

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. That's DI O dot ORG. 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

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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: **C**

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.

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: 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.

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

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?

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 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

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.

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
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 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 & dispursed 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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TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH
~ Buy more & get free tickets! ~

Early Bird Drawing: \$2,500
held on October 27, 2023

Grand Prize Drawing: \$100,000!
held on December 15, 2023

Support Father McGivney Catholic High School! PLUS, \$10 of every ticket sold will go to the charity of your choice, including our feeder schools!

<http://LuckyGriffin.Givesmart.com>

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		
TOTAL	\$9,193.00	\$9,104.00	\$89.00
YTD TOTALS	\$93,273.00	\$109,248.00	(\$15,974.75)

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:

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 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

“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 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.

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\$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

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