



# The Royal Review

September 21, 2023

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

— The Prayer of St. Francis

## Blessing of the Pets:

Blessings of the Pets will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. The blessing will be held outside in the cafeteria parking lot. Parishioners and school families may bring their pets to be blessed. All animals must be in a crate or on a leash.



HUGE shout out to the Jones family for volunteering their time last week to work the book fair. Our schoolbook fair was very successful, and we thank all those who purchased items.



**Great Job Andrew and Joseph.**  
The two 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys, played their last St.E Royal baseball game yesterday. We are proud of them!



**Congratulations to the softball players as they wrapped up their season this week.**

## Prayer request:

Please pray for the Hardesty Family. Angie Hardesty was a loving and kind mother to Abby (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Addy. She passed away last weekend and her services were held this week. May eternal light shine upon Angie and peace be with her family.



## Looking ahead:

- 9/28 – Hearing & Vision Screening
- 9/29 – Trike a Thon (Pre K)
- 9/29 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Water Festival trip
- 10/1 – Youth Mass
- 10/1 – Basketball begins
- 10/3 – Men's Club
- 10/4 – Pet Blessing
- 10/7 – Respect for Life Mass @ Holy Family
- 10/9 – NO SCHOOL
- 10/10 – Papa Johns Night SSS004
- 10/10 – School Board 5:30PM
- 10/10 – PTO Cafeteria @ 7pm
- 10/13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends
- 10/14 – FMCHS Preview Day 1pm
- 10/16 – 10/18 – MAP testing
- 10/19 – 11AM dismissal
- 10/19 – Parent Teacher conf.
- 10/20 – NO School K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 10/20 – Parent teacher conf.
- 10/22 – Turkey Dinner
- 10/25 – Honor Roll Mass
- 10/26 – Preschool field trip
- 10/27 – Picture Retake & sports pics after school
- 10/28 – Eucharistic Congress



# YOUTH MASS MINISTRY

Enter the Journey with us as we introduce our new Youth Mass Ministry! We're calling all St. Elizabeth and community youth (including high school and college students) to be part of this melodious journey.

**SIGN UP TODAY  
USING THE QR CODE**



**OR CLICK LINK**

**NEXT  
MASS** **OCTOBER  
1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**10:30 AM**

Youth choir and cantor rehearsals are every Thursday from 4:30-5:15 pm in the school music room. Enter through the preschool doors.

# ROYALS REPORTS

## Meet Bishop Paprocki

by Charlie and Max Grinstead

St. Elizabeth welcomed Bishop Thomas John Paprocki to our campus a few weeks ago. We were honored for him to take some extra time before mass to be interviewed by us.

Q: How many churches have you visited and which one have you visited the most?

A: That's a tough question, because I've visited many churches. We have 129 parishes in our diocese, and I have to visit them all. But the one I visited the most is our Cathedral in Springfield.

Q: What inspired you to be a bishop?

A: My parents inspired me, I am the third of 9 in my family. When I was younger, me and my siblings played mass, and from age 4 I wanted to be a priest. Then, I was a priest in Chicago, and was appointed Bishop by the Pope.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I like to read religious, biography, and history books. I like to read about Abe Lincoln and George Washington. I also like to run and play hockey.

Q: What is the #1 Rule of being a bishop?

A: The bishop is the shepherd (the reason why he carries the staff) My job is supposed to keep everyone together, because the people represent the sheep.

Q: What is your favorite part about St. Elizabeth Parish?

