

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 17, 2023



CHICKEN DINNER THIS SUNDAY! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, September 17
Adults \$12 | Kids up to 13 \$6 | 2 & 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

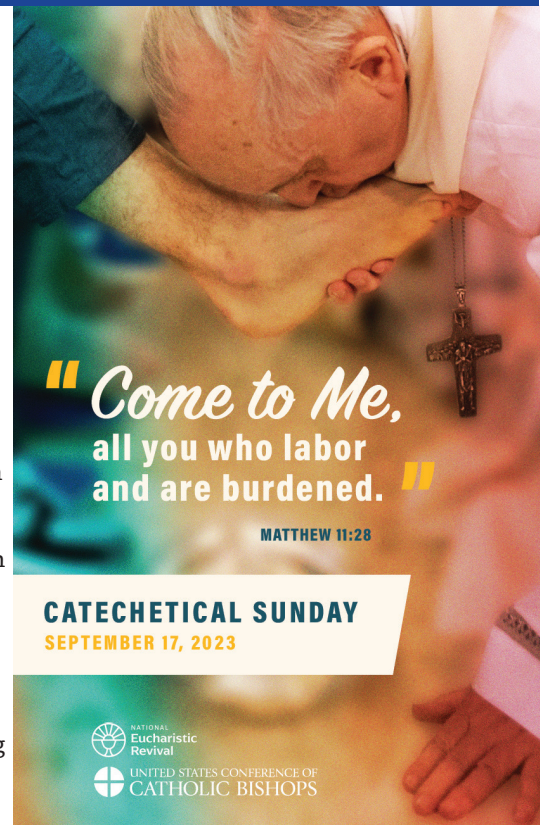
Celebrating Catechetical Sunday

The word "Catechetical" might be more familiar than you think. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

On Catechetical Sunday, those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists are called to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.



*"Come to Me,
all you who labor
and are burdened."*

MATTHEW 11:28

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023




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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

**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 18

Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

No Mass

Tuesday, September 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

No Mass

Wednesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 22

Friday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Terry & Kathy Mangi

Saturday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Charles Polach+ by Steve & Marilyn Hahn

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Jim Dittman+ by Janice Dittman

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



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: 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.

Next 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.

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 **Brian Foreman+ by Angela Foreman**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

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

Centennial Campaign Kickoff

This week you should receive a letter in the mail from Father Alfred, sharing some details about the Diocesan Centennial Campaign. As Bishop Paprocki explained during his pastoral visit last month, our diocese is committed to fostering the faith intentionally through the four pillars of hospitality, prayer, formation and service. The Centennial Campaign is made up of three essential elements that each parish is being asked to consider:

1. Conduct a Parish Vitality Study to discern how our parish mission impacts the community and to ensure funding well into the future for the campus, mission priorities and ministry growth. This report will be completed by parish staff and leaders, then reviewed by the Pastoral Planning 2025 team and the Parish Vitality Office. They will review and present a report that evaluates the parish input, diocesan statistical reporting, census data, and other metrics. This report will serve as a guidepost to evaluating parish participation and engage parish staff and leaders in discerning their mission priorities and effectiveness.
2. Create your parish case statement for the campaign and

determine project goals, timeline (all parish campaigns should be in an "active" phase by January 1, 2025), and if you will need fundraising council. The Office for Parish Vitality and Mission Advancement will assist our goals and recommendation for Catholic campaign consultants, as needed.

3. Conduct your Parish Centennial Campaign. An "active" campaign is one that has a start-end date, campaign fundraising goal, pledges accepted, and clear goals for renewal. Our goal should encompass mission priorities, campus needs, ministry and staffing needs, debt reduction, savings growth and long-term sustainability through participation in endowments. This campaign is not just about buildings, rather the people inside those buildings effectively going about the mission of the church.

You will have several opportunities for input in this process. Please use the opportunities provided over the next few weeks to share with us your ideas around this process. Prayerfully consider how you can be a more active participant in our parish and this campaign.

Sign up for Eucharistic Revival October 28!

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 celebra-

tion 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. We even have accommodations for those with mobility issues. Call the parish office & join us in Springfield October 28!



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®**



Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming

Mercy Minute

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary: that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." (Diary, 1507).



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 2: Why is there Something Rather than Nothing?

DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:

- What do you notice about all that God created and the magnitude of it all?
- Do you ever stop and look at God's creation and consider Him?
- Why do you think God made you?
- Do you realize that God knows you, He loves you and He has a plan for your life?

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

- How does pondering the grandeur of creation instill a sense of wonder and awe in my life? How or why?
- Do you stop to consider the Creator when you reflect on creation?
- What's causing me anxiety right now? How does the God of the Biblical Story impact that?

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. 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.

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 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

Our next gathering is THIS 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

DIOCESAN PRIEST CONVOCATION

This week, Bishop Paprocki, Father Alfred and the priests of our diocese will be in Convocation from Monday, September 18, through Thursday, September 21. On Monday evening, our parish will host Bishop Paprocki and the priests for Vespers and Adoration beginning at 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to join them to pray before they head off to dinner. Daily Mass on Tuesday is cancelled. Deacon Michael will offer Communion Service on Wednesday and Thursday, September 20 and 21 at 8:15 a.m. Daily Mass will resume Friday morning.

