

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 29, 2023



The Catholic Roots of Halloween, the Vigil of All Saints' Day

When you're getting ready to celebrate Halloween, consider this background, from Vatican News by Christopher Wells:

Although Halloween has been embraced by the secular world, its foundations are firmly rooted in Catholic tradition. Dr Malcolm Brown of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture explains the significance of All Hallows' Eve.

In the modern world, and especially in English speaking countries, Halloween has become one of the most important holidays of the year, with millions of children and adults dressing up as their favourite heroes, superstars, ghouls and goblins.

While some people have connected Halloween to earlier pagan celebrations of the new year, Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hallows' Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Immediately afterwards, on November 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory, and prays in suffrage for them.

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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 30

Monday of the 30th Wk in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday, October 31

Tuesday of the 30th Wk in Ordinary Time

6 p.m.: Timothy Scaturro+ by Janet Scaturro

Wednesday, November 1

Solemnity of All Saints

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:15 a.m.: Mary Shim+ by Howard Shim

6 p.m.: For St. Elizabeth Catholic School Students & Staff

Thursday, November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

No Adoration

8:15 a.m.: Longest Forgotten Soul in Purgatory+ by Carol McGee

Noon: For the Faithful Departed

6 p.m.: For the Holy Father's Intentions

Friday, November 3

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

8:15 a.m.: First Friday Intentions

Saturday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:15 a.m.: Mary Carich+ by Sam+ & Barb Shambro

Saturday-Sunday, November 4-5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m.: Sister Stephanie Turck by the Turck/Hay/Pabst Families

8:00 a.m.: Jane Modrusic+ by Andy Modrusic

10:30 a.m.: 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.

November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November:

For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

This 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.

Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ord. Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13;

Mt 23:1-12

The prophet Malachi explains the consequences of showing partiality, division from one another and from God. Paul speaks of his affectionate love for the Thessalonian Church. In the Gospel, Jesus chastises the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees, calling for humility and service.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **all of our beloved friends and family who have died**. 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 **Connie Hayes+ by Lee+ & Dorothy Hayes**. 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
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 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





All Souls Indulgence

“It a holy and pious thought to make atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.” - 2 Maccabees 12:45b-46.. and especially in the month of November, the Church urges us to spend time in prayer for those who have gone before us. Prayer for the souls in Purgatory is a requirement of Christian charity, and it helps us to call to mind our own mortality.

The Church offers a special plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, on All Souls Day (November 2), but also encourages us to continue to keep the Holy Souls in our prayers throughout the first week of November.

The Church offers an Indulgence for a Cemetery Visit that is available as a partial indulgence all year round, but from November 1 through November 8, this indulgence is plenary. Like the All Souls Day indulgence, it is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. As a plenary indulgence, it remits all punishment due to sin, which means that simply by performing the requirements of the indulgence, you can obtain the entrance into Heaven of a soul who is currently suffering in Purgatory.

This indulgence for a visit to a cemetery encourages us to spend even the briefest of moments in prayer for the dead in a location that reminds us that we, too, will someday need the prayers of the other members of the Communion of Saints - both those still living and those who have entered into eternal glory. For most of us, the indulgence for a cemetery visit takes only a few minutes, and yet it reaps immense spiritual benefit for the Holy Souls in Purgatory - and for us as well, since those souls whose suffering we ease will pray for us when they enter into Heaven.

To obtain the plenary indulgence between November 1-8, we must receive Communion and sacramental Confession (and have no attachment to sin, even venial). Communion must be received each day we wish to gain the indulgence, but we only need to go to Confession once during the period. A good prayer to recite to earn the indulgence is *Eternal Rest*, though any formal or informal prayer for the dead will suffice. And, as with all plenary indulgences, we must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary) each day we perform the work of the indulgence.

“An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial.”



The Catholic Roots of Halloween

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The memory of those who have gone before us naturally leads to thoughts of mortality, and the liturgical focus on the end times during this period of the Church year adds to the atmosphere of gloom.

In a “Memorandum on the Celebration of Halloween” issued for his Diocese, Bishop David Konderla of Tulsa, Oklahoma, stresses the importance of “maintaining the Catholic meaning and purpose of all holy days, especially those which have been adopted and adapted by the culture around us”. He explains the how customs such as dressing up for Halloween and appealing to frightful imagery can be done in a Catholic spirit, while warning that “we want to intentionally avoid those things that are contrary to our Catholic faith, but have become popularized through the secular adaptation of Halloween”.

Vatican News spoke with Dr Marcel Brown, of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture in Tulsa, about the Catholic roots of Halloween. “The feast of Halloween is one of those feasts on the Catholic calendar that is celebrated on the eve of a great solemnity”, he said.

