

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 8, 2023



## “Bird’s Eye View” of the Annual Pet Blessing

On Wednesday afternoon, hundreds of students, parents, parishioners - and their pets of various types - gathered outside the cafeteria for the annual traditional Blessing of Animals on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It was a cloudy, overcast day with some light drizzle, but it held out for the blessing.

Father Alfred led the rite and imparted the blessing, with assistance from some of the school students as server and as readers of the Scripture reading and Psalm. Most of the pets were very well behaved, with the random pet overly excited to make new friends. All of the school students also seemed to enjoy meeting one another’s pets.

The Church has blessings for all kinds of things, and they don’t have to be done on specific days! While there are traditional times when certain blessings are more common (like

pets on the feast of St. Francis), most blessings can be given any day by any priest or deacon. They’re even known to stop by your house for a house or other blessing (when invited, of course!)

A blessing is the invocation of God’s protection and sanctification. The Church blesses people, animals, objects, and even time itself

There are blessings for your home, for vehicles, before leaving on vacation, and for bacon, butter, and beer. There are blessings for water (that’s how water becomes Holy Water), buildings, jewelry, and articles of devotion (like rosaries). Contact the parish office for more info or to schedule having something blessed, or just ask Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, or Deacon Daniel.


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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik  
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames  
Athletic Director: Joe Philips  
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

**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 9**

**Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest**

No Mass

**Tuesday, October 10**

**Tuesday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time**

6 p.m. Mass:

Mark Achenbach+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

**Wednesday, October 11**

**Saint John XXIII, Pope**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Gibbs+ by Mo Winfield

**Thursday, October 12**

**Thursday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Merry Trtanj+ by Dr. Albert Trtanj

**Friday, October 13**

**Friday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Kevin & Toni Diercks

**Saturday, October 14**

**Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr**

Betty Lampitt+ by Janice Dittman

**Saturday-Sunday, October 14-15**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Eve Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☉

Bill Loftus+ by Pat Loftus

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

## Be with Jesus

### Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

### Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



September is dedicated to 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: 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.

**Next 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.

### 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 **Paula Gushleff Koliste+ by Ruthie, Leonard & Bill Koliste**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of  
Holy Name Men's Club

Czornog & Ostrenga Families

Kierski Family

Bill Loftus

John & Theresa Straubinger

Carl Williams

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

Brinker & Soboleski Families

Delores Brinker

Paula Gushleff Koliste

DeRuntz & Pfaff Families

Louise Harrison

Kenneth Jaimet

Deceased Members of

St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy

Jim Dederer

Cassy Family

Pieper Family

Crawshaw Family

Charles Dickey

Binney Family

Alma & Greg Voss

Chad Sigite

Lisa Garcia-Fensterman

Jim Alsop and Family

Gus & Angeline Scaturro

Dortch Family

Richard A. Willaredt

Lisa Dellamano

Rosalie Boyd

Joseph & Victoria Krystopa

Michael & Leona Bonach

Richard Horbelt

Gus & Angie Scaturro

Johnson Family

Jones & Harbin Families

Lesko & Danheiser Families

Mary Mennerick

Glen Hommert

Marvin Wiedemer

Mark Malone

Bill Mathes

Angela & Ronald Briggs Jr.

Robert & Lorraine Joshu

Jesse & Lorraine Gonterman

Jim Noeth & Brothers

Noeth & M. Papp Families

Brian Foreman

Tony & Mary Bellue

Jim Dittman

Pattie Jackson

Ida Gragg

Pawlak & Sertich Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

Betty Lampitt

Connie Hayes Family

Bursik/Votoupal Family

# Parish Vitality Study Input

All parishioners should have received a letter in the mail from Fr. Alfred discussing our Parish Vitality Study. The Study is intended to provide 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, 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, 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 can be found in the pews or you can come by the parish office. You may also answer the questions online at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Yn5ShAMPvextGGFY8>

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!



DIocese OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I am aware that many worthy charities outside our diocese contact you annually for financial support. In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, along with parish and diocesan giving, I am reminding parishes and schools of our policy on Fundraising for Missions (\$9000 Fundraising for Missions) and ask for support of the Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS), which includes: the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Missionary Childhood Association (MCA), Society of St. Peter the Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious.