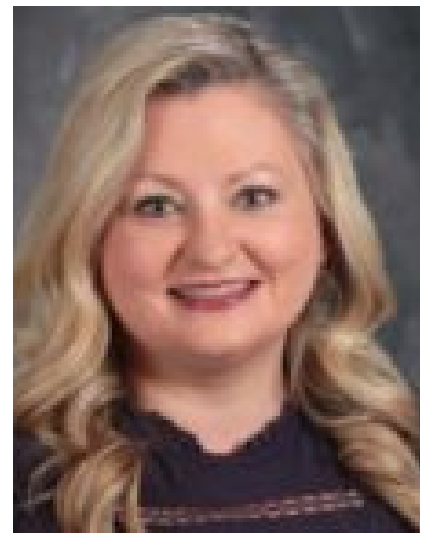
A: The decorations in the classrooms and outside of it. In public schools you don't see it there. The verses and scriptures that are hung up in and out of the classrooms, I love it.



# Mrs. Ratchford Has Returned!

by Natalie Jones

Mrs. Ratchford is back at St. Elizabeth! She teaches 7th grade and middle school literature. When asked what she is most excited about this year, Mrs. Ratchford responded that she is looking forward to reading a lot of books with her students. Speaking from my own personal experience, I'm sure her students are stoked to read with her as well. Speaking of books, Mrs. Ratchford has a few book suggestions that she greatly enjoyed reading. These books include 'Beyond the Bright Sea' by Lauren Wolk, 'Echo' by Pam Muñoz Ryan, 'Crossover' by Kwame Alexander, 'Little Women' by Louisa May Alcott, and 'Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie' by Jordan Sonnebic. Mrs. R strongly suggests middle school students check out her Ratchie's Reads section in her classroom as these book choices frequently change. I asked Mrs. Ratchford what her favorite Bible verse is and she responded with Proverbs 3:5-6 which says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths." This is such an inspiring verse that we can all live by. Another question asked was: What has been your favorite moment in teaching, and why? She said "My favorite teaching moments are when I see a student really start to grasp the love that God has for them. I've seen this many times so I can't just pick one." A little extra information about Mrs. Ratchford is that her favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate chip cookie dough. She also has a Malshi (breed of dog) named Patches. I'm positive that I am not the only one who is delighted that Mrs. Ratchford is back on the St. Elizabeth teaching staff.





# **Athletic Director - Mr. Phillips**

**by Max Grinstead**

The school got a new athletic director, Mr. Joseph Phillips. I recently interviewed him.

Q: Why did you become the athletic director?

A: I want to improve athletics.

Q: What plans do you have for athletics?

A: I want to make things more fun.

Q: How many sports are you coaching?

A: Four, volleyball, basketball, cross country, and track.

Q: How many sports have you played?

A: Nine.

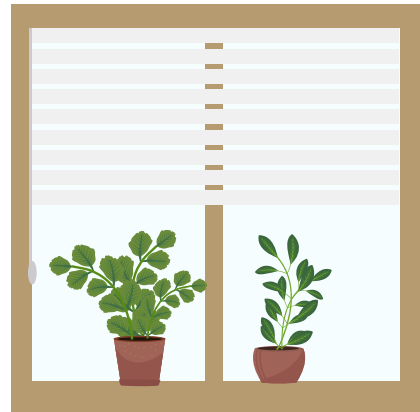
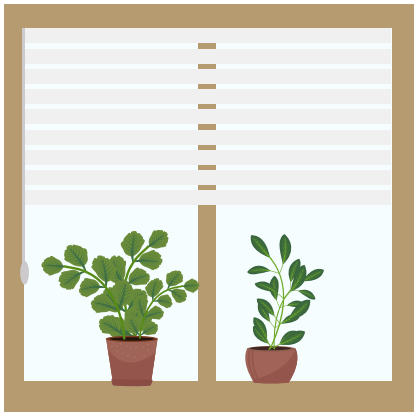
It was good to chat with our new Athletic Director. I think he has great plans for St. Elizabeth this year. Go Royals!!

# **New Windows**

**by Alex Jones**

This year we are getting new windows in the school . Here is all the information you need to know!

The windows are going to be used for a security upgrade and they are vintage from 1955. The project will begin towards the end of October. It will take from 8-10 weeks. There will be about 3 days of a fake wooden wall in each classroom while they are replacing that classroom's windows.