Dr Brown explained that the word Halloween refers to the Feast of All Saints. The word itself is taken an older English term, “hallows,” meaning “holy”; and “e’en”, a truncation of the word evening, in reference to the Vigil of the feast. “So really, Halloween is the feast of the celebration of the feast of All Hallows’”, he said. “So it’s a day when Catholics celebrate the triumph of the Church in heaven, and the lives of the saints on earth”.

The modern focus on the eerie or mysterious also has a Catholic aspect. “When we think of Halloween, I think we often think of ghosts and goblins, and ghoulish faces”, Dr Brown said. “But even these, in the Catholic tradition, are supposed to be reminders of death and of the last things”.

He continued, “So just as we commemorate the feast of All Saints on November 1st, beginning with All Hallows’ Eve on Halloween, we also think about and turn our minds really, to the last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. And really our focus should be, since we all must die and are destined to judgment, how then we to live?”

In his Memorandum, Bishop Konderla invites to the faithful to “urge one another this Halloween to express in every detail of our observance the beauty and depth of the Feast of All Saints”.

“Let us make this year’s celebration”, he says, “an act of true devotion to God, whose saints give us hope that we too may one day enter into the Kingdom prepared for God’s holy ones from the beginning of time”.

You can read more about the Catholic roots of Halloween in Dr Marcel Brown’s article “The Holy Ghosts of Halloween: Resurrecting a Catholic Feast”, published by the Adoremus Society for the Renewal of the Sacred Liturgy.

This Week on FORMED®



Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

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Mercy Minute

"Act like a beggar who does not back away when he gets more alms [than he asked for], but offers thanks the more fervently. You too, should not back away and say that you are not worthy of receiving greater graces when I give them to you. I know you are unworthy, but rejoice all the more and take as many treasures from My Heart as you can carry, for then you will please Me more." (Diary, 294).



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!

Chapter 8: What Does He Want from Me?

DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:

- What is your overall reaction to what you have heard in the Rescue Project?
- What do you believe God is calling you to do in your daily life?
- Are you willing to surrender your life to Jesus and cling to Him?
- What people or things are holding you back from surrendering?

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

- If Faith is simplified as 'God's work in me to which I respond, what response is He asking for from you?
- Are you ready to surrender fully to the will of God?
- What idols or attachments are holding you back from this total surrender? What would detaching look like practically?

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

MORE PARISH LIFE

ANOTHER NEW EAGLE SCOUT FOR TROOP 8103



Another member of Scout Troop 8103 has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Toby Clements, son of Cale and Jennifer Clements, passed his Eagle Board of Review, on Thursday, October 12.

Toby is a graduate of St. Elizabeth School and is a freshman at Granite City High School. For his Eagle Scout project, Toby built a kick wall for the playground at St. Elizabeth School. Congrats on this very impressive achievement Toby!



TURKEY DINNER & BAZAAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the Raffle Winners from the Fall Bazaar and Turkey Dinner:

Steven Stice - Porch Signs: Let It Snow and Its Oct

Marla Weis - Purple Guitar and Gift Card
Conner White - Brown Guitar with Gift Card and a Roblox Gift Basket

Denny Riggs - Liquor Basket

Alan Arakaki - Two Roblox Gift Baskets

Christine Domagalski - Air Fryer

Sandy Goodman - Porch Signs: Welcome Winter and Welcome Halloween

Carol Kessler - Quilt

Sue Ratkewicz - Country Store Liquor Basket Raffle

YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS



TEENS: JOIN US! Our Young Disciples Teens have started their project of painting "The Upper Room" in the PLC and making their own space, and are planning a kickball tournament to invite the other teens from other parishes in our deanery to compete. Come join us for our next gathering for food & fellowship, to help finish painting the room, and to talk about the tournament and other things we'd like to do as a group of teens in our parish. **NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, after 10:30 Mass.**

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

LADIES SODALITY SENDS OUT A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

Without everyone pitching in to cook, help with setup and tear down, cleanup, booth chairwomen, booth workers, bakers, quilters, and those that came out to support us. Yes it takes many hands to pull off a successful fundraiser. Thank you to all who donated items or baked goods. Special thanks to the Willaredt family for the donation of beautiful sweet potatoes and to Laura and her hard working dedicated kitchen workers for a delicious meal. And to our office team who always lends their support. The day was filled with fun and fellowship. God bless all the hands that made it happen.

On a different note. It's not too late to purchase quilt tickets. We still have four beautiful quilts that you can win between now and June. Tickets at church office.

Thank you,
Tammi!

GRANITE CITY CANDY CANE PARADE

On Saturday, December 2, Granite City Area Community Foundation is sponsoring the Annual Candy Cane Parade. In years past we have had an entry. We are reaching out to see if there is an adult or family or group of adults who would like to coordinate the building of a float and lead our efforts. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or are interested in helping out. We have parishioners who have trailers and trucks too...if willing to share yours, let us know as well. Thanks!

