

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 22, 2023



Ladies Sodality Fall Bazaar & Turkey Dinner

THIS SUNDAY
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join us & bring your friends.



Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary in Kenya who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.


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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
Athletic Director: Joe Philips
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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 23

Saint John Of Capistrano, Priest

No Mass

Tuesday, October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

6 p.m. Mass:

Rich Caron+ by Claude & Carol Kessler

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday of the 29th Wk in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, October 26

Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Louis & Julie Kutzera+ by Barb Shambro

Friday, October 27

Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, October 28-29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

NO 4:30 MASS - No Saturday Masses in our diocese this day; All in Springfield for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☪

Connie Hayes+ by Lee & Dorothy Hayes

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



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: 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.

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ord. Time

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

In the first reading, God commands his people not to oppress the weak. In the second reading, Paul commends the Thessalonians for placing their faith in God and becoming a model for others. In the Gospel, Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary 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 Schrenk+ by Bootsie Schrenk.** 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

**Mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic!
"Fun in the Sun for 2024"- June 7, 8 & 9**

First, I would like to thank Fr. Alfred for giving me his blessings and having faith in me leading our parish picnic moving forward. There are so many parishioners that come together to commit your time and talents, to make this our biggest fundraiser, in 7 days, for our parish and school, year after year. So, without all our booth chairmen, booth workers, maintenance and grounds team, financial supporters, parish office, our community and Fr. Alfred's guidance, our parish and schools would not be what they are today. Thanks to all involved. We had another great, successful and safe picnic again for 2023.

Secondly, I would like to Thank Steve and Mary Hay for their past leadership in this role for the last 5 years and their past 30+ years of picnic involvement. They are continuing their commitment to stay involved in helping me transition into this role and also have stepped into a chairmanship role, as Sponsorships for 2024.

Get in touch with Steve or Mary, if you can be of any help to them or would like to become a monetary sponsor of our picnic. They have all the details!!!

There is more behind the scenes that goes into our picnic all year long, (I can contest to this, being in this role for the last few months now) so you will be seeing updates and hearing from me throughout the coming months leading up to our picnic.

We started planning for 2024 at the wrap-up meeting in September and had several discussions with our biggest discussion on picnic hours. So, it was voted on by all chairman present to change our picnic hours to as follows.

Friday 4pm-12am

Saturday 12pm-12am

Sunday 12pm-7pm

These hours will not change unless there is an unforeseen change in severe weather.

We need Booth Chairman, Co-Chairman and Volunteers for the entire picnic week. Which includes set-up and tear-down and everything in between. Everyone is encouraged to help in some capacity.

As I stated above, this is a very large and vital part of our parish and school, and without it, we would not be able to offer or have a campus this nice. So please consider volunteering and helping at this annual event.

We need co-chairman for the following booths:

Mexican Food

Fried Food

We need chairman for the following booths:

(New) Funnel Cakes (2)

(New) Friday Dinner

(New) Friday Dining Room

(Existing) Grounds Trash/Clean-up

(Existing) Saturday Dining Room

Please consider or re-consider getting involved and contact me @ 618-304-6074 or tcdomo@charter.net for more info on volunteering and/or becoming a chair-person.

Thank you,
Tim Domagalski

Father Alfred asked that we publish Father Trimmer's article from the September 17 edition of our diocesan newsmagazine, *Catholic Times*:



CATHOLIC TIMES

MAGAZINE OF THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

Hey, Father!

I have just finished reading the book, Dressing with Dignity, by Colleen Hammond. In the book, it says how women's clothing at Mass has become too revealing, not only for teens but for their mothers. St. Padre Pio was strict on who he'd allow in his confessional if necklines were up high enough, and skirts weren't low enough. The book also references what the Catholic Church teaches about appropriate modest dress, especially at church and if one isn't dressed modestly, Communion can be refused. Why aren't priests being more strict about this today? I feel like women would think twice about what they wear - especially to church - if they knew this."

- Anonymous in Dieterich

First, I acknowledge that the topic of modesty in dress, especially in church, tends to be controversial. Many people get defensive and argumentative whenever it comes up. This is probably the main reason why priests and others in ministry avoid addressing it. There is also the idea of "picking your battles;" fewer people are coming to Mass and priests are afraid of offending people so that even people show up. But this is only a short-term strategy. We have to address modesty, even if some people choose to be offended.

