

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ November 12, 2023

Celebrating Sister Stephanie & Her Vocation



Sister Stephanie with her Dad, three siblings, and her Aunt as a Postulant.

This week, we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week. It is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life through prayer and education.

Typically when we talk about vocations it is in the context of our priests. We are blessed to have in our midst our beloved Sister Stephanie Turck, CDP. Sister Stephanie recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of her joining her religious community, Congregation of Divine Providence. Their mission: to make God's Love Visible In the World. Anyone that knows Sister Stephanie quickly realizes that she embodies this motto with her daily life. She sat down to discuss her vocational path and shared the photos featured here.

As a young girl she went to Sacred Heart School, but moved to Pine Street. She wanted to finish at Sacred Heart because she loved the Dominican sisters there, her other siblings going to St. Elizabeth. Sister Stephanie was about to register for her next 3 years at Coolidge and recalls her dad asking her if she had ever thought about going to the convent. She was surprised because while her brother Bob had regularly talked about the priesthood, their mother was not open to her going to the convent. She told her dad that she was

definitely interested, but concerned about how her mother would react. Her father assured her that if that is what she wanted, he would make it happen. She always wondered why he asked. "He knew I really loved the Dominican sisters when I was at Sacred Heart and I used to help clean the church and help with CCD class and all that kind of thing. And so that night he asked me, he said I think we should meet the sisters at St. Elizabeth."

Her other siblings were about to start school. He made a call and the sisters said to bring her over. She had a meal and a great time with them. "They were tons of fun, and so again, I started helping to clean the church and helping with religion class and all kinds of things that they needed to have done." Sister Cecilia was the principal at the time and they lived in Mitchell. One day, they passed her walking on the way home and told her, "Your mom has supper ready. Go home and eat. We're going to pick you up at 6 o'clock to take you to the Mother House." That happened on a Wednesday and she was there full time by Saturday. She was 13 years old and finished high school there.

She began her vocation as a postulant, which is one seeking admission to a religious order. She then entered a canonical year, which was a year in which she could not leave the Mother House, followed by the second year novitiate or novice year where







Sister Stephanie with her siblings as a Novice at the Mother House.

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Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames
Athletic Director: Joe Philips
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since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

Hospitality: To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;

Prayer: To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer;

Formation: To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and

Service: To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

No Mass

Tuesday, November 14

Tuesday of the 32nd Wk in Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Mass:

Robert Stamper by Jeanette & Sanita DiVietro

Wednesday, November 15

Saint Albert the Great,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ted Hoef+ by Karl & Pat Schroeder

Thursday, November 16

Saint Margaret of Scotland;

Saint Gertrude, Virgin

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Larry Luecking+ by Gary & Lavonne Lemler

Friday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Saturday, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, November 18-19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

The Shambro Family

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Janice Willaredt

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



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: 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

The first reading speaks of the attributes of wisdom, and the importance of the love of wisdom, the perfection of prudence. In the second reading, Paul encourages people of faith to hold on to hope in the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable where five virgins were ready for the bridegroom and five were not. Those who were not ready missed out on the wedding feast.

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Prov 31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

A worthy wife is a prize valued far beyond pearls. Paul writes that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night or like labor pains. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who were given talents. The first two servants multiplied their talents and were rewarded. The third servant buried his talent and was punished.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **the deceased priests, deacons, and religious of our diocese**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are for **the dearly departed parishioners of St. Elizabeth**. 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
Czwarnog & 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 Deder

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 Bell

Jim Dittman

Pattie Jackson

Ida Gragg

Pawlak & Sertich Families

Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality

Betty Lampitt

Connie Hayes Family

Bursik/Votoupal Family

Ann Fabisher



Sister with her siblings and Aunt at her First Profession of Vows

they could leave. At this point she and the others were enrolled at Marillac College, which they lovingly referred to as 'West Point for Nuns.' She further explained that if you were an 'A' student at other schools, you were a 'B' student there.

After this, they renewed their vows each year for five years, received their black veil and were sent out to teach. Her congregation is of German origin as were her grandparents. "I remember how excited I was when I first got to go to Germany. At the time I was working at our hospital. They took me to their two hospitals and showed me everything." Her parents raised her, her two brothers, and her two sisters with a strong work ethic in a family of faith. While she was the only sibling to join a religious community, her brother Bob ultimately became a social worker after exploring being ordained a priest.