# September History

## Pizza and Video Games

by Charlie Grinstead

Pizza and Video Games, the combination for a gamer. September 5th is National Cheese Pizza Day, and September 12th is National Video Games Day. So, for a minute, let me take you through the history of Pizza and Video Games.

Let's go to the late 1800's, when pizza was invented. Many historians are still debating on WHO made the first pizza, but the man named Raffaele Esposito is mostly credited. (Some historians think that pizza was there in ancient times.) Raffaele was making pizzas in Italy. It first hit America in 1905. Gennaro Lombardi opened the first pizzeria in New York City, it was a hit! Now, it is rated "Favorite Food in the World!"

Now I take you to October 1958, where William Higinbotham created the game of Tennis for Two, or Pong, a very simple tennis-like game. The first console, the Magnavox Odyssey, however was made by Ralph Bear in 1972. But there are 2 consoles and 2 companies that helped popularize video games. I'm talking about two rivals: Xbox vs. Playstation, and Nintendo vs. Sega. Playstation was made in 1994 and Xbox was made in 2000. Those are two consoles that still help out the video game industry to this day.

But Sega and Nintendo's rivalry is much more heated, in my opinion. Most known for Mario, Nintendo started in 1889! As a playing card company. The first console was made in 1983. Sega was founded in 1960 as a jukebox, but the first game was in 1983, debuting the blue blur, Sonic the Hedgehog. After Sonic was made, the rivalry was born, and still goes on to this day.

Pizza and Video Games, also known as the perfect gaming night, are both National Days in September. So on September 5, get your cheese pizza! On September 12, get your video games! Enjoy it!



## Faith Family Groups

by Lilly Mathes

This year our school is introducing the Faith Family groups. Students grades K-8th were split into 10 groups, or their faith family. They were each told to pick between two saints. On our first faith family day, we had a short meeting where we chose our saints, and made cards for the bishop before his visit. We also had a lesson on gratitude, and what it means to us. Every group ate lunch together, and it was an all around fun day. All the faith families enjoyed spending time with, and getting to know each other. The school plans on using this system for time to come, and in case you are curious on what family chose what saint, there is a bulletin board with every family and saint in the second hallway, by the middle school bathrooms.



## Newspaper Staff

Do you want to join our newspaper staff? Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join! Stop in and talk to Mrs. Jones in the library for more information.



# Keeping Up With Kindergarten

by Isabel Stabinsky

This year we have some brand new royals in the building! Kindergarten is so excited for the year! First let's list a thing they're not enjoying. For starters Kindergarten is not loving Math. Other than that they're really enjoying themselves. One thing that they're all looking forward to is playing on the big playground. Elana and Grayson are really enjoying eating in the cafeteria. Kamani is having so much fun in computer class, and Harrison loves indoor recess. Luna enjoys it alot when she stays on green. One thing they could all agree they loved was Mrs. Dimitroff! I'm sure this year will be one of the best ones yet!







**LUCK OF THE GRIFFIN**

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**RULES & DISCLAIMER:** Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Maximum 4,000 purchased tickets will be sold. A maximum of 4,000 purchased tickets will be sold (excluding free tickets). A portion of the proceeds will benefit Father McGivney Catholic High School. Tickets are available online and will be sold at all FMCHS events prior to December 15, 2023. A minimum of 2,500 must be sold or the grand prize will be a 50/50. Go to [McGivneyGriffins.com](http://McGivneyGriffins.com) for the official rules.



# Save My Scholarship

The Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program gives students and families the chance to choose their best fit school, regardless of their race, income or zip code. Low-income children and working families deserve equal access to academic success and future opportunities, which thousands currently receive through the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program. But the current program expires at the end of this year and needs to be renewed. If the Illinois General Assembly fails to take action in 2023 to save the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program, then 9,500 students from low-income families will lose their scholarships, causing many to leave their best-fit school. Additionally, the dreams of 26,000 more students on the waitlist will evaporate if the program is reduced or even eliminated. The Illinois General Assembly's failure to act will primarily harm Black and Brown students from low-income families – some of the most vulnerable kids across Illinois.