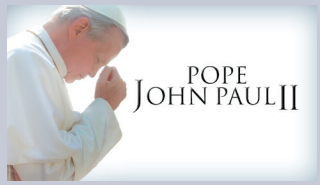
Let's begin with the big picture. The primary question is not so much the choice of one specific article of clothing over another or exactly how much of the body should be covered. To some extent, those questions are endlessly debatable and there is admittedly a cultural element at play (see CCC 2524.) Rather, when we knowingly choose to dress in an immodest or inappropriate way, the underlying problem is that we do not take God seriously enough and, as a result, we do not take ourselves seriously enough.

God created man and woman - all of us - in His image and likeness (Gen. 1:26). Every human person is therefore a profound mystery and has immense dignity. We also know that we are not souls with bodies, but we are both soul and body. Pope St. John Paul II taught that "the body expresses the person." Of course, the clothing we wear is not part of us, but it is a kind of extension of our body. We could say that the body expresses the person, and clothing in turn expresses the body. It is part of our body language. Within the context of human culture and traditions, we choose clothing to express ourselves as persons, to communicate ourselves to the rest of the world.

Now, the question is this: Knowing that we are made in the image and likeness of God, how should we dress to proclaim this truth? Yes, we believe that the human body is beautiful, which means it is worthy of admiration and celebration. But we also believe that the body is sacred, which means it is worthy of respect and reverence. Therefore, clothing should not simply "cover up" or hide the body, but neither should it unveil the body to everyone indiscriminately..

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This Week on
FORMED



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

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

"I look for no happiness beyond my own interior where God dwells. I rejoice that God dwells within me; here I abide with Him unendingly; it is here that my greatest intimacy with Him exists; here I dwell with Him in safety; here is a place not probed by the human eye. The Blessed Virgin encourages me to commune with God in this way." (Diary, 454).



the
RESCUE
project



JOIN US FOR THE RESCUE PROJECT

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 7: Words are Not Enough

DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:

- Have you considered the sacrificial act that Jesus does on the cross and the significance that he did that for you?
- Do you ever experience the Holy Spirit in your daily life? What are ways you can be more open to the Holy Spirit?
- What is God saying to you right now? What do you need to do to respond?

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

- Are you convinced that Jesus came to rescue you... not y'all, but YOU?
- How much have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life? Are you open to this experience?
- What is God saying to you right now? What do you need to do to respond??

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

we intend to receive Jesus in the Eucharist - our dress should express a certain seriousness. Mass is not just another human activity or gathering. We Americans have a reputation for being informal, especially in regard to clothing. Perhaps part of our immodesty in dress is a consequence of this general informality. After all, casual clothing tends to be more revealing, and women's casual clothing tends to be more revealing than men's clothing. This could explain why, even if men and women are equally guilty of dressing too casually for Mass, women are more often accused of dressing immodestly.

In closing, a famous exhortation of St. Paul perfectly brings together these themes: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:1-2).

Father Christopher Trummer, S.T.L., is parochial vicar at St. Agnes Parish in Springfield, associate delegate for Health Care Professionals, associate chaplain of the Springfield Chapter of the Catholic Physicians Guild/Catholic Medical Association, and has a license in Sacred Theology in Moral Theology at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, Italy.

Hey, Father, Catholic Times, continued...

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, "Modesty protects the intimate center of the person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden... It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them in conformity with the dignity of the persons..." (CCC 2521). Here we see that modesty is not some arbitrary limitation on our freedom but rather a virtue that protects our God-given dignity.

Immodesty is an offense against both ourselves and others. Christ's second great Commandment is, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:39). If we value and cherish ourselves, including our bodies, our clothing will reflect this. To dress modestly and appropriately for the occasion (a wedding is very different from the beach) also shows love and respect for all others present. It sends the message, "I take myself and you seriously."

Finally, there is an additional consideration when it comes to the clothing we wear during Mass and other liturgies. Mass is not about you! Or me. Or any human being. It is about God and our coming into His presence to worship Him - period. Therefore, anything we do, say, or wear that draws attention away from Him and toward ourselves undermines true worship. Our personal preferences must die in the face of something infinitely more important. Since we are coming into the presence of God - and especially if

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY AREA MASS TIMES

Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints Day, the day in which we celebrate and offer prayers of love and thanksgiving for the holy men and women in Heaven, those known and unknown by the Church. For the faithful, **it is a holy day of obligation**. The following day is All Souls Day which honors all of the faithful departed.

Mass Times for St. Elizabeth are below. We are also sharing the Mass times for Holy Family and a few other parishes in the area to give everyone the information needed to make sure you can attend Mass on these very important and holy days.

St. Elizabeth, Granite City

All Saints, November 1, Mass at St. Elizabeth @ 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

All Souls, November 2, Mass at St. Elizabeth @ 8:15 a.m., NOON, and 6 p.m.

