



The Royal Review

September 6, 2023

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us
with the changing of the seasons.
As we embrace these autumn months,
May the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.
May the crunch of the leaves
beneath our feet remind us
of the brevity of this earthly life.
May the steam of our breath
in the cool air remind us that it is you
who give us your breath of life.
May the scurrying of the squirrels and
the migration of the birds remind us
that you call us to follow your will.
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.
Amen.



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PTO: Parent Teacher Organization September 12th, 2023

Come help plan events for students,
learn about what is going on in the
school, and form relationships with
other parents in the building.
All parents' Pre-K – 8th are invited.

Looking ahead:

- 9/10 – Spirit wear (Casual Tee) closes
- 9/10 – Marquette Open house 1 -3 pm
- 9/11 – Donuts @ drop off
- 9/12 – School board 5:30pm
- 9/12 – PTO Cafeteria @ 7pm
- 9/12 – Papa Johns night SSS004
- 9/13 – Grandparent Mass @ 8:15
- 9/13 & 9/14 – Book fair
- 9/15 – Grandparent Ice cream social
- 9/17 – Chicken Dinner 11 – 5 café
- 9/17 – Young Disciples Society
- 9/18 – Progress reports come home
- 9/18 – Rosati Kain visiting 6th-8th
- 9/22 – 8th grade day @ MCHS
- 9/28 – Hearing & Vision Screening
- 9/29 – Trike a Thon (Pre K)
- 9/29 – 5th 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

STE Youth Mass Choir practice on Thursday from 4:30-
5:15 in the school music room
(enter through preschool doors)



Support St. Elizabeth School

Purchase Papa John's pizza on September 13th and a
percentage of sales come back to the school. Make sure
to use our school code: SSS004

Grandparent Mass:

All grandparents are invited to Mass on September 13th
for a blessing after Mass.

<https://stores.inksoft.com/stelizabethroyals>

Spirit Store closes this Sunday.





Chicken Dinner:

Desserts are needed for the chicken dinner. Each home-made cake / dessert is worth one hour of time and talent. Desserts can be turned in to the school / church office the week before, or they can be turned in to the cafeteria the Saturday before.

Students who eat at the chicken dinner can be out of uniform on Monday, September 18th.

Please make sure you sign your child's name at the pay table.

Grandparent Ice Cream Social: Friday, September 15th



All Preschool grandparents: 10AM

Kindergarten – 8th grade grandparents:

Last name A – H 12:50 – 1:20PM

Last name I – P 1:30 – 2:00PM

Last name Q – Z 2:10 – 2:40PM

Please meet your child in the cafeteria. The book fair will be open to shop during the ice cream social!

Club info:

Media Club: September 11

Student Council: September 13

Yearbook Club: September 18

Coding Club: September 21

Looking for a sponsor: Scholar Bowl (middle school)

Looking for a CO sponsor for Lego Robotics (5th grade & older)

Spirit club: Order shirts & bow via the website **ONLY:**

<https://elizabethroyals23.itemorder.com/>

The state of Illinois mandates the following grades participate in the following screenings:

Vision: Grade Kindergarten, 2nd & 8th grade

Hearing: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade

Screening will take place on: September 28th



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
1ST**
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.