In addition to our diocesan policy, Church documents direct that the Pontifical Mission Societies should be given "first place" [Ad Genes no. 38] and "the leading role" [Redemptoris Missio no. 84] in the Church's work of missionary formation through their material support, benefiting the poorest in the world. Each of us need to support that work as best we can.

Parishes, schools, and religious education programs may elect to support other worthy charities, but this should be in addition to their works of prayer and sacrifice through the Pontifical Mission Societies. I also ask that you carefully research any additional groups you choose to support to ensure that their work follows Catholic teaching. The Pontifical Mission Societies, given their standing in the Church internationally, are in the position to vet credentials of other Catholic mission relief groups. If you require assistance, contact our diocesan Office for the Missions at (217) 698-8500.

Following these guidelines should help better support the universal evangelization efforts of the Church through the Pontifical Mission Societies.

I extend my thanks to those parishes, schools, and religious education programs that already actively participate in the works of these societies. I am ever grateful for your efforts in forming those you serve in the Catholic Faith.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



## PICNIC NEWS - FROM STEVE HAY

Andy was able to share the great news about the check that we were able to present to Father at our committee wrap up meeting. This amount is a reflection on the hours of dedication and effort that was given by so many to realize this success. So many people involved that worked a great deal of time before, during, and after the picnic. This is just not a "weekend" event. Special recognition to Bud, Dennis, Paul, Andy, Beth, Rob, Loretta, Michele, Bret, Jackie, Father, and all of the chairman.

Mary and I really appreciate the efforts and support over the last 5 years as we stepped into the role as Chair. This was supposed to be just a 2 year position but with Covid, the timeline became skewed.

I will be transitioning this role to Tim Domagalski. Tim has been involved for years with various events (150 Club, Knights, Picnic, Men's Club, Parish Appreciation Dinner) and has usually landed in some level of a leadership role. Tim will generate new ideas to help the picnic continue to grow and develop.

Please join me in supporting Tim and his wife Chris with this new role.

Again, from me and Mary... Thanks.  
Steve Hay and Mary Hay

**This Week on FORMED®**



**John XXIII: The Pope of Peace**

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.

*Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on any device.*

*Go to [signup.FORMED.org](http://signup.FORMED.org)*

**Mercy Minute**

"During Holy Hour today, I asked the Lord Jesus if He would deign to teach me about the spiritual life. Jesus answered me, 'My daughter, faithfully live up to the words which I speak to you. Do not value any external thing too highly, even if it were to seem very precious to you. Let go of yourself, and abide with Me continually. Entrust everything to Me and do nothing on your own, and you will always have great freedom of spirit. No circumstances or events will ever be able to upset 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](http://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](mailto:mhalbrook@stelizabethgc.org).

**SEEKING CATECHISTS**

Catechists are those with the role of helping to pass on the faith in various formation programs in the church. We are looking for anyone interested in entering into the new formation program for Catechists that the diocese is offering through the Evermode Institute and to be available as a catechist of one type or another: Small group or book club leadership, teaching PSR, helping with RCIA, or many of the other catechetical opportunities. If you're interested, please contact Deacon Michael or Bret in the parish office.

**NET 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 Conquerors": 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.



**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 5: Why Did Jesus Come?**

**DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:**

- What reactions do you have to the idea that Jesus was an "Ambush Predator" hanging on the cross?
- Is it clear that God came to save you? This is personal and beyond saving a nation or religious or type of person.
- Does this impact how you see Jesus and how you see and treat one another?

**PARISH CONVERSATIONS**

- How does the story of Jesus as a warrior, as an 'ambush predator', change how I view His Rescue Mission?
- When I reflect on how He did this for ME, how does this make me feel?
- Does my understanding that Jesus didn't only do this for me, but for others change how I see and treat others?

**You can view the videos and reflect on the content by going to [www.RescueProject.US](http://www.RescueProject.US)**



## 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.

### 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!

### 150 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our 150 Club winners: September #35, Robert & Nancy Jacoby October #45, Jason & Natasha Reidl

### OCTOBER COUNT

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

### 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.

### 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!

### 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/wayofflights](http://www.snows.org/wayofflights)

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 8

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

1 p.m. - Secular Franciscans (PLC)

6:00-7:15 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)**

### Tuesday, October 10

**Papa John's Night**  
**Use code SSS004**



7:30 p.m. - Columbus Home Meeting (Columbus Home)

### Wednesday, October 11

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, October 12

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

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

6:30 p.m. Parish Leaders Diocesan Centennial Campaign Information Night (St. Boniface)

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

### Friday, October 13

### Saturday, October 14

### Sunday, October 15

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

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



**Knights of Columbus**

## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

### OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Harrison N. and Reese R. were selected as the Granite City Optimist September Students of the Month. Reese and Harrison are members of Mrs. Katie Dimitroff's kindergarten 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.