Holy Family, Granite City

All Saints Day Nov 1 -- 8:30 a.m. at Holy Family School and 6 p.m. at Holy Family Parish; Fr. Steve is also having Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Cedarhurst Assisted Living, 3450 Village Lane, Granite City

All Souls Day Nov 2 – 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Holy Family Parish

St Cecilia in Glen Carbon

155 N Main St, Glen Carbon IL 62034

All Saints - Vigil Mass Tuesday, 10/31 at 6:30 p.m.; Masses 11/1 at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

All Souls - 11/2 at 8:00 a.m. and remembrance Mass at 6:30 p.m.

6 p.m. Reconciliation before all 3 evening Masses.

Mother of Perpetual Help, Maryville

All Saints Day: 8:00 a.m.

All Souls Day: 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Father Rob is celebrating Mass on All Souls Day at the MUC Student Center at SIUE at Noon

Fr. McGivney Catholic High School is having Mass on All Saints Day at 10:45am

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 22th at 9:30 a.m. in the parish choir room.

Thank you! - Mrs. Cardinal & Mrs. Weis

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 22

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC)

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

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

Monday, October 23

Tuesday, October 24

Wednesday, October 25

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, October 26

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 27

Saturday, October 28

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.

Sunday, October 29

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC)

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

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Trunks for Treats (Parking Lot)

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

K of C CORNER We are sponsoring a Halloween family dance on Saturday Oct 28th at the Columbus Home. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dance will start at 6:30 p.m. This will actually be more than just a dance. We will be having activities throughout. Some of the activities will include, musical chairs, caricature drawings, best costume for separate age brackets, hokey pokey and so on. We are asking the adults who attend to participate in some of these activities as we believe that the kids will be more active if parents and g-parents join them. The goal is to have a lot of fun for all. You will also notice that our members will be wearing their new KC shirts to all the different masses. Come up and shake their hands and introduce yourself. We are making ourselves more know to you to further our Catholic relationship with the members of all parishes. Our meetings are on the 4th tuesday of each month. Next meeting is Oct 24th starting at 7:30 p.m. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Our preschoolers recently enjoyed a visit from the Granite City Fire Department. They learned all about the equipment on the truck and how it is used to help fight fires and keep people safe.



St. Elizabeth
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presents...



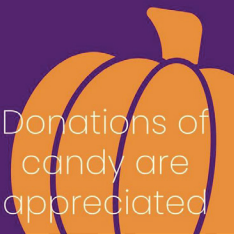
TRUNKS FOR TREATS

Sunday, Oct. 29th
5:30pm-7:30pm

School Parking Lot

Contact Parish Office
to reserve a space.

Donations of
candy are
appreciated.



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 22:15-21

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

At the center of this story lies two questions: "What do we owe to God?" and "Does what we owe to God ever put us at odds with civil authority?" The gift owed to God is far more valuable than money and rises above anything demanded of us by the government. God wants our hearts! To give God what is God's is to give him our worries, our struggles, and our pains, as well as our joy and our love. How will you give God more of your heart this week?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Ask your children to think about the following questions: "What is God asking me to give to him today? What do we offer to him at Mass?"

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Jesus tells the Pharisees to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." What do you think it means to belong to God?

LIVING THE WORD

Prayer is an important way that we give to God what is God's. In prayer, we give God our hearts. Make an inventory of all the times and ways we pray during the day. As a family, discuss how you can spend more time with God in prayer. Are there new times that you could incorporate prayer into your life together? Are there new ways of praying you want to explore? Add one time or one new way of praying to your life this week.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:
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: 10/21- Rev. Joseph H. Boil 10/22- Rev. James Murray Rev. John Gramke Msgr. Frederick Klasner 10/23- Rev. Henry Degenardt Rev. Peter McCauley Rev. George E. Faller 10/24- Rev. Francis Recoouvreur Rev. Garcia A. Behnen, O.F.M. Rev. Eugene Francis Griffin Rev. Robert P. Morris



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; Nick Glasgow- USMC, California

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship October 15, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 16 Regular Income	\$5,447.00		
109 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$49.97			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$369.50		
Online Giving	\$1,170.00		
TOTAL	\$6,986.50	\$9,104.00	(\$2,117.50)
YTD TOTALS	\$129,688.29	\$145,664.00	(\$16,975.71)

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 Repair/Maintenance	\$255.00
Tuition Assistance	\$185.00
Other Not Specified	\$105.00
World Mission Sunday	\$50.00
All Souls Day	\$45.00
All Saints Day	\$40.00
Special Projects/Windows	\$30.00
Mission & Ministry	\$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.
September tithe: **\$3,303.00**

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

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

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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
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- \$677,094** **total in-hand**
- \$22,906** ● **still needed**

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