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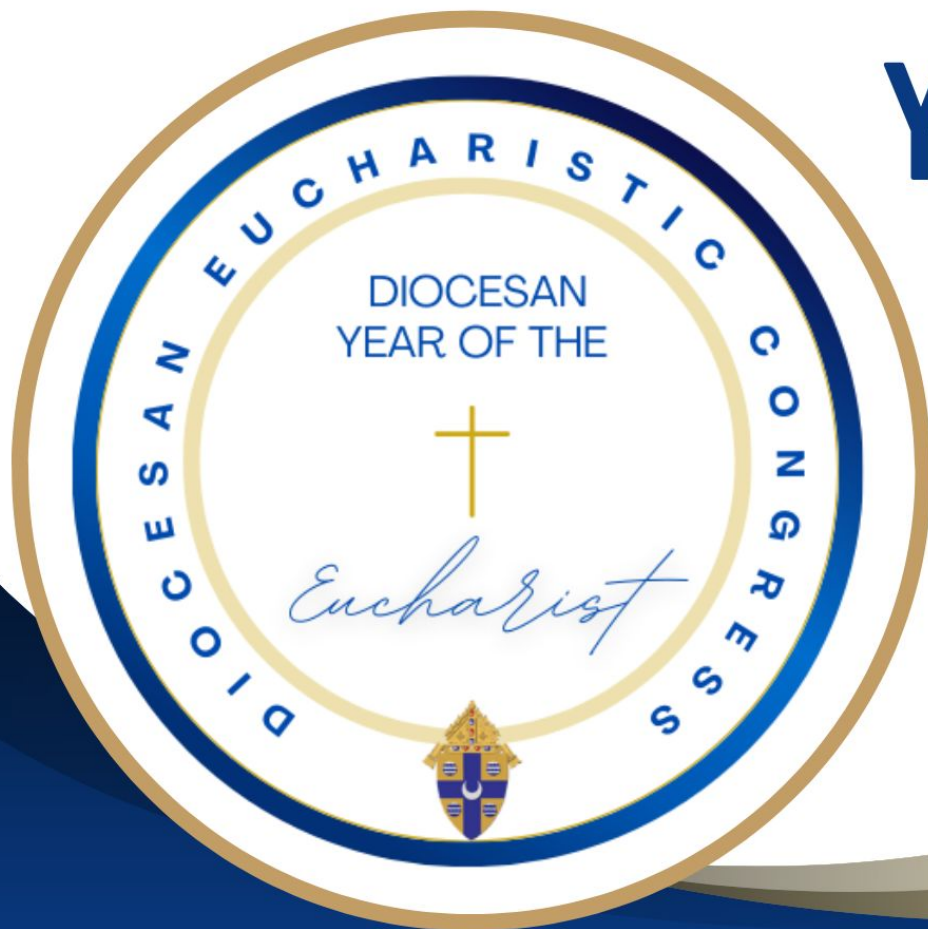
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YOU ARE
Invited!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 28**

BOS CENTER | 1 CONVENTION CENTER PLAZA | SPRINGFIELD, IL

The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, contact our parish office.

For details, speaker bios, and schedule - visit dio.org/revival-bos

Keynote
Dr. Scott Hahn



Fr. Chase Hilginbrinck
Diocese of Peoria, IL



Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM
Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB
Order of Saint Benedict

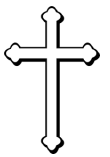


SPIRIT CLUB

SAINT ELIZABETH ROYALS



Hanging with Jesus



MASS dates	Attending	Leading	Singing
September 6	ALL	6	8
September 13	ALL	5	4
September 15	LOWER	5	x
September 20	ALL	4	CHOIR
September 27	ALL	8	5
October 4	ALL	7	3
October 6	UPPER	7	x
October 11	ALL	6	8
October 13	LOWER	4	x
October 18	ALL	5	7
October 25	ALL	4	6
November 1	ALL	8	5
November 8	ALL	7	4
November 15	ALL	6	3
November 17	ALL	6	x
November 29	ALL	5	8
December 6	ALL	4	7
December 8	ALL	8	x
December 13	ALL	8	Band & Choir
December 20	ALL	7	6

Confession

September 14 – Grade 8
 September 21 – Grade 7
 September 28 – Grade 6
 October 5 – Grade 5
 October 12 - Grade 4
 October 26 – Grade 3
 November 2 – Grade 8
 November 9 – Grade 7
 November 16 – Grade 6
 November 30 – Grade 5
 December 7 – Grade 4
 December 14 – Grade 3

Adoration Thursday 2:20 – 2:45

September 7 – Grade 8
 September 14 – Grade 7
 September 21 – Grade 6
 September 28 – Grade 5
 October 5 – Grade 4
 October 12 - Grade 3
 October 19 – ALL school (10:30ish – 11)
 October 26 – Grade 2
 November 1 – Grade 1
 November 9 – Grade 8
 November 16 – Grade 7
 November 30 – Grade 6
 December 7 – Grade 5
 December 14 – Grade 4

The assigned class will dismiss from church.

