

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ November 19, 2023



This Tuesday: the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.


Reflection: It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. Mary's magnificence enriches us, her children. We are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.


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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, November 20

Monday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6 p.m. Mass:

Lee Hayes+ by Barb Shambro

Wednesday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Charles Polach+ by John & Grace Ziesler

Thursday, November 23

**Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr/
Thanksgiving Day**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Janet Davinroy

Friday, November 24

**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac,
Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Deceased Members of the Duffin Family+
by Dawn Wright

Saturday, November 25

Saturday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time


No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, November 25-26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Lorraine Parkinson+ by Pam Ames

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Jim Deder+ by St. Elizabeth Choir

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
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 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 Bellue
Jim Dittman
Pattie Jackson
Ida Gragg
Pawlak & Sertich Families
Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality
Betty Lampitt
Connie Hayes Family
Bursik/Votoupal Family
Ann Fabisher

Picnic 2024 News

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

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

Secondly, I would like to Thank Steve and Mary Hay for their past leadership in this role for the last 5 years and their past 30+ years of picnic involvement. They are continuing their commitment to stay involved in helping me transition into this role and also have stepped into a chairmanship role, as Sponsorships for 2024. Get in touch with Steve or Mary, if you can be of any help to them or would like to become a monetary sponsor of our picnic. They have all the details!!!

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

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

Friday 4pm-12am; Saturday 12pm-12am; Sunday 12pm-7pm

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

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

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

We need co-chairman for the following booths: Mexican Food, Fried Food

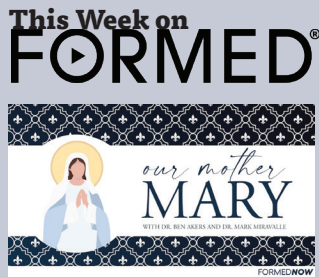
We need chairman for the following booths: (New) Funnel Cakes (2) (Existing) Grounds Trash/Clean-up, (New) Friday Dinner (Existing) Saturday Dining Room, (New) Friday Dining Room

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

Thank you,
Tim Domagalski

All Souls Day Memorials 2023

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| Ralph Lickenbrock Sr. | Antionette Soptic | Dorothea L. Jones | Dominic Gray |
| Virginia Lickenbrock | Deceased Members of the Pawlak & Sertich Families | Charles R. Jones | Jaclyn Hill |
| Kenneth Justice | Andy Mathes | Sherri L. Druck | Crystal Hill |
| Doug Conrad | Steve, Mary & Charlie Pogorelac | Melvin Wilmsmeyer | Patsy Bohn |
| Angie Hardesty | Deceased Family & Friends of the Nelson Family | Helen Klenkler | Judy A. Modrusic |
| Deceased Members of the Czerniejewski Family | Ronald (Buzz) Hutchings | Helen Long | Michael & Leona Banach |
| James Alsop | Syble & Ralph Larkin | Katherine Thrasher | Renee O'Neill |
| Mr. & Mrs. Berto Cerutti | Newman (Rip) Parker | Francis Thrasher Jr. | Joseph & Victoria Krystopa |
| Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ganz | Judy Mundy | Dennis Stolte | Rich & Gerry Mendez |
| Deceased Members of the Weckman & Wilbur Families & Friends | Lawrence Jaros | John Stephens | Helen Knopik |
| Jim Noeth | Ralph & Bertha Wesbecher | Clark & Duffy Families | Marvin Weidemer |
| Deceased Members of M. Papp family | Frank & Vi Kessler | Deceased Members of the Campos & Boyd Families | Bob Kurella |
| Clay & Kokotovich Families | Norma Kessler | Carolyn Campos | Sam Shambro |
| Rose & Henry Kolenda | Bill Loftus | Charlene Boyd | Julie Kutzera |
| Theresa Gulash | Mejaski & Loftus Family Members | Secinia Johnson | Louis Kutzera |
| Judy Whitaker | Deceased Members of the Layloff, Voytush, Breal, Chaperlo & Zagora Families & Friends | Marty Johnson | Angela Shambro |
| June Schneider | Poneta/Arth Families | Olive Johnson | Samuel Shambro Sr. |
| Father Ken | | George Johnson | Tony Worcester |
| Helen Soptic | | Ann Johnson | Ray Harrell |
| | | Hill Family | Emma Jakich |
| | | Byrd Family | Deceased Members of the Trtanj Family |



Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? The study of Mary. Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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

Go to signup.FORMED.org and select our parish name.