Tell your lawmaker to be a champion for kids and extend the Tax Credit Scholarship Program - for McGivney families, and families across Illinois!

**Scan the QR code below or  
text the number “52886” with the message “RTS”**

Follow the prompts to send an email to your legislators.



Donations to the Tax Credit Scholarships are eligible for 75% IL state tax credit. Contact the Development/  
Business office or visit [empowerillinois.org](https://empowerillinois.org) . See next page for more about the Invest in Kids Act.

## About the Invest in Kids Act

Empower Illinois is a Scholarship Granting Organization that administers the tax credit scholarship program. Here is information from their website <https://empowerillinois.org/engage/policy/>

Empower Illinois believes every student, regardless of their race, income, academic ability, or ZIP Code deserves access to a quality education. But for too many children who live near poverty or for students with certain special needs, those opportunities are out of reach.

In 2017, Empower Illinois worked alongside a broad and diverse coalition to pass the Invest in Kids Act, a \$100 million tax credit scholarship program, to answer the call of so many for quality educational options. This represented the first private school choice program in Illinois.

The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program provides K-12 scholarships for students in low-income and working-class families to attend a qualified private school in Illinois through a scholarship provided by private donor dollars.

Private donors may give up to \$1.33 million to the qualifying Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO), such as Empower Illinois, to provide scholarships. Donors are then eligible to receive a 75 percent (\$1 million cap) state tax credit on the donation to be used against the individual or corporation's state and local tax liability.

Different from many existing tax credit scholarship programs around the country, donors may designate their donations to specific schools or school systems. At this time, corporations can donate, but may not designate their donation.

As a result of donations, qualifying students may apply and receive scholarships worth up to 100 percent of required tuition at a private school of their choice. Higher scholarships are available for specific populations of students, including; English language learners (ELL), students with individualized education plans (IEPs), and academically gifted students.

**If you would like to help fund Tax Credit Scholarships for eligible McGivney students, and save money on your taxes with an Illinois state tax credit of 75% of your donation, contact Suzanne Halbrook [shalbrook@mcgivneygriffins.com](mailto:shalbrook@mcgivneygriffins.com) or Jill Beltramea [jbeltramea@mcgivneygriffins.com](mailto:jbeltramea@mcgivneygriffins.com) . The current Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship program expires at the end of this year and needs to be renewed. See the other side of this page and contact your legislator to help save scholarships for eligible McGivney families, and families across Illinois.**

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 24, 2023



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Many activities, anxieties, and uncertainties fill our lives. That's why it is necessary to make time to spend with the Lord Jesus who is the Prince of Peace. Through the certainty of his presence in our lives, he provides the certitude of faith, calms our anxieties, and helps focus our activities toward his glory and honor.

On October 28th, I am inviting you to a historic event, a first for our diocese, a Eucharistic Congress at the BOS Center in Springfield. This an opportunity to spend a day reflecting on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This Eucharistic Congress promises to be a day filled with hope, faith, and love featuring spiritually uplifting and motivating talks from nationally popular Catholic speakers. Dr. Scott Hahn is a former minister of the Presbyterian Church, later converting to Catholicism, and is now a leading evangelist and popular author. Father Chase Hilgenbrinck has one of the more unique stories to the priesthood, walking away from a life of professional soccer, answering God's call to the priesthood. Father Denis Robinson is president-rector at St. Meinrad Seminary, one of the schools that educates our seminarians. Finally, Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, based in Alton, has given talks around the country and is known for her uplifting energy.