Sister taught school for 12 years and would come home and go to school all summer. Once she got her bachelor's degree, "We thought we had the world on a string," but their provincial said she "wanted us back for a Master's degree and don't wait until you are too comfortable and don't want to go back." She enrolled to become a speech pathologist. She was teaching in Brussels, Illinois and shared many of the services between public and the Catholic schools. She saw that schools were closing at a rapid pace, so this was the profession she chose. She felt it gave her the best choices between using this at school if she continued to teach or even to open her own practice. "I wasn't finished for two days with that degree when Sister Mary Thomas was calling me from the hospital, 'We'd like you to come here.'" She began working at the hospital in the rehab unit. There were several 'surprises' to that. She worked there for 12 years and then was asked to consider a degree in hospital administration. "I thought they had lost their marbles."

After a bit of conversation, she went with the suggestion and excelled. She then entered the Health Care Ethics program at SLU and she got an additional degree for that. She worked in administration, helping people through end of life decisions, and helping the hospital navigate the ethical parts. Not long after this, the hospital was closed. She enjoyed her time there, but also had a scary time or two, being physically attacked in the child psych unit.

When asked who her biggest influence was, she quickly mentioned Sister Mary Thomas, "A great role model, a sweetheart, good good good person and a woman that was ahead of her time. I remember when she started the clinic in Granite to get kids their shots. Dr. Trtanj recently told her of his initial visits to the hospital upon returning from military service with all of the dental training he received. He presented to Sister Mary Thomas about how they needed these services. He left, never expecting a call back. But he was put on staff, equipment purchased and away they went. She recalled when Sister Mary Thomas won Woman of Distinction how she was embarrassed, 'That's not why you choose to serve'. Only got to do her true calling which was nursing love for about a year before being asked to go back to school to be an administrator."



Sister at Final Vows

Sister Stephanie was here at our school just a couple of weeks ago, speaking to the female students in our third and fourth grades. Her message to them, "I really encourage these girls. These days you could really go into most [religious] communities with any kind of job skill, unless it's a contemplative community. Going to college they could be a business major, or they could be a nurse, they could be a doctor. I really encourage them that way because I told them what our mission is, making God's love visible. That's really what every community is trying to do. They may have other mission statements but we're all trying to do that in some way now. You can do that now, just with your classmates and your friends. Look for the people that are left out, nobody wants to sit with, nobody wants to play with. Bring them in! There are so many things you can do in a community to make a big difference in the world."

Sister's biggest joy has been in the ministries she's done. Teaching, hospital administration, and helping people recover their speech have all in their own way been enjoyable and fulfilling. "I used to wonder if people think I don't like teaching now that I am at the hospital. I was always worried people would think I'm fickle. I love teaching, always taught second grade. I love the little kids!"

Her overall message to us all: "I think it would be to love Jesus. Love Jesus and spread that all around. I think that's the biggest thing we need now with so much hate in the world."

Sister, thank you for saying yes and for your loving witness to us all about sacrifice and service. We love you and appreciate your example and prayers.

#iGIVECATHOLIC Giving Tuesday

Starting Nov. 13

SCAN ME

Support the Missions

Donations can also be sent to the Office for the Missions,
1615 W. Washington St, Springfield IL 62702

This Week on
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Mercy Minute

"One day I complained to Jesus that I was being a burden to the sisters. Jesus answered me, 'You are not living for yourself but for souls, and other souls will profit from your sufferings. Your prolonged suffering will give them the light and strength to accept My will.'" (Diary, 67).



YOUNG DISCIPLES TEENS - JOIN US!

Sunday, November 26 - after 10:30 Mass to 1.
Sunday, December 10 - after 10:30 Mass to 1.
Come enjoy The Upper Room, and friendship, fellowship, some food, and some formation. Bring a teen friend!

MEN: JOIN US IN EXODUS

Interested in jumping into our Exodus fraternity without the cold showers? Join us for the last 10 days of our Fall exercise when Father Boniface Hicks teaches how to better accompany other brother men as disciples, and for Advent when we work on the virtue of HOPE in preparation for Christmas. Call Bret in the parish office for more information.

PREPARE
Thy Kingdom Come
Prepare your heart with the asceticism of hope for the coming of the Kingdom at Christmas.

Season of Advent
12/3/2023

Joined
#1,127 of 175,748



JOIN US IN INDIANAPOLIS NEXT JULY

To close out the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival, the U.S. Bishops invite us to join them in Indianapolis next year for the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years.

The National Eucharistic Congress will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium and Indianapolis Convention Center from July 17-21, 2024 - next summer.

It's just a short drive from us, so we're hoping to take a contingent from our parish for at least a couple of days of this generational event.

If you have any interest at all, please contact Bret in the parish office.

