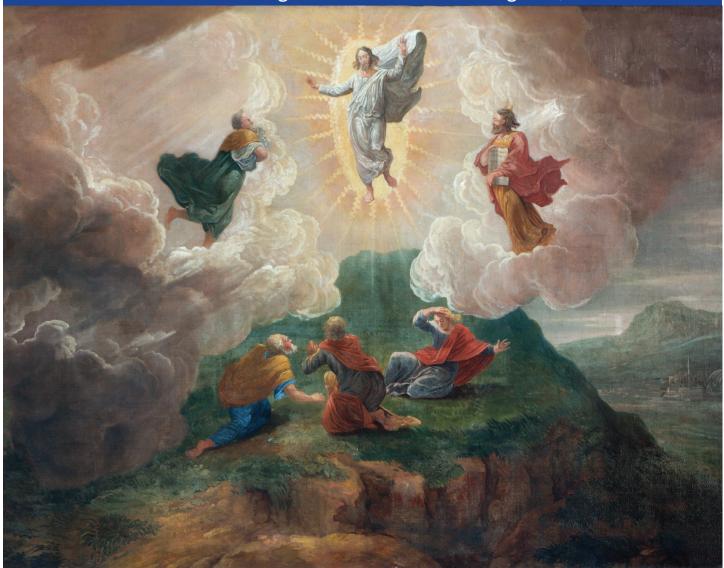
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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

Hospitality: To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass; **Prayer**: To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer; Formation: To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and Service: To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 7 Monday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tuesday, August 8 Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest 6:00 p.m. Mass: Stephen & Helen Doroghazi+ by Stephen Doroghazi

Wednesday, August 9 Wednesday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: Patti Jackson+ by Darlene Fletcher

Thursday, August 10 Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr 8:15 a.m. Mass: Ruth Ann Weckman+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, August 11 Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin 8:15 a.m. Mass: Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, August 12 Saturday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, August 12-13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass: Brian Foreman+ by Nancy Gray

8:00 a.m. Mass: 🖸 Richard L. & Richard J. Scharf+ by Peggy Sharf

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.

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

Next 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.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Santuary Lamp reminds us to pray for deceased Priests, Deacons, and Religious of our Diocese. To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are for Mattias & Mary Lesko+ by Norma Lesko. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of Holy Name Men's Club Czwornog & Ostrenga Families Kierski Family Bill Loftus John & Theresa Straubinger Carl Williams Alan Winters Keith Winters Brinker & Soboleski Families Delores Brinker Paula Gushleff Koliste **DeRuntz & Pfaff Families** Louise Harrison Kenneth Jaimet Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir Gene Cassy Jim Dedera Cassy Family Pieper Family Crawshaw Family Charles Dickey **Binney Family** Alma & Greg Voss Chad Sigite Lisa Garcia-Fensterman Jim Alsop and Family Gus & Angeline Scaturro Dortch Family Richard A. Willaredt Lisa Dellamano Rosalie Boyd Joseph & Victoria Krystopa Michael & Leona Bonach Richard Horbelt Gus & Angie Scaturro Johnson Family Jones & Harbin Families Lesko & Danheiser Families Mary Mennerick Glen Hommert Marvin Wiedemer Mark Malone **Bill Mathes** Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr. Robert & Lorraine Joshu Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman Jim Noeth & Brothers Noeth & M. Papp Families Brian Foreman Tony & Mary Bellue Jim Dittman Pattie Jackson Ida Gragg Pawlak & Sertich Families Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality **Betty Lampitt Connie Hayes Family** Bursik/Votoupal Family



Service

CHARITABLE OUTREACH UPDATE & NEEDS

We greatly appreciate the support we are seeing behind our Charitable Outreach efforts. Please continue to contribute funds (through GiveCentral or in the basket at Mass) or donate items for our bag program (see the list in the gathering space). We are in particular need of small toothpaste containers and feminine hygiene items to go in the bags. Our laundrymat ministry could use donations of Tide/Detergent Pods and Dryer sheets as well as ziplock bags to go in them. Thank you for all you do to help those in need in our community.

ABL PREGNANCY HELP CENTER SEEKING NURSE

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

UPCOMING MISSION APPEAL

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

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

Presently our greatest needs there are:

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

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

Mission Appeal preachers:

Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, OP

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

• Firsthand experience in our Dominican mission in Puerto Rico.

Fr. Vincent Davila, OP

• Ordained a Dominican priest on May 20, 2017.

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

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

• Firsthand experience in our Dominican mission in Puerto Rico.

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

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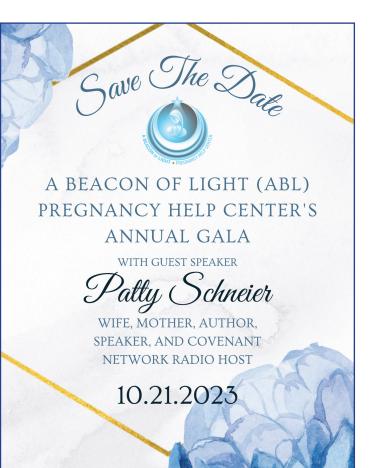
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- Connect: Promote community relations and build connections
- Expand: Recruit and train new members, build programs, and explore new opportunities
- Create: Share fundraising ideas, plan events, set goals, and use your special talents to help your team succeed

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



FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church





Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on any device.

Go to signup.FORMED.org and select our parish name.



You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration, our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, Saturday, October 28 in Springfield. Experience nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass in an arena with thousands of Catholics from across our diocese. **Contact the parish office to put your name on the waitlist for our available seats. If you are interested, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.** For more information on the event or volunteering, visit dio.org.



VBS IS STELLAR!