The Eucharistic Congress will also include a Catholic Marketplace where you will find unique Catholic products and experiences to enhance your engagement with the faith. Several motivating videos throughout the day will provide you hope, encouragement, and lift your soul. Praying with fellow Catholics from across our diocese during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession are also part of the day. A large family room for children will also be available.

We will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the diocesan See city from Alton to Springfield. You will see never before seen photos from the past and learn about our rich history. Finally, we will cap off the day with the source and summit of our faith, the holy Eucharist, during the celebration of Mass with an arena full of thousands of Catholics.

As you can tell, this historic Eucharistic Congress will be an exciting experience that will feed your soul and inspire you in a radical way. It is an opportunity you will likely never experience again. I invite you to join me, your parish priest, your fellow parishioners, and the people of our diocese on October 28th at the BOS Center in Springfield. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with Mass at 4 p.m.

To reserve your free admission, see the schedule of the day, get answers to frequently asked questions, and see who is coming to the Catholic Marketplace, go to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois' website, [dio.org](http://dio.org). That's D I O dot O R G. If you have further questions, contact the parish office. Come and deepen your trust in the peace that only Jesus can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

We have just 10 spots left!  
Call the parish office & grab a spot.

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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, September 25**

**Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 26**

**Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**

6 p.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Premo & Kay Clay

**Wednesday, September 27**

**Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Polach+ by Linda Sabol

**Thursday, September 28**

**Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence**

**Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Terry & Kathy Mangi

**Friday, September 29**

**Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Albert Lesko+ by Norma Lesko

**Saturday, September 30**

**Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, September 30-October 1**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Mark James+ by Louis & Lois Glasgow

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Charles Parkinson+ by Pam Ames

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.

September is dedicated to

Our Lady of Sorrows

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September:

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**This Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Isaiah proclaims that God's ways are above our ways, and his thoughts are above our thoughts. Saint Paul writes that he longs to be with Christ, yet wishes to remain on earth to minister in his name. The Gospel passage tells of the vineyard owner who hired laborers throughout the day and yet paid them all the same.

**Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ord. Time**

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Today's readings are tied together by the theme of conversion. Ezekiel assures that those who turn away from sin shall not die. The Letter to the Philippians encourages unity in turning away from selfishness to emulate Christ. And Jesus' parable favors the son who shamefully indicated defiance, but changed his mind and was obedient.

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **James Alsop+ by Pat Alsop**. 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 **Jim Dittman+ by Janice Dittman**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

### 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 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

## Be with Jesus

### Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

### Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



## 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.

# Parish Vitality Study Input

All parishioners should have received a letter in the mail from Fr. Alfred discussing our Parish Vitality Study. The Study is intended to provide our Parish a guide for how we can grow spiritually, increase stewardship, improve financially and make physical improvements to the St. Elizabeth Campus. This is being done to strengthen our Church and allow us to ensure that St. Elizabeth Church and School are here for future generations of Catholics in our community.

As a part of the Study, we NEED YOUR INPUT. At Mass on the weekends of 9/30 & 10/1 as well as 10/7 & 10/8, you will have the opportunity to answer questions that will help to guide a committee on the best course of action for our Parish. Additionally, after Mass on 10/7 and 10/8, the Men's Club will host Harmony Café' and committee representatives will be available to listen to your thoughts and ideas. If you would like to answer ALL of the survey questions, they are listed below. Please feel free to drop your answers in the collection basket or at the Parish office. Thank you for your input and for your deep spiritual and loving concern of our Parish!

What "draws" you to come to Mass at St. E each week instead of another church?

What 'pet peeves' do you have about the St. E Church, liturgy, school or grounds?

What ideas do you have for outreach of our parishioners to the

community or those in need?

What are the top things you love about St. Elizabeth Church and/or School. Name at least three.

Do you feel that we currently are living our faith as Jesus wanted by proclaiming His word to others? If so, provide examples. If not, what do we do to change that?

As we plan for the future, how can we become a more inviting or welcoming Parish?