Everyone is always welcome to join us in church.
 Mass begins at 8:15.

Join your child!

Disciples Stewards

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 10, 2023

Don't miss this opportunity! Only 22 of our seats for October 28 remain

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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Ladies Sodality: Tammi Mooshegian
Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson
Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
Athletic Director: Joe Philips
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

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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, September 11

Monday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Charles Polach+ by Larry & Sue Ruder

Wednesday, September 13

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Pat & Alice Loftus

Thursday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Friday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Carol Nadler

Saturday, September 16

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope,

and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

James Alsop+ by Pat Alsop

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Lisa Dellamano+ by Janice Willaredt

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: 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Ezekiel, in today's first reading, is appointed watchman to guide his people in the ways of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul describes to the Roman Church how love fulfills the entire law and satisfies every commandment. The Gospel includes Jesus' instructions for navigating conflict and correcting those who sin. He concludes by saying that he is present when people gather in his name for prayer.

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ord. Time

Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

The first reading teaches that in order to be forgiven, one must forgive. In the second reading, Paul teaches that none of us lives and dies for oneself, but together for the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the debtor who refuses to share with others the mercy he has been shown by his master.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **the Noeth Family+ by Sandy Davis**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are for **Catherine Sertich+ by Dorothy Pawlak**. 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.



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE of the BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sudan's vast Diocese of El Obeid covers an area nearly one-third larger than the state of Texas. In light of the need for clergy and religious sisters and brothers to minister to Catholics spread out across the large area, the diocese prioritized vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life at its 2019 annual pastoral conference. The diocese entered into a partnership with the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio in South Sudan so that students from El Obeid could join a preliminary course in Yambio leading into their first year of seminary studies. With assistance from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Diocese of El Obeid recruited 15 new seminarians and four young women who entered the novitiate with the Congregation of Precious Blood Sisters in Nairobi, Kenya. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, the seminary in Juba, South Sudan, reopened in 2021 with 35 seminarians from the Diocese of El Obeid. On August 15, 2021, one of the seminarian beneficiaries of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa's grant to the diocese was ordained a deacon, and others will be able to continue their studies.

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been making real differences in the lives of Catholics in Africa for more than 15 years through its support of seminary training, the formation of religious sisters and brothers, and other pastoral ministries that address the needs of the rapidly growing African Church. When you participate in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, you play a key role in forming today's seminarians to become the pastoral leaders of tomorrow.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that it can educate and form seminarians to minister to the faithful as the Church continues to grow there. Please be generous to this collection for the solidarity fund through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/nfrica.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



CHICKEN DINNER NEXT SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, September 17

\$12 for Adults

\$6 for Kids up to 13

2 and under free

All you care to eat dine in

OR 3 piece carryout

Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, Applesauce, Bread and Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Water



September is the month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

September 8: Feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Virgin Mary

September 12: Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary

September 14: Feast of the Triumph (Exaltation) of the Cross

September 15: Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

"Let us bind ourselves tightly to the Sorrowful Heart of our Heavenly Mother and reflect on its boundless grief and how precious is our soul." - St. Padre Pio

Prayer for a Return to the Church

O God, giver of all good gifts, through the intercession of Mary, our Sorrowful Mother, I ask you to grant the gift of belief to all those who have left the Church and the Sacraments, that they may return to the faith in which they were baptized and confirmed.

In particular, I pray for those who are especially dear to my heart:
(here mention your own intentions)

May they make peace with the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist with joy as part of your believing community. I pray in the spirit of Mary's faith as she stood near the cross of Jesus. Amen.