As many as 35 kiddos joined us this week to kick off this year's Vacation Bible School. The theme this year is space related and the kids really enjoyed learning more about our solar system and most of all, Jesus! Thank you to all of our helpers & team members, and the various organizations who provide funding plus your donations to the Mission & Ministry fund.



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

Mercy Minute

"Chosen souls are, in My hand, lights which I cast into the darkness of the world and with which I illumine it. As stars illumine the night, so chosen souls illumine the earth. And the more perfect a soul is, the stronger and the more far-reaching is the light shed by it. It can be hidden and unknown, even to those closest to it, and vet its holiness is reflected in souls even to

the most distant extremities of the world." (Diary, 1601)



YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

Mark your calendar for our next YDS Teens meetup, Sunday August 13 after 10:30 a.m. Mass until 1 in the Upper Room in the PLC. Bring a friend!

Called to Communion?

Journeying into the fullness of the Catholic faith

Start exploring the opportunity to journey into the Church with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion next year at Easter.

Call the parish office for more information and to set up an informational discussion.

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the great feast of the Archangel Michael.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

LADIES SODALITY BAZAAR UPDATE

In order to accommodate people who wish to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Springfield on October 28, this year's Turkey Dinner & Baazar will be on Sunday, October 22. Please adjust your calendar accordingly.

BAZAAR BASKET BOOTH

Summer is almost over and fall is right around the corner. We're requesting donated items for the fall Bazaar. We need approximately 190 baskets for the raffle. You may donate a completely made themed basket or baskets. If you only donate items or baskets we will be happy to put them together.

All donated items should be new and not have an expiration date before 2024. Cash donations and gift cards are welcome as well.

Items may be dropped off in the bin by the choir room or at the Parish Office. Please call Mary Riggs at 618-542-7855 or Chris Domagalski at 618-304-2575.

Basket ideas or suggestions: Wine, coffee, date night, movie night, adult / children's reading baskets, baking (cookie cutters, mitts, etc.), tea, beer/liquor, spa, BBQ/Grilling, hunting, fishing, swimming, pets, Lotto, gift cards, comic books, sports, game night, pasta, Legos, Disney, superhero, golf

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

CALLED TO SERVE? COME & SEE

Any man discerning a vocation to the diaconate (being ordained to serve as a deacon) is invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria in Springfield, Friday September 8, (4 p.m.) thru Saturday September 9, (2 p.m.). Meet the men currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, and enjoy meals and social time. You'll also attend Mass with the deacon candidates and wives and participate in the Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation are also invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Register at:

stelizabethgc.org/diaconate

UPCOMING MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREATS IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

- 9/29 – 10/1/2023 – St. Peters, MO - 12/1 – 12/3/2023 – St. Peters, MO

150 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our 150 Club Winners for July and August! July: #18 Dennis & Debbie Krystopa August: # 31 Steve & Ruth Carr

This Week

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 8

Wednesday, August 9

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 10

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

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

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

Sunday, August 13

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



K of C CORNER

I want to thank the Honor Guard for, with great respect, on presenting at the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. We are working hard on bringing more events at the parishes. Stay tuned for further info on that. In case you did not know, every meeting we recite the Rosary before the meeting.



We pray for the end of abortions and the end of sexual exploitation in the world. We also pray for anyone in our parishes that request prayers. We are trying to become a more inclusive council and as most of you know change is hard. As, you all know our meetings are open to all members of all 3 parishes. Meetings are 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Rosary begins at 7 p.m. before the meeting. Generally speaking meetings are about 1 hour long. God Bless all of you and our parishes, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337

St. Elizabeth School

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



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 7/31- Rev. Donald Blaeser, OFM 8/2- Rev. Thomas Liebler **8/5 Most Rev. Thomas John Paprocki** Rev. D. Patrick Gibbons 8/8- Rev. Trenton Rauck SJC **8/13- Rev. Zachary Edgar** 8/14- Most Rev. Carl Kemme 8/16- Rev. Martin Smith

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 8/3- Rev. James Heslin Rev. George Windsor 8/4- Rev. Anthony Stengel Rev. Charles J. Juzaitis Msgr. Patrick J. Fox 8/5- Most Rev. James Griffin 8/6- Rev. John Without Rev. Arnold Volebrecht Rev. Francis Curran 8/7- Rev. John B. Kennedy 8/9- Rev. Peter John Klein Msgr. John Bretz 8/10- Rev. Henry J. Mack 8/11- Rev. T.J. Clifford Rev. Alois Hellhake Rev. Frank Lawler Rev. Patrick O. Higgins Rev. James Kondrath

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Please reach out to the parish office and let us know of any active military persons for whom you would like the parish to pray. Thank you!

Almighty and Eternal God, protect the members of our Armed Services as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nolan Yehling- USAF, Whiteman AFB; Brandon Weidner- US Coast Guard, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; Kody Presswood- Staff Sergeant, US Space Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Stewardship

Our Financial Stewardship July 30, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
ek 5 Regular Income	\$5,785.00		
101 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$57.28			
e-Time Donation			
se	\$339.50		
ine Giving	\$725.00		
TAL	\$6,849.50	\$9,104.00	(\$2,254.50)
D TOTALS	\$38,736.83	\$45,520.00	(\$6,783.17)
TAL	\$6,849.50		<u> </u>

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:

BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00			
Special Projects/Windows	\$362.00			
Tuition Assistance	\$190.00			
Assumption of Mary	\$105.00			
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$95.00			
Other - Not Specified	\$51.00			
Mission & Ministry/Formation \$25.00				
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Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithe to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income. June tithe: \$4,203.00

Scrip	Week ended July 30, 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

"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid. "We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.



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SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

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

My Parish Prayer

Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.

It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,

and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is -

am filled with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God,

I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be.

Bless my journey Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

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