Similar to the Diocesan Congress two weekends ago, we'd like to create the opportunity to attend with a group from our parish.

We're starting to put together plans for options for people who want to go the entire time, and/or for people who would like to try to go for the Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Sunday time frame.

AROUND THE AREA

**ST. PETER & PAUL ALTON
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Basket raffles, \$1,000 raffle, Silent Auction, 50/50 drawings all day, Altar Society bake sale, Crafters & artisans, Hot & delicious breakfast & lunch. Raffles drawn at 6:30. 717 State Street, Alton, IL 62002

**HEALING PRAYER SERVICE
NIGHT OF HEALING**

Worship, Reflection, Renewal, Prayer Teams; Saturday, November 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville. Open to Catholics & non-Catholics - any questions can be emailed to Fr. Michael Trummer at mtrummer@dio.org.

LUCK OF THE GRIFFIN
\$100,000 MEGA RAFFLE
TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH
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Grand Prize Drawing: \$100,000!
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Support Father McGivney Catholic High School! PLUS, \$10 of every ticket sold will go to the charity of your choice, including our feeder schools!
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PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

HELP CELEBRATE SISTER STEPHANIE

Join us this Sunday, November 12 after 10:30 a.m. Mass to celebrate Sister Stephanie's 60th Anniversary of her profession of vows. We will have refreshments and would love to have everyone join us to thank Sister for saying yes to God's call so many years ago and for her love and prayers for and with us.

150 CLUB

Congratulations to our November winner, #129, Joe Cox!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR WINDOWS PROJECT

Join us at 10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 3 as we pray together in thanksgiving for all who contributed to our successful school window project. You will see dust flying very soon and we want to make that we thank God for you, our parishioners who contributed to this wonderful improvement to our campus. We will have refreshments in the Harmony Room after each Mass in celebration as well.

GRANITE CITY CANDY CANE PARADE

On Saturday, December 2, Granite City Area Community Foundation is sponsoring the Annual Candy Cane Parade. As we have before, we WILL HAVE a float in the parade. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in helping out with building or walking with/being on the float. The theme will be holiday gifts and elves. If you have an extra artificial tree or two you could donate or older wooden toys or decorations, please let us know. We could also use donations of leftover candy from Halloween or other candy to toss for the parade!

CHARITABLE OUTREACH

The next meeting of our Charitable Outreach group is Wednesday, November 15 at 6 p.m. 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.

COOKIES & SWEET TREATS SALE

The Ladies Sodality Cookies & Sweet Treats Sale will be held on the weekend of Dec. 16-17. This is our last fundraiser of the year and we are asking our infamous bakers to create any irresistible cookie you choose, and it will be greatly appreciated. The sky's the limit. We hope you will be able to participate in both of our Christmas events again this year.

Good things come to those who bake, Marilyn - Maggie - Carol - Bootsie

LADIES SODALITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ladies you are a blessing as you so graciously provide, delicious dishes, desserts, cookies, and donations for the various events of our parish. We invite you to join us this Christmas Season as we celebrate another successful year achieved from your support & generosity. We promise an evening of holiday cheer as we host you as our special guests of the year. Our Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 5. Tickets will be \$10.00 and available before & after all Masses beginning the weekend of Nov. 18 thru Dec 3 rd .

The evening will begin with the Celebration of Mass at 5:00 p.m. to be followed by our delicious dinner in the Harmony Room. In lieu of a gift exchange, we are donating baby items to Church Women United to create their "Gift Layettes". The following are needed items: sleepers- bibs- socks-hats- large crib blankets- wash cloths - bottles - Desitin Ointment -baby wipes -baby lotion & baby wash.

Your Hostesses for the evening will be: Bootsie & Carol

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 12

After 8:00 Mass: PSR (PLC)

After 10:30 Mass: 60th Anniversary Celebration for Sister Stephanie (Harmony Room)

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

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

Monday, November 13

Tuesday, November 14

5:30 p.m. - School Board/PTO (Cafe.)

Wednesday, November 15

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

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, November 16

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Church); Benediction at 8:55 p.m.