If you think about the most holy and spiritually uplifting experience you have had, how can we introduce that same feeling into our liturgies?

How do we attract more parishioners?

How can we better partner with Holy Family and St. Mary/St. Mark as fellow Catholics?

What needs to change in order to ensure that St. Elizabeth Church and School are here for another 100 years?

If you were in charge of spending \$100,000 on the Church or School, how would you spend that money to make the most impact?

What ideas do you have for improving the St. Elizabeth campus?

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## Priesthood Sunday this Sunday, September 24

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of September.

Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Priesthood Sunday is a chance to thank and honor priests in unique ways.

It is essential to note that the number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined in the past 50 years. Meanwhile, the number of parishes without a resident priest pastor has sharply increased in the same period of time. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.

***"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." – St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests!***



### Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen

**Pray for our Priests...**  
**Pray for Vocations!**

**Join us between the Masses this Sunday in the Harmony Room to thank and celebrate with Father.**

## This Week on FORMED®



### Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-now-archangels>

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

Go to [signup.FORMED.org](https://www.FORMED.org) and select our parish name.

### Mercy Minute

"Where there is genuine virtue, there must be sacrifice as well; one's whole life must be a sacrifice. It is only by means of sacrifice that souls can become useful. It is my self-sacrifice which, in my relationship with my neighbor, can give glory to God, but God's love must flow through this sacrifice, because everything is concentrated in this love and takes its value from it." (Diary. 1358).



## 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?

*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 STARTS THIS WEEK!

JOIN US and bring a friend or neighbor with you to this wonderful and engaging introduction to our Christian faith. *The Rescue Project* will be shared on Thursday evenings through November 2. Dinner at 6:30 followed by movie, and discussion are included. Free for all. Come any or all nights!

### WEEK 3: The Enemy is the Enemy DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:

- Who do we consider the enemy?
- Do you believe the enemy is real?
- What is the enemy's goal for your life and why is it important to know this?
- Has the enemy succeeded in convincing you that God is not a good Heavenly Father?

### PARISH CONVERSATIONS

- Where do you find the devil is going after you right now? (accusing you, causing division, flattering your ego, strong temptations or discouragement)
- How are you responding?
- Has the enemy succeeded in convincing you that God is not a good Heavenly Father?

**Not joining us on Thursdays but still want to engage in the conversation? You can view the videos and spend time reflecting on the content by going to [www.RescueProject.US](http://www.RescueProject.US)**

### FATHER & SON ADVENTURE DAY

Dads & sons - check out the info on the back of the bulletin for the upcoming Father & Son Adventure Day.

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parish School of Religion (PSR) is our approach to helping youth of our parish learn our faith when they're not receiving religious instruction in a Catholic school setting. We're considering traditional weekly classroom instruction, in-home/in-family instruction, or a hybrid of the two. Learning is available for Kindergarten through high school. If you also have a child and would like more information, please call the parish office or email Deacon Michael at [mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org](mailto:mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org).

### SEEKING CATECHISTS

Catechists are those with the role of helping to pass on the faith in various formation programs in the church. We are looking for anyone interested in entering into the new formation program for Catechists that the diocese is offering through the Evermode Institute and to be available as a catechist of one type or another: Small group or book club leadership, teaching PSR, helping with RCIA, or many of the other catechetical opportunities. If you're interested, please contact Deacon Michael or Bret in the parish office.

### NET TEAM HOST HOMES

We're looking for host homes for NET Retreat Team members when they're here for our 5th-8th graders in late October. If you could host 2 or more college-aged missionaries the nights of October 25, 26, & 27 and help provide light breakfast items each morning, please contact the parish office.

### RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 9/29-10/1 or 12/1-12/3 in St. Peters, MO..

### YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

#### CALLING ALL TEENS:

Our next gathering is Sunday, October 8 after 10:30 Mass in the Upper Room in the PLC. Bring clothes to change into for painting the Upper Room, and come hungry for pizza!