Mercy Minute

"Daughter, I need sacrifice lovingly accomplished, because that alone has meaning for Me. Enormous indeed are the debts of the world which are due to Me; pure souls can pay them by their sacrifice, exercising mercy in spirit." (Diary, 1316)



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!

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH

Anyone is welcome to join us to learn more about our faith - jump in with the OCIA (those learning more about our faith to potentially be baptized and/or come into the Catholic Church) any given Thursday. Learn more, help ask great questions... Thursdays from 7-8 in the PLC Library:

- 11/30: The early Church & Church history
- 12/7: Mary
- 12/14: The Bible & Divine Revelation
- 12/21: The People of God
- 1/4: The Sacraments - Intro & Overview
- 1/11: Baptism & Confirmation
- 1/18: The Eucharist
- 1/24: Penance & Anointing of the Sick

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. Bishop Paprocki will even join Exodus in the app this Advent to share occasional videos on how men can better prepare their hearts in Hope for the coming of the Lord. Call Bret in the parish office for more information.



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.

AN EXPERIENCE FOR ANYONE:

ENCOUNTER TRACK: Sessions for anyone who desires a deeper renewal of their faith and a richer understanding of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and who is wondering what the next step in their faith journey will be after the National Eucharistic Congress.

EUCCHARISTIC MISSIONARY TRACK: Smaller, more intimate sessions are for anyone who wants practical tools to become a "Eucharistic Missionary," evangelizing their community and taking on a deeper role in spreading the Gospel to those around them.

MINISTRY TRACK: Sessions are for any person who serves in a ministry role, volunteer or paid. If you are a ministry leader and would like to connect with others who share your challenges and mission, then this is a fantastic way for you to participate at the Congress.

YOUTH TRACK: Sessions are for teenagers aged 14 to 18, including those who are entering high school in the fall or recently graduated the previous spring. Teenagers must register with an adult, a family, or a youth group (including our parish group).

FAMILY TRACK: For parents or caregivers and children to attend together, with activities, talks, and prayers that will speak to every family member.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

THANKSGIVING HOURS

The school will be out this Wednesday through Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. The parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday and be closed Thursday & Friday. Happy Thanksgiving!

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Father and the People of St. Elizabeth,

Thank you to all who worked so hard to prepare such a wonderful celebration for my 60th Jubilee. I was humbled by the number of people who stayed to celebrate.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your cards, gifts, hugs, prayers and good wishes. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all.

Gratefully, Sr. Stephanie

LADIES SODALITY NEWS

We would like to take the time to say thank you for all of the support we have received this year. Your donations of items, baked goods, purchase of quilt tickets, attendance and participation at our Spring BBQ and Fall Bazaar allow the Ladies Sodality to spread good works throughout the year with our financial support. To name a few:

College Scholarship \$1000.00
Totus Tuus \$500.00
Vacation Bible School \$500.00
Cleaning of Vestments \$159.00
Church supplies for the altar \$3,809.19
8th grade graduation flowers \$83.00
Diapers for foster care mom \$200.00
Christmas Trees for Gathering Space \$124.00
School Support \$1000.00
Funeral Supplies \$1024.01
Window Fund \$10,100.00
Blinds for Harmony Room \$6,190.00
Beacon of Light Shower \$100.00
Rectory refresh \$360.00
1st Communion Reception \$95.97.

We say Thank You. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration and a blessed Advent Season in preparation for the birth of our Savior.

Ladies Sodality Members

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.

We are so close to our Window Goal! Remember that the line indicated as "Special Projects" on the Green Other Parish Offerings envelope will be used for the Window Project until our goal is reached. Once reached, that "Special Projects" line will again be set aside for our next big project.

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. 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 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)

Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 21

Wednesday, November 22

School Closed

Parish office closes at 12 Noon

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, November 23

School & Parish Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 24

School & Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

NO PSR (Thanksgiving break)

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

Monday, November 27:

DINE TO DONATE
Supporting St. Elizabeth School

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 27
4-9 P.M.

PIZZA WORLD
1535 Johnson Road
Granite City, IL

K of C CORNER This weekend we celebrate St. Elizabeth's feast day. The Knights will be handing out loaves of bread at all masses to each family. She was also patronage to bakers, hospitals, nurses and dying children. St. Elizabeth thank you for being such an inspiration for us and we ask you for your prayers for all those who are homeless throughout the world. God bless our church. Tom Cholevik grand Knight call 618 789 0337 for info on becoming a Knight



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

FAITH FAMILY REPORT - by the Faith Family under the patronage of ST. JOAN OF ARC!

