

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 1, 2023

Respect Life Month

radical solidarity



In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. This year's theme is "Radical Solidarity".


A Prayer for Radical Solidarity: O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance. In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid. May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.


Join us next Saturday as Bishop Paprocki comes to Granite City to offer the annual Life Mass at Holy Family at 9 a.m., followed by a peaceful walk to and around the abortion facility while praying the Rosary, then back to Holy Family for a guest speaker and luncheon. Adoration is available in the church during the walk for those unable to walk.


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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, October 2

Memorial of the Guardian Angels

No Mass

Tuesday, October 3

Tuesday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Mass:

Emily Gibbs+ by Sylvia Winfield

Wednesday, October 4

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Polach+ by Pat Loftus

Thursday, October 5

Thursday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mel Stroud+ by Donna Murphy

Friday, October 6

Friday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Betty Lampitt+ by Janice Dittman

Saturday-Sunday, October 7-8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☉

Francis Schwarzkopf+

by Jean, John & Derek Benning

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Tom Czwoznog+ by Ann Czwoznog

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
the Holy Rosary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September:
For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

This Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ord. Time

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

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.

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ord. Time

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Isaiah sings of the vineyard that yielded wild grapes. Paul writes we will have peace from God if we make our requests known to him and think about things that are worthy of praise. Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard whose tenants killed the landowners' servants and son. He tells the chief priests and elders that the kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Mark James+ by Lewis & Lois Glasgow**. 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 **the dearly departed parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Parish**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of
Holy Name Men's Club
Czwoznog & 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 Mannerick
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.

radical solidarity

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church’s entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.” As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for “to love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it.”

Fulfilling Christ’s command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity “is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new opportunities and new responsibilities to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called “choice,” but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: “In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman,’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.”

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, “she is even capable of heroism.” Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new



mindset.” A culture of radical solidarity “gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.” We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, “What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?”

Inspired by Christ’s own example of love, may we “enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.” May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit respectlife.org/radical-solidarity.

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John 13:34

This Week on FORMED®



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church

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Mercy Minute

"As I was meditating on the sin of the Angels and their immediate punishment, I asked Jesus why the Angels had been punished as soon as they had sinned. I heard a voice: 'Because of their profound knowledge of God. No person on earth, even though a great saint, has such knowledge of God as an Angel has. Nevertheless, to me who am so miserable, You have shown Your mercy, O God, and this, time and time again. You carry me in the bosom of Your mercy and forgive me every time I ask Your forgiveness with a contrite heart,'" (Diary, 1332).



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.

FATHER & SON ADVENTURE DAY

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

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. 12/1-12/3 in St. Peters, MO.

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@steliza-bethgc.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.

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 4: It Gets Worse

DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:

- Have you ever thought of Sin and Death as powers, real forces to battle?
- Is it clear to you that the enemy is a created being and no match for God?
- Does the Biblical Story we are reviewing change the way you think about the circumstances of your life?
- Reminder: God Wins this battle!

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

- Did God share anything with you about how the enemy works in your life?
- What does it mean to you that Sin and Death are 'powers' in our lives?
- How does the Biblical Story's vision that the enemy is the enemy (divides, lies, accuses) change the way you think about what is happening around you?

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 LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

LIFE CHAIN THIS SUNDAY

Please bring your friends and family to the Life Chain Event Sunday, October 1st from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Boniface in Edwardsville. We will gather at the corner of Vandalia and Buchanan to hold up signs and pray for the unborn, their mothers and all of those impacted by the abortion industry. Signs provided. Bring a chair if needed. Rain or shine.

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.

PICNIC THANKS & UPDATE

Last Sunday, the Picnic Committee met to go over the final reports for this year's event. We are so very grateful to everyone that spent time and energy on our parish picnic. We are pleased to announce that the committee handed over a check to Father Alfred in the amount of \$94,000, a 15% increase over the previous year! Thank you again to all who had a part in this great result. Time to start planning for Picnic 2024!

OCTOBER COUNT

This weekend and for the next three after, we will be counting everyone at each weekend Mass for the annual October count. This information helps to track trends of Mass attendance throughout the diocese.

SODALITY UPDATES

Please mark your calendars and help volunteer for the week prior to the Turkey Dinner 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.

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 a guide for how we can grow spiritually, increase stewardship, improve financially and make physical improvements to our campus, 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 this weekend and next, 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 next weekend, the Men's Club will host Harmony Café' and committee reps 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 the surrounding parishes in our region 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?

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1

2 p.m. - Life Chain (St. Boniface)

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

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

Monday, October 2

Tuesday, October 3

7:30 p.m. - Men's Club (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, October 4

2 p.m. - Pet Blessing (Parking Lot)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, October 5

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

6:00 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (PLC)

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

Friday, October 6

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry (Cafeteria)

Saturday, October 7

9 a.m. - Respect Life Mass & Rosary Walk (Holy Family)

Sunday, October 8

After 10:30 Mass - YDS Teens (PLC Upper Room)

1 p.m. - Secular Franciscans (PLC)

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

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

Monday, October 9

Parish Office & School Closed (Columbus Day)

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

The St. Elizabeth & Holy Family girls ended their softball season last week. They learned much as a team and had fun doing it!



CELEBRATING SUNDAYS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

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 21:28-32

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

It is easy to see ourselves as either the first or the second son in today's Gospel. Sometimes we are the first son—we initially refuse God and ignore his will for us, but through prayer and discernment, we have a change of heart. At other times, we are the second son, and have every intention of responding to what God calls us to do but get distracted or do not follow through. How is the Lord calling us to bring our words and our actions into alignment this week?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

At Mass today we will pray the Our Father, saying, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Ask your children to think about God's will. What does that mean?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Ask your children whether actions speak louder than words. How?

LIVING THE WORD

At home, look up Scripture verses in which Jesus speaks about following the Father's will: the Agony in the Garden: Matthew 26:39, 42; Luke 22:42; the True Disciple: Matthew 7:21; and Jesus and His Family: Mark 3:35. Discuss: How do we know God's will for us? How is Jesus a model for us in discerning God's will and following it, even if sometimes it is hard to? Have your children make and decorate a prayer card with the words "thy kingdom come, thy will be done" from the Our Father. Place this card somewhere you will see it as a reminder to follow God's will.



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PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:
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
10/30- Rev. Alan Hunter 10/31- Rev. Mark Tracy

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 9/30- Rev. James McCabe
10/1- Rev. Peter Virnich Rev. William A. Toomey Msgr. Henry Knoedler
10/2- Most Rev. Henry Juncker Rev. Thomas Gallenbach 10/3- Rev. William H. McEvoy, S.J. 10/4- Rev. Raymond P. Franzen 10/5- Rev. Mike Ryan Rev. Irenaeus St. Cyr Rev. Michael J. Sheehy



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 23, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 13 Regular Income	\$5,600		
106 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$52.83			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$430.57		
Online Giving	\$955.00		
TOTAL	\$6,985.57	\$9,104.00	(\$2,118.43)
YTD TOTALS	\$100,258.57	\$118,352.00	(\$18,093.18)

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:

Tuition Assistance	\$170.00
Special Projects/Windows	\$102.00
Votive Offering	\$69.87
All Souls Day	\$20.00
All Saints Day	\$5.00

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

“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..” - Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

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
- \$53,022 ● parish & school family donations

\$601,110 total in-hand

\$98,890 ● still needed

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