Come & see what we're up to.



## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

### 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.

### SODALITY UPDATES

Ladies please plan on joining us for the monthly meeting September 26 following 6pm mass. We will be wrapping up items for the Bazaar and Turkey Dinner. Please mark your calendars and help volunteer for the week prior to the event to help with cooking. Friday afternoon setup and shifts on Sunday, October 22nd, 11:00am-5:00pm. We are also looking for clean up help in the kitchen and dining room from 5pm-6pm. Contact the following for more information and to sign up to work.

Kitchen: Laura Schrenkenberg 618-225-0430; Dining Room: Kathy Byrd 618-954-8290; Basket Booth: Mary Riggs 618-542-7855 or Chris Domagalski 618-304-2575; General Store: Pam Ames 618-791-7081 or Paula Thouvenot 618-709-3000; Religious Booth: Norma Lesko 618-593-2884; Quilt Raffle: Kathy Swift 618-980-5216; Main Chair: Tammi Mooshegian 618-920-1792

We will also need desserts for the dinner and items for the general store, breads, cookies, candies, canned peppers, beets, and jellies, etc..

Thank you in advance for your time and talent. Come out and have fun working for the glory of God.

**General Store / Country Store needs your help.** Please make your favorite dessert or homemade items and bring them to the cafeteria Saturday October 21st for the Bazaar on Sunday October 22nd. We need pies, cakes, cookies, candy, jams & jellies. Any questions please call Pam Ames 618-791-7081 or Paula Thouvenot 618-709-3000. Thank you in advance.

### PICNIC WRAP-UP MEETING

Picnic chairpersons, please join Father Alfred and General Chairman Steve Hay for the parish picnic wrap up meeting this Sunday, September 24 at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Be ready to share feedback and begin prep for next year.

### JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir practice begins Sunday evening, September 17th - 6-7:15 p.m.  
Music, Prayer, Fellowship, Fun, and More!  
New members are welcomed with open

arms and big smiles. Please join in our ministry to sing praise to our Lord and enrich the services with God's word in Song. Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, Bass, families, friends, and students ages 11 and up are invited. Come join our choir family. We would love to have some instrumentalists join us. If you're interested let Cathy know or leave word at the parish office. Cathy Cassy (618-931-0062) cmcass@yahoo.com.

### ST. FRANCIS DAY CARE CENTER SEEKING LEAD TEACHER

St. Francis Day Care is looking for a dynamic Lead Toddler Teacher to inspire young minds. Paint, play, and guide young minds toward brilliance in our vibrant classrooms. As a Lead Teacher, you'll craft engaging lessons, foster a nurturing environment, and help children flourish. If you are Lead qualified, have a passion for early childhood education, and experience working with children, we want to hear from you. Don't miss out - apply now by emailing your resume to Sr. M. Mercedes at [director@stfrancisdaycare.org](mailto:director@stfrancisdaycare.org) or call 618-463-2766 before October 2, 2023. Let's make childhood awesome together! (Check out our Facebook page)

### ZOEY CHOLEVIK TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

October 7, Amvets Hall, 1711 Kennedy Dr., Madison. Doors open at 6, starts at 7. Table of 8, \$160. Draft beer & soda provided until we are out, 4 half barrels, cash bar after that. 10 rounds of fun & Brian is the DJ. Mulligans, 50-50 available. Please RSVP early by calling or texting 618-789-0337, leave your name and number.

Message from Grandpa Tom: Zoey is the daughter of Daniel Cholevik & Dawn File. Helen & Tom Cholevik are the grandparents. Zoey has Cystic Fibrosis & is in need of a complete liver transplant in the next several months. Zoey will be in the Chicago area at that time, most likely several months & travel expenses are needed by the parents. Funds will be kept in a separate account managed by Grandpa Tom & dispensed as needed. As most of you know I have never had to have a fundraiser for anyone in our family. Please consider playing trivia for Zoey or a donation and prayers.

