

# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King ♦ November 26, 2023

*Transcript of President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation from October 3, 1863*

**By the President of the United States of America.**

## **A PROCLAMATION.**

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

*Shared by the Dr. Albert W. Trtanj Family Trust*

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**

This week is a special week in the life of our parish, community and country. It is this week that we set aside to give thanks to Almighty God for all of His blessings.

Longtime parishioner Dr. Albert Trtanj reached out to us recently in the hope that we would share a bit of history with the parish around the origins of Thanksgiving Day. President Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation above back in 1863, establishing the