7 p.m. - RCIA (PLC)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony Room)

Friday, November 17

Solemnity of St. Elizabeth of Hungary (our patron)

Saturday, November 18

Sunday, November 19

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Harmony Room/Cafeteria)

After 8:00 Mass: PSR (PLC)

2:30 p.m. - Churches & Communities United (Location TBD)

6 p.m. - Choir Liturgical Meeting (Church)

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

K of C CORNER Thanks to Columbus Home for donating the gym for the American Legion, Honor the Vets banquet. The 3rd and 4th degree sponsored tables and the Post deeply appreciates their donations. This was not a KC event but there were a lot of brother veteran Knights members there. Nov. 17th is St. Elizabeth's feast day. We will be handing out fresh baked loaves of bread after all masses at St. Elizabeth. We will also be seeking new members and current inactive members to help us support events like this. Each family will be receiving a loaf. We will make every effort to do so for Holy Family and St. Mary's on their feast days. The children's Christmas party will be Dec. 16, Starting at 8 a.m. Breakfast will be sausage and pancakes. We will also have coloring after breakfast along with surprise entertainment and of course Santa. Men, become a member of the Knights. We assure you that you will not regret it. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight. 618-789-0337, Grand Knight



**Knights of
Columbus**

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

VOCATIONS RALLY! This week, our school's 6th graders took a field trip and joined 6th graders from around our Alton Deanery for a vocations rally with Bishop Paprocki, many priests, deacons, religious sisters, and some married couples, to learn more about vocations.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 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 11/25- Rev. Peter Chineke 11/30 Rev. Jeffrey Holtman 12/4- Rev. Pawel Augustyniak 12/5- Rev. Carlos Bohorquez 12/6- Rev. Michael Grawe, OFM

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 11/12- Rev. James Sullivan Rev. August Sperl 11/13- Rev. William Michael 11/14- Most Rev. William A. O'Connor 11/15- Rev. James P. O'Hara Rev. Allan Wolter, O.F.M. 11/16- Rev. Augustin Gorris Rev. John S. Clancy Rev. Walter Henry Speeman

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 25:1-13

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

As parents, we often prepare for a myriad of family gatherings, taking care of the arrangements and putting every detail in order. Preparation is essential, whether we are getting ready for a birthday party, a family reunion, or a wedding feast as in today's Gospel. At the time of Jesus, oil was used in clay lamps to provide light. Five of the young women bring extra oil, so that their lamps would remain lit, while five foolish young women are unprepared and do not have the necessary oil. They find themselves in darkness, locked outside of the wedding feast. We are called to be diligent in our spiritual preparation, so that we may walk in the light.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Ask your children, "How can we be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes to us?" Think about the ways you prepare yourself for Mass and to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. What else can you do to prepare your hearts for Mass?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

What do you think Jesus meant when he talked about keeping our light burning? How can we make sure we are ready to meet him when he comes?

LIVING THE WORD

Recall your children's response to the question of how we can keep our light burning. Invite them to choose one idea to live out in the week ahead, so that you are prepared to welcome the Bridegroom when he comes.



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 November 5, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 19 Regular Income	\$9,147.00		
84 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$46.29			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$258.91		
Online Giving	\$1,585.00		
TOTAL	\$10,990.91	\$9,104.00	\$1,886.91
YTD TOTALS	\$153,093.20	\$172,976.00	(\$19,882.80)

Weekly and YTD Goals are calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and what is required to break even.

Other Gifts:

Tuition Assistance	\$732.00
Building Repair/Mainten.	\$531.00
Special Projects/Windows	\$776.00
Mission & Ministry/Formation	\$176.00
World Mission Sunday	\$49.00
Votive Offering	\$125.00
All Souls Day	\$245.00
All Saints Day	\$918.22
Calvary Cemetery - E'Ville	\$854.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope	\$45.00
Other Not Specified	\$450.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithe to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income. **September tithe: \$3,324.00**

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

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: If you have been away from the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a while, feel free to contact the parish office for guidance & materials to help you prepare to return to the Sacraments. In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you could also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism and sign up for a Baptism Preparation class at least a month before your desired date of Baptism. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30 Mass most Sundays or at 7 p.m. some Wednesdays.

Matrimony: To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact the parish office to set up initial appointments and preparation at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults: Contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE

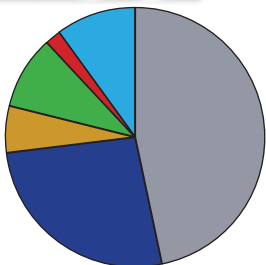
Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

Communion to the Homebound: If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

Declarations of Nullity: In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.') Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Laura Black are available as Advocates before our diocesan tribunal for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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School Windows Project

Please help as you're able with our most important property facilities project at the moment... the replacement of the school windows!



\$700,000 anticipated project cost
 \$327,000 startup from savings
 \$184,600 club/organization donations
 \$41,488 school fundraisers & PTO donations
 \$69,043 EANS grant
 \$66,174 parish & school family donations
\$688,305 total in-hand
\$11,695 still needed

Given last week: \$976.00 THANK YOU!







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