## THIS WEEK

### Saturday, September 23

#### LIVING ROSARY

Please join us this Saturday, September 23 after 4:30 p.m. Mass to pray the living rosary. We gather outside near the portico to ask the Blessed Mother to intercede for our parish, community and for our world. Join us.

### Sunday, September 24

#### Priesthood Sunday

6 p.m. - Picnic Wrap-Up (Cafeteria)

6:30-7:15 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

### Monday, September 25

### Tuesday, September 26

### Wednesday, September 27

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, September 28

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

6:30 p.m. - The Rescue Project (Harmony Room) - Dinner, Movie, Discussion (RCIA begins with these weeks of The Rescue Project too)

### Friday, September 29

### Saturday, September 30

### Sunday, October 1

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

6:30-7:15 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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



## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

### LUNCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Spaghetti, Roll, Vegetables, Fruit, Dessert

Thursday: Bosco Sticks, Vegetables, Fruit, Dessert

Friday: Cheese Pizza, Cookie

Our students are enjoying their first few months of school! Thank you for your support of them. Pray for our students and staff!



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## 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 20:8-15

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD

God invites all to be workers in building the kingdom, but he calls people, and they answer at different times. While it may not seem fair that the last to be called is given the same reward as the first, we recognize that God's ways are not our ways. Jesus reminds us that God gives love and grace freely to everyone, and that all his children are equally important to him, no matter when they answer his call

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

Have you ever felt jealous of someone for having more than do? Why?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Why do you think the owner of the vineyard gave the workers who arrived late in the day the same pay as those who arrived early in the day? What does this tell us about God's generosity?

### LIVING THE WORD

Today's Gospel reminds us that we are to imitate God's own generosity with others. Sadly, we know that in our world, not everyone has everything they need to flourish. Discuss with your family how some people do not have enough food or a place to live, or do not have adequate wages to provide for their family's needs. Decide on one small action that your family can do toward eradicating those injustices.



### PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:  
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 10/9- Rev. Jeffrey Stone 10/13- Rev. Raphael DeMoreno 10/14- Rev. Joseph Molloy 10/16- Rev. Carl Schmidt Rev. Ryan McDaniel 10/21- Rev. William Kessler 10/22- Rev. R. Dean Probst Rev. Paul Kala 10/29- Rev. Chris Trummer

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 9/24- Rev. Augustine Schlegel 9/25- Rev. Charles Manuel Rev. James Casey 9/28- Rev. Anthony Wirtschorek Rev. Joseph O'Boyle Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz Rev. John William Houran 9/29- Rev. Donatus Grunloah, O.F.M. 9/30- Rev. James McCabe



### 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

September 17, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 12 Regular Income	\$7,513.00		
98 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$76.66			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$400.00		
Online Giving	\$1,280.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,193.00</b>	<b>\$9,104.00</b>	<b>\$89.00</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$93,273.00</b>	<b>\$109,248.00</b>	<b>(\$15,974.75)</b>

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:

Building Repairs/Mainten.	\$685.00
Special Projects/Windows	\$626.00
Votive Offering	\$91.60
Tuition Assistance	\$80.00
Mission & Min./Formation	\$25.00

#### 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.  
July tithe: \$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

*"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Matthew 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." "This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

## SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

## PASTORAL CARE

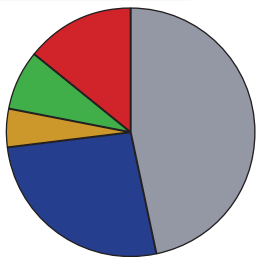
**Entering the Church:** If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

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

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

**View  
to the  
Future**  
School Windows Project

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  
**\$52,920** parish & school family donations  
**\$601,008** total in-hand  
**\$98,992** still needed

**Given last week: \$626.00 THANK YOU!**

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