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.

PICNIC WRAP-UP MEETING

Picnic chairpersons, please join Father Alfred and General Chairman Steve Hay for the parish picnic wrap up meeting on 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.

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. 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 stbonifacespectlife@gmail.com

LIVING ROSARY

Please join us on 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.

CHARITABLE OUTREACH

Join our Charitable Outreach team at our next meeting, Wednesday, September 20 at 6 p.m. in the Harmony Room. If you are looking for a way to help, but can't make the meeting, consider a contribution to this cause via GiveCentral or in the collection basket at Mass, or you can drop donations in the gathering space bins. We are particularly in need of small bottles of water, toothpaste and toothbrushes. The full list can be found on the signs in the gathering space. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, September 18

Father at Priest Convocation

5:30-6:30 p.m. - Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Priest Convocation; Parishioners Welcome; Church)

Tuesday, September 19

Father at Priest Convocation

Wednesday, September 20

Father at Priest Convocation

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach (Harmony Room)
7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, September 21

Father at Priest Convocation

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 22

Saturday, September 23

Living Rosary (Outside after 4:30 Mass)

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)

K of C CORNER Our Halloween family dance will be Saturday, Oct 28th. Starting at 6:30 p.m through 9 p.m.

It will be at the Columbus home gym. We will have hot dogs, burgers and snacks and soft drinks available. The dance will include a lot of activities, such as, the hokey poker, duck dance, musical chairs and other fun stuff.

There will be a d.j. and a best costume contest through several age groups. Please sign up at the school office or parish office as we will need a count to prepare the event. This is going to be an awesome time to get the families together and have some fun. Remember that we still need bingo workers and you can call Tom at 618-789-0337 if you need further information. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Yearbook Club: September 18; Coding Club: September 21

LUNCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Beef Nachos, Chips/Cheese, Vegetables, Fruit, Dessert
Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Fruit, Dessert
Friday: Pepperoni Pizza, Cookie

SIGN UP TODAY
USING THE QR CODE



OR VIA DIRECT LINK AT
BIT.LY/STEYOUTHMASS20231001

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 OCTOBER
MASS 1ST
10:30 AM

YOUTH MASS MINISTRY



Fr. Alfred recently introducing the Kindergarten students to the Divine Mercy on their tour of the church and various items in the church.



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: 9/17- Rev. John J. Goff Rev.
Robert Porter 9/18- Rev. Edward D. Adamski Rev. John Savoree 9/19- Rev. D.
Byrne Rev. James McCarthy Rev. Casimir W. Andruskevitch Rev. William
Overmann 9/20- Rev. Francis Trojan Rev. J.B. Schnelten 9/21- Rev. Miles
Sweeney Rev. Peter Kaenders Rev. Henry F. Kozak Rev. Stanley J. Swiatek
Rev. Thomas Davenport Rev. J. Michael Jenkins

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 18:21-22

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Peter asks Jesus about a topic that is as challenging for us as it was for him: forgiveness! Whether we are six or sixty years old, we also have questions about forgiveness: How do we feel when people hurt us? Do we still love them? Do we carry anger in our heart? Do we try to hurt them back? Do we forgive them right away? Does it still hurt even after we forgive them? Jesus' words challenge us to choose forgiveness over and over again, and not let the questions that arise in our hearts keep us stuck in unforgiveness?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

The Mass is one great prayer made up of many prayers. Let us listen for the words sorry, forgive, mercy, and peace in today's liturgy. Are they words proclaimed by the priest, spoken by the assembly (us), or both?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

How can we bring our experience of conflict to Jesus and ask him for help in our time of need?

LIVING THE WORD

Each night this week, talk with your children about the moments during the day that they either asked someone for forgiveness or forgave someone. Did they ask Jesus for forgiveness? How do they feel after forgiving someone? How does it feel to know that Jesus forgives them?



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 10, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 11 Regular Income	\$5,972.00		
108 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$55.30			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$332.81		
Online Giving	\$890.00		
TOTAL	\$7,194.81	\$9,104.00	(\$1,909.19)
YTD TOTALS	\$84,080.25	\$100,144.00	(\$16,063.75)

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	\$255.00
Mission & Min./Formation	\$170.00
Tuition Assistance	\$165.00
Building Repairs/Mainten.	\$115.00
Votive Offering	\$92.71
Assumption of Mary	\$20.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithes to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.
July tithes: \$3,990.00

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Are you tired of writing a check or remembering to have your envelope when you head to Mass? Concerned about how to support the parish when you are out of town? There are online options to maintain your stewardship, returning to God a portion of his blessings. Consider online giving through GIVE CENTRAL. For more information, visit <https://www.givecentral.org/location/412/allevents>



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” - Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the life that He intended for you.

SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

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

Please help as you're able with our most important property facilities project at the moment... the replacement of the school windows!

\$700,000 anticipated project cost

- \$327,000 ● startup from savings
- \$184,600 ● club/organization donations
- \$36,488 ● school fundraisers & PTO donations
- \$52,294 ● parish & school family donations

\$600,382 total in-hand

\$99,618 ● still needed

Given last week: \$255.00 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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