CHARITABLE OUTREACH

The next meeting of our Charitable Outreach group is Wednesday, November 15 at 6pm in the Harmony Room. Thank you to everyone who has been donating money or items for our two outreach projects; laundromat support and our bags for the unhoused in our community. We are in need of the following as we head into cooler weather for our bags: Band-aids, aspirin/Tylenol, hydrocortisone ointment, lip balms, feminine hygiene products, gloves, stocking caps, handwarmers, hotel size soaps/shampoo/lotions, Kleenex, small water bottles. Our laundry team continues to accept pods or dryer sheets as well as quarters

THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, October 30

Tuesday, October 31

Wednesday, November 1 Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of All Saints

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, November 2

NO Adoration

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Mass at 8:15 a.m., Noon, 6 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, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

Sunday, November 5

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

After 10:30 Mass: Young Disciples Teens until 1 p.m. (Upper Room)

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

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

K of C CORNER 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

OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Olivia C. and Walter H. were selected as the Granite City Optimist October Students of the Month. Walter and Olivia are members of Mrs. Carlie Young's first grade class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.



Olivia is six years old and is the daughter of Travis and Lisa. Out of all of her classes with her teacher, Mrs. Young, math is Olivia's favorite and counting is her favorite math topic. She can count all the way to one hundred in no time at all. When the school day is over, Olivia looks forward to playing games on her grandma's tablet. She also plays soccer. Halloween will soon be here, and Olivia will be dressing up as Mal from the Disney movie, The Descendants. While she is Trick or Treating, she hopes that no scary people are around because that is the one thing Olivia is afraid of. When Olivia grows up, she would like to be a singer like her favorite artist, JoJo Siwa.

Six-year-old Walter is the son of Jason and Stephanie. Walter picks science as his favorite class, and so far, the study of sound has been his favorite topic. After school, Walter is very busy. He spends time with his friends and is a member of the Tiger Den of Cub Scout Pack 8103. He also is a member of the Twin Bridges Hockey Team where he can play several in different positions. Walter will be dressed as two different characters this Halloween: Luigi from Mario Brothers and a ninja. He will be on the lookout for and taking a large detour around the only thing that scares him...large, frightening electronic decorations. When he becomes an adult, Walter would like a job as a weatherman.

The Granite City Optimist Organization is an international society dedicated to helping the youth of the world. For more information about the Granite City Optimists, contact Paul Hellrich at 618 407-3011. The Optimists are always looking for new members who would like to aid in their mission to help the youth of the community. Come join us!



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 10/29- Rev. Chris Trummer 10/30- Rev. Alan Hunter 10/31- Rev. Mark Tracy 11/1- Rev. Ralph Zetzel, OFM 11/10- Rev. Albert Allen Rev. Braden Maher 11/16- Rev. Jerry Wickenhauser, MM 11/17- Rev. Kevin Sullivan Rev. Michael Friedel 11/20- Rev. Humphrey Milimo, OMI 11/24- Rev. Charles Nelson Rev. Michael Meinhart

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 10/30- Rev. James Fannon Msgr. Charles P. Mulcrone 11/2- Rev. John N. Enzlberger Rev. William Heffernan Rev. Edward Walsh

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 22:34-40

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

When the Pharisees question Jesus about the greatest commandment, Jesus tells them to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and love your neighbor as yourself. As parents, we do so much to show love to our family members, but we often forget that an important part of the commandment is love of self. How often do we show love to ourselves? Do we eat good food and get plenty of rest? What are other ways that we can we love ourselves?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Ask your children, "How do we love God with all that we are?"

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Ask your children, "Is it easier to love God or to love ourselves?"

LIVING THE WORD

As a family, think about how you can follow this twofold commandment, with particular focus on loving your neighbor this week. Discuss together: What is an expression of love that could be offered to a neighbor? Decide on one act of kindness you could do, from something as simple as offering a smile and saying hello to a neighbor on a walk through your neighborhood, to sharing your cooking or baking skills with someone on your block. Then be sure to work together to put your thoughts into action in the week ahead.



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 22, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 17 Regular Income	\$8,483.00		
94 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$90.24			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$239.00		
Online Giving	\$870.00		
TOTAL	\$9,592.00	\$9,104.00	\$488.00
YTD TOTALS	\$137,410.29	\$154,768.00	(\$17,357.71)

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:

BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,662.00
Votive Offering	\$123.00
Special Projects/Windows	\$90.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$75.00
Tuition Assistance	\$70.00
Mission & Ministry	\$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.
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

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

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.

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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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- \$327,000 ● startup from savings
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- \$22,816** ● still needed

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