This Week on **FORMED**®



Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year with Kendra Tierney

In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, let's talk about... talking to kids about Jesus' suffering. Plus a family-friendly at-home Veneration of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.

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

"Mother of God, Most Holy Mary, my Mother, You are my Mother in a special way now because Your beloved Son is my Bridegroom, and thus we are both Your children. For Your Son's sake, You have to love me. O Mary, my dearest Mother, guide my spiritual life in such a way it will please Your Son." (Diary, 240)



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 from this Thursday, September 14 through November 2. Dinner at 6:30 followed by movie, and discussion are included. Free for all. Come any or all nights!

WEEK 1:

WHY STORIES MATTER

DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:

- What are some of your favorite stories? Why are those stories important to you?
- These stories create the lenses through which we see the world. How do the lenses you have affect this?
- Do you know that you are loved and that you are needed?

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

- Do you believe that we are all shaped by the stories we hear and tell?
- What are the stories that play in your head... what's the soundtrack you hear?
- What are the stories that give you meaning, purpose and guides your life?
- What is your image of God?

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

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. Last week, Deacon Michael sent emails to parents seeking feedback on the program approach for this year. 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.

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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday, a day when we honor, pray for, and bless our catechists - those who help pass on the faith. Deacon Michael is emailing all of the catechists asking them to be ready to step forward at the Mass they attend. If you're a catechist or interested in becoming one, please be ready!

YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS

Our next gathering will be next 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, and play Stump the Deacon. Bring your questions & bring a friend! We won't eat pizza, since we can head right to the Chicken Dinner afterward.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

LADIES SODALITY NEWS

Chicken Dinner, Sunday, September 17th. Ladies of the church and school please bake desserts to be cut and given out at the dinner. Items can be dropped off in the Harmony Room on Saturday before 4:30 p.m. Mass and 8 a.m. Mass. Please take items to the cafeteria on Sunday before or after 10:30 Mass. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this event.

Next meeting will be September 26 after Tuesday evening Mass. Please pick up an instant lottery ticket or two to be added to our board for a drawing at the Bazaar. Questions please contact Tammi 920-1792

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

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.

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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRO-LIFE EFFORT SEPTEMBER 28

Mary Kate Zander, President of Illinois Right to Life is coming to a location near you: Between our extreme laws and the abortion industry shamelessly luring women to our state, it's no surprise that Illinois is the abortion capital of the Midwest. Learn what we are doing to protect women and babies and change the culture of our state back to a state that protects preborn and their mothers, rather than exploits them. Where: St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville IL, 110 N Buchanan St. in the Oak Room. When: Thursday September 28th, 2023 at 6:30 pm Join the fight for human life. Registration is Free at stbonifacerespectlife@gmail.com

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 10

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

Monday, September 11

Tuesday, September 12

Papa John's Night (School)
7 p.m. - PTO Meeting (Cafeteria)
7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Meeting (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, September 13

Book Fair Begins!

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

Grandparent Ice Cream Social

Beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month

Saturday, September 16

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Blood Drive (Cafeteria)

Sunday, September 17

Catechetical Sunday

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC Library)
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Chicken Dinner (Cafeteria)
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - YDS Teens (PLC Upper Room)
7:30-8:30 p.m. - Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

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

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

NEXT
MASS
OCTOBER
1ST
10:30 AM

YOUTH MASS
MINISTRY



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Many of you might know this but our council supports the Coats for Kids and also have a Tootsie Roll Drive for special needs. I am not informing all of you to be bragging or patting ourselves on the back, but, to let you know that we not only support the parishes and schools, but we do so many things for the community. We feel it is important to support these two organizations as they do so much for those causes. We would also like to thank the 4th degree Honor Guard for presenting at the 10:30 mass and in showing honor and respect for our Bishop who visited over last weekend. If any current Knight that has sort of fallen to the wayside, we ask to come back to us as we meet the challenges of the future and any men that have not become members to think strongly about doing so. We would love to have many more members to help with current and give us fresh ideas for the future. Call 618-789-0337 if you have questions or are interested. God Bless, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight



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ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

LUNCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Butter Noodles, Bread Sticks, Vegetables, Fruit, Dessert
Thursday: Mini Tacos, Vegetables, Fruit, Dessert
Friday: Cheese Pizza, Cookie

Grandparent Ice Cream Social Friday, September 15th

GRANDPARENTS ARE INVITED TO COME
ENJOY ICE CREAM AND SHOP THE
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WITH THEIR
GRANDCHILDREN IN THE ST. ELIZABETH
SCHOOL CAFETERIA.



Preschool 10:00 am
Kindergarten through 8th grade:
Last name A-H 12:50-1:20 pm
Last name I-P 1:30-2:00 pm
Last name Q-Z 2:10-2:40 pm

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 18:15-20

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

In today's Gospel, Jesus prescribes a method to handle disagreements, and the prescription escalates, depending on how corrections are received by the party at fault. When faced with relational challenges, it is good to center ourselves in quiet and to reflect on these words of Jesus for how to resolve conflicts. How might the practice of listening for God's voice in silence help us in our day-to-day interactions with others, especially with those who do not see eye-to-eye with us?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

At Mass, we know that Jesus Christ is present in both Word and sacrament. How do we recognize him in the lives and hearts of those in our community? What makes it difficult to see Christ in others?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

How can family members listen better or practice patience with one another when frustrations arise?

LIVING THE WORD

Recognizing Christ, especially in those with whom we disagree, involves listening. We need to practice being silent so that we can listen to God. Have your children practice being still without distractions, even if just for a minute. Ask them, "Can you keep your hands and arms silent? Your feet and legs silent? Your eyes closed and mouth silent? In the silence, what did you hear in your heart?"



ROYALS BASEBALL

Don't miss your chance to check out our Royals Baseball team:

- Tuesday, 9/12 at 4:30 at Wilson Park Diamond 2 vs. MCS
- Wednesday, 9/13 at 4:30 at Collinsville Middle School
- Friday, 9/15 at 5:00 at Wilson Park Diamond 2 vs. St. Boniface/St. Mary



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:
9/6- Rev. Suresh Sambaturu 9/7-Rev. James Isaacson SJCR 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: 9/1- Rev. William Groesch 9/4- Rev. Thomas Masterman Rev. Jame M. Huck 9/5- Rev Geoffrey Egan Rev. Charles O'Reilly Rev. Thomas Connolly Msgr. James A. Suddes 9/7- Rev. A.J. Van Speybroeck 9/8- Rev. Anthony Rustige Rev. Anton Kersting Rev. Vincent Jalinsky 9/9- Rev. Frederick Neveling Rev. Alphonse J. Bertman Msgr Michael F. Donahue Rev. Francis C. Schlepffhorst



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 3, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 10 Regular Income	\$4,628.00		
111 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$66.54			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$322.50		
Online Giving	\$1,262.50		
TOTAL	\$8,971.50	\$9,104.00	(\$132.50)
YTD TOTALS	\$76,885.44	\$91,040.00	(\$14,154.56)

Weekly and YTD Goals are calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and what is required to break even.

Other Gifts:

Special Projects/Windows	\$1,441.00
Tuition Assistance	\$662.00
Building Repairs/Mainten.	\$496.00
Other Not Specified	\$406.00
Mission & Min./Formation	\$251.00
Assumption of Mary	\$1.00

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

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

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

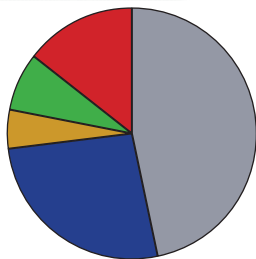
Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

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.

**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
\$52,039 parish & school family donations
\$600,127 total in-hand
\$99,873 still needed

Given last week: \$1,441.00 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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