In May of 1429, a young woman clad in white armor rode her horse onto the battlefield at Orleans. Behind her marched hundreds of French soldiers. Following her battle cry, they defeated the English and won great victories for France during the Hundred Years' War.

Jeanne d'Arc was only 17 years old when she won that battle. She fought to bring peace to her country. For nearly 100 years, the French and the English had been fighting. The French farmers and their families suffered greatly. English soldiers burned their fields and crops, and many people died of hunger.

Jeanne, or Joan as she is best known outside of France, had been born to one of these poor farm families in 1412. At the age of 13, she began hearing the voices of Sts. Michael, Catherine, and Margaret. They encouraged her to help the French farmers.

So at age 16, Joan left the farm and went to the palace of the French prince. She asked to lead his army. After she won the battle of Orleans, Joan led her soldiers to other victories. She was wounded several times.

She was eventually captured by the enemy, and the English then purchased her as a prisoner and put her on trial.

The English found Joan guilty of lying about the voices she heard. On May 30, 1431, they burned Joan to death. She was only 19 years old. But 25 years later, the Church found her innocent of all crime.



In 1920, the Church said that she was a true saint who had fought for what she believed. She is sometimes called the "Maid of Orleans" and is the patron saint of France.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 11/20- Rev. Humphrey Milimo, OMI 11/24- Rev. Charles Nelson Rev. Michael Meinhart 11/25- Rev. Peter Chineke 11/30 Rev. Jeffry Holtman 12/4- Rev. Pawel Augustyniak 12/5- Rev. Carlos Bohorquez

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 11/19- Rev. Francis Hussey Rev. Sylvester Wegener 11/20- Rev. Ignatius Kershevich Rev. Joseph Enright 11/21- Rev. Augustin Brickwedde Rev. Michael Wernsing, O.F.M. 11/23- Rev. J. Friemuth Rev. William Ward Pauley Rev. Anthony Tamulis 11/24- Rev. Maximillian Philipp Msgr. Patrick J. Wright 11/25- Rev. James Murnane Rev. Bernard N. Manning Rev. Richard Paynic

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:

Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

We are often the ones who first notice new talents showing up in our children's lives. As parents, it's our job to point these out and to help our children put them to use. As they attempt to use their God-given gifts, our children may be afraid to try new things. We can encourage them to take new risks by entrusting them with greater levels of responsibility as they grow, demonstrating our faith in their abilities and by offering support throughout the process. Finally, we all long to hear "well done, my good and faithful servant." Be sure to offer regular words of affirmation as you encourage your children to use their gifts.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

Ask your children, "Why do people have such different gifts? What do you think God wants you to do with your gifts?"

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

What happens if we do not use our gifts? What happens when we do use our gifts? To whom do these talents belong?

LIVING THE WORD

Write a list of talents or gifts seen in each family member. Read the list aloud, affirming each person, perhaps offering examples of how they demonstrate that gift in daily life. Invite each family member to consider which gift, skill, or talent they most enjoy and how that gift may be used to build the kingdom of God.



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 12, 2023

| | Actual | Goal | Over/(Short) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Week 20 Regular Income | \$5,884.00 | | |
| 110 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$53.49 | | | |
| One-Time Donation | | | |
| Loose | \$330.50 | | |
| Online Giving | \$530.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$6,774.50 | \$9,104.00 | (\$2,359.50) |
| YTD TOTALS | \$159,837.70 | \$182,080.00 | (\$22,242.30) |

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:

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| Tuition Assistance | \$125.00 |
| Building Repair/Mainten. | \$100.00 |
| Special Projects/Windows | \$410.00 |
| Mission & Ministry/Formation | \$30.00 |
| Calvary Cemetery - E'Ville | \$305.00 |
| Votive Offering | \$101.00 |
| All Souls Day | \$30.00 |
| All Saints Day | \$20.00 |
| Campaign for Justice & Hope | \$45.00 |

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.
October tithe: \$4,456.00

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

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - Matthew 15:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you

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.

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
- \$66,656 ● parish & school family donations

\$688,787 total in-hand



\$11,213 ● still needed

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