Harrison N. is five years old and is the son of Erik and Lauren. Math is Harrison's favorite subject at St. Elizabeth's, and five is his favorite number because he is five, after all. When the school day is over, Harrison looks forward to playing and watching videos with his little sister. His favorite animal is the elephant. He has been able to visit the elephant compound at the St. Louis Zoo several times and says the most interesting thing about elephants is how they use their trunks to drink water. When Harrison grows up, he would like to be a member of a police S.W.A.T. Team.

Five-year-old Reese R. is the daughter of Michael and Nicole. Reese picks circle time as her most favorite kindergarten activity. This is the time set aside every day when each student shares something with the class. After school, Reese spends time with her younger brother. Her younger brother also goes to St. Elizabeth's and is in the four-year-old preschool class. Reese's favorite animal is the cat. She says there is nothing cuter than a cat's meow. In addition to her busy schedule at home and school, Reese also makes time for gymnastics class. She would like to be a nurse just like her mom when she grows up.

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!

### SCHOOL WINDOWS UPDATE

We are happy to share that the school applied for the EANS Reallocation Grant to assist with the labor costs associated with the window project. Last week our contractor received the Grant Funds. The amount of the grant was \$69,034.05. We are so excited the funds came through to help us get closer to our goal.

Thank you to ALL who have donated to the window project so far. We realize there are so many people we need to thank and we want you to know we appreciate each and every one of you. We are grateful to have enough of the funds in place to begin work on the actual replacement. It is anticipated that construction will begin in early November. Please continue to support and to pray for the success of this project.



## 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 21:33-35, 37, 39-41

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD

We are all workers in God's vineyard. There are many people who are a part of God's plan and who proclaim his Word among us—from the prophets, the disciples, the evangelists, the pope, our parish priests, catechists, and even members of our family. How might we be more receptive to God and his messengers? How are we each called to be proclaimers and listeners to his Word?

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

Have you ever been put in charge of something, or been asked to do a task for someone else? How did it go?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

A tenant is one who works the land but does not own it. How can we be a good tenant in the vineyard this week?

### LIVING THE WORD

The vineyard's grapevines produce grapes, a fruit that many enjoy eating. As workers in God's vineyard, what type of "fruit" are we called to produce? If we are full of the light of the risen Christ, how will it show on the outside? Let us think of ways we can show others that we belong to God. Have your children make a list to post in a place at home where everyone will be able to see it. How will you and your family accomplish items on the list this week, this month, this year?



### 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: 10/7- Rev. M.J. Crowley Rev. Arthur Douglas LeBreton Rev. Joseph Windolf, O.F.M. 10/8- Rev. Morgan Ryan Rev. Thomas M. Ryan 10/10- Rev. Paul Asmuth Rev. Joseph Prokopp Rev. Michael J. Kearns Rev. Richard McKeogh 10/11- Rev. Charles E. Zipprich Rev. Robert B. Franzen



### 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 1, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 14 Regular Income	\$13,973.00		
122 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$114.53			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$394.00		
Online Giving	\$1,210.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,577.00</b>	<b>\$9,104.00</b>	<b>\$6,473.00</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$115,835.82</b>	<b>\$127,456.00</b>	<b>(\$11,620.18)</b>

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
Special Projects/Windows	\$1,350.00
Tuition Assistance	\$645.00
Other Not Specified	\$390.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$320.00
Mission & Ministry	\$195.00
World Mission Sunday	\$120.00
All Saints Day	\$115.00
All Souls Day	\$100.00

### 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/allevants>



### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone..." - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

## 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](http://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.

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
- \$36,488     ● school fundraisers & PTO donations
- \$53,022    ● parish & school family donations

**\$601,110**    total in-hand

**\$98,890**    ● still needed

Given last week: \$102.00 THANK YOU!

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