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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 15, 2023



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> 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, October 16 Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin No Mass

Tuesday, October 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr 6 p.m. Mass:
Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, October 18 Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:15 a.m. Mass: Sam Shambro+ by Don & Karen Bridick

Thursday, October 19 Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. Mass: Charles Rickert+ by George & Brenda Nord

Friday, October 20 Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass: Romana Lofink+ Premo & Kay Clay

Saturday, October 21
Saturday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass: Bill Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk

8:00 a.m. Mass: D Lisa Dellamano+ by Janice Willaredt

10:30 a.m. Mass: Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

Mass offerings are available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle / Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Flowers. Contact the parish office.

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: 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: 28th Sunday in Ord. Time Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14
From Isaiah's rich description of the abundance God intends to provide us for all time, to Paul's reminder that God constantly provides for our good, to Jesus' parable encouraging us in dramatic terms to accept God's feast rather than relying on ourselves alone, all of our readings lead us to celebrate being gracious receivers of God's generous love.

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ord. Time Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 Isaiah reveals to King Cyrus of Persia that the Lord has called him by name so all may know there is no other God. Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope. Jesus tells the Pharisees they should repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Santuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Bill Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk.** 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 **Bill Loftus+ by Pat Loftus.** Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of Holy Name Men's Club Czwornog & Ostrenga Families Kierski Family Bill Loftus John & Theresa Straubinger Carl Williams Alan Winters Keith Winters Brinker & Soboleski Families Delores Brinker Paula Gushleff Koliste DeRuntz & Pfaff Families Louise Harrison Kenneth Jaimet Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir Gene Cassy Jim Dedera 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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration.

Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world.

Founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an essential source of aid for the Church's missionary work. In the United States, we benefited from these donations: up until 1908, we received close to 7 million dollars, the equivalent of over 250 million today. Those dioceses in our country, considered mission territories, continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father to meet his Petrine obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages, and enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

Embodying this year's theme, I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving this World Mission Sunday. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Gratefully in the Lord,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



World Mission Sunday 2023

October 22nd





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DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

Estimados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

El 22 de octubre, al conmemorar el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, nos solidarizamos con las Misiones de la Iglesia en esta celebración eucarística anual a nivel mundial.

El Papa Francisco reflexionó sobre el tema de este afio: "Corazones ardientes, pies en camino." El Santo Padre nos invita a encender el fuego del amor de Cristo en nuestros corazones y compartir activamente ese calor con el mundo que nos rodea. Inspirados por el Espíritu Santo, avanzamos y llevamos la Buena Nueva a todos los rincones del mundo.

Fundada por la laica francesa, Beata Pauline Jaricot, en 1822, la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe es una fuente esencial de ayuda para la labor misionera de la Iglesia. En los Estados Unidos, nos beneficiamos de estas donaciones: hasta 1908, recibimos cerca de 7 millones de dólares, el equivalente a mas de 250 millones hoy en día. Esas diócesis en nuestro país, consideradas territorios misionales, continuaron recibiendo subsidios. ¡Fairbanks, Alaska, fue la última de esas diócesis y recibió su pago de subsidio final este año!

La colecta del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones ayuda al Santo Padre a cumplir con su obligación petrina de edificar la Iglesia en más de 1,100 diócesis y territorios que son demasiado jóvenes y/o demasiado pobres para sostenerse por sí mismos. Las ofrendas respaldan la formación de seminaristas y hombres y mujeres religiosos, ayudan en la construcción de escuelas y orfanatos, y permiten a los misioneros edificar iglesias en areas remotas y con recursos limitados, y realizar obras esenciales para proclamar el Evangelio y celebrar los Sacramentos.

Viviendo el tema de este año, les insto a mantener sus corazones encendidos y sus pies en movimiento este Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Sus oraciones son invaluables, y su apoyo financiero brinda ayuda vital a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en las comunidades más vulnerables del mundo.

Sinceramente tuvo en Cristo.

+ Thomas John Paprock

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Para obtener recursos adicionales sobre el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, por favor visite onefamilyinmission.org/resources.

FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church



St. Luke the Artist Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.

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

"Set little store on what people say. Let everyone judge you as they like. Do not make excuses for yourself, it will do you no harm. Give away everything at the first sign of a demand, even if they were the most necessary things. Do not ask for anything without consulting Me. Allow them to take away even what is due you-respect, your good name-let your spirit rise above all that. And so, set free from everything, rest close to My Heart, not

allowing your peace to b disturbed by anything. My pupil, consider the words which I have spoken to you." (Diary 1685).



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. If you 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.



JOIN US FOR THE RESCUE PROJECT

JOIN US and bring a friend or nieghbor 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 6: What Difference Does it Make? DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:

- Do you know your baptism date? Why is this date significant in your life?
- What does it mean that Jesus triumphs?
- How does the fact that Jesus gives you access to God, the Father help you build a relationship with Him?
- What does this mean on how you treat others (siblings, classmates, parents...)?

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

- What result of the Resurrection of Jesus resonates most deeply with me and why?
- Now that we are seeing the full story unfold, how does this biblical story impact my life?
- What does it mean to have access to the Father through Jesus's Incarnation, Death and Resurrection?

You can view the videos and reflect on the content by going to www.RescueProject.US

NET PRAYERS Join us in starting to pray for the young men & women of NET Team 4, who will be joining us later this month for our first NET Retreats of the year for our school's 5th through 8th graders. NET Team 4 includes Maria, Hannah, Mia, Marie, Elena, Andrew, Will, Evan, John, & Sam. Our fall retreat theme will be "More than Conquerers": Trials are inevitable, but when we encounter them, do we allow Christ to be a part of them? Our hope is in Jesus, who rose from the dead; he has conquered death. Through the lens of hope and trust, we explore how God is a good Father that helps us face any trial.





Parish Life & Hospitality, Service

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.

Please consider donating money to help offset the cost of the turkeys. Drop by the parish office or in the collection at Mass. Be sure to mark the envelope or check.

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

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.

TRUNKS FOR TREATS

Trunks for Treats will be Sunday Oct 29th from 5:30 to 7:30. There will be a box in the gathering space for those who would like to help in donating candy for the kiddos, or you may drop it at the parish office. We also need vehicles to participate for that evening. Please notify the office if you wish to reserve a spot!

CUB SCOUT TRIVIA NIGHT

Cub Scout Pack 103 (which covers St. Elizabeth & Holy Family youth) is hosting a Trivia Night, Saturday, November 18 at Engelbert Hall in Madison at 6:30 p.m. Prizes to win, basket raffles, Fun Games, 50/50. \$120 per table of 8, or \$15 per person. Sode & water available. BYOB. Call Zach Moe at 618-823-3069 or Cheryl Moe at 618-610-7158 to reserve a spot.

CALLING ST. ELIZABETH VOICES

We will NOT have youth choir rehearsal this week for the next youth mass on Sunday, November 5th. Starting next week, we will be moving rehearsals for St. Elizabeth Parish youth from Thursdays to Sunday mornings at 9:30. We hope this time works better for everyone and hope to see many new voices at the next rehearsal on Sunday, October 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the parish choir room. Thank you! - Mrs. Cardinal & Mrs. Weis

CHARITABLE OUTREACH INFO

Our Charitable Outreach team meets monthly to discuss and plan how to help serve the less fortunate in our community. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18 at 6pm in the Harmony Room. In the meantime, they ask for additional donations of toothpaste (smaller sizes) and toothbrushes as well as snack/granola/protein bars for our outreach bags. There are several in the gatherings space. Consider taking one and sharing it with someone if you get the opportunity.

WAY OF LIGHTS VOLUNTEER REQUEST

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 17 through December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. Email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at:

www.snows.org/wayoflights

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 15

9 a.m - Men at Prayer (PLC) 9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir Practice (Choir Room)

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

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

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

Wednesday, October 18

6 p.m. - Charitable Outreach (Harmony Room)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, October 19

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, October 20

Saturday, October 21

Sunday, October 22

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Ladies Sodality Turkey Dinner & Bazaar

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

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

Reminder:

NO anticipatory Sunday Masses will be held on Saturday evening, October 28, across our diocese. We will all be at or focused on the Eucharistic Congress & Revival in Springfield. Join us for Mass that weekend on Sunday, October 29 at 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Kof C CORNER Just a reminder that the Halloween Dance is Sat. October 28 in the gym of Columbus Home. Dance starts at 6:30. There will be hot dogs snacks at drinks available. We have a whole different look on the event. This is mainly for children but if adults want to join in on the Hokey Pokey, Duck Walk etc, they are more than welcome. The goal is to have maximum fun that evening. Event will be over about 8:30 or so. With Veterans Day coming up, American Legion Post 307 is organizing an Honor the Vets banquet on Nov 4th at the gym of Columbus Home. The 3rd and 4 degrees are sponsoring tables and Columbus Home has donated the gym. All vets are welcome to attend, just call 618-789-0337 and ascertain you will be there. Vets can also bring 1 guest. The Knights are very honored to be able to support this event. God Bless You All, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight

St. Elizabeth School

CHEERING ON THE ROYALS!







PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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: 10/12- Rev. Joseph Vahey Rev. Elmer Henry Sanders 10/14- Rev. A. A. McDonnell Rev. George M. Nell Rev. James J. Holmes Rev. Armand Lubanski, O.F.M. 10/16- Rev. Patrick Dee Rev. Thomas O'Hara 10/17- Rev. Finian McMulllin, O.F.M. Rev. Casimir Francis Gierut10/18- Rev. William Wozniak 10/19- Rev. Kenneth Venvertloh 10/20-Rev. Timothy Hickey Rev. John Berry Rev. Francis Mazir Rev. Elmo Kurz

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

HEARING THE WORD:

Read Matthew 22:1-10

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Have you ever had to prepare invitations for a birthday party or other family event? We send out invitations and hope that those invited will come, because we look forward to gather- ing with those we love. Today's Gospel reminds us that the Lord prepares a banquet for us and has invited us to join the feast! Just as we desire to gather with loved ones, the Lord eagerly awaits our coming to him. Ask him to help you respond to his invitation with joy.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

What are some things that get in the way of seeing God's invitation in our lives? What worries take our time and attention away from God?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Jesus preaches often about the kingdom of God and what life will be like there. Today's Gospel image of the kingdom is a wedding feast. How do you imagine the kingdom of God? What is it like?

LIVING THE WORD

To receive an invitation is special. How have we been invited into a relationship with God? Who are the people who have been the messengers of this generous invitation? Make a list of the people whose voices and actions invite us to draw closer to God. Write thank-you notes or call them on the phone to thank them for being a witness to the kingdom.

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 October 8, 2023

| | Actual | Goal | Over/(Short) |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Week 15 Regular Income | \$4,853.00 | | |
| 100 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$45.83 | | | |
| One-Time Donation | | | |
| Loose | \$217.97 | | |
| Online Giving | \$1,065.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$5,865.97 | \$9,104.00 | (\$3,238.03) |
| YTD TOTALS | \$121,701.79 | \$136,560.00 | (\$14,858.21) |

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:

| Chicken Dinner Proceeds | \$5,000.00 |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Special Projects/Windows | \$361.00 |
| Tuition Assistance | \$282.00 |
| Votive Offering | \$140.00 |
| Other Not Specified | \$140.00 |
| All Souls Day | \$40.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$25.00 |
| Building Repair/Maintenance | \$21.00 |
| Mission & Ministry | \$21.00 |
| All Saints Day | \$20.00 |

Parish Tithing Reporting

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

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

oive Central 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

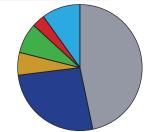
"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.



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 \$41,488 school fundraisers & PTO donations \$69,043 **EANS** grant \$54,933 parish & school family donations

\$677,064 total in-hand \$22,936 still needed

Given last week: \$5,361.00 THANK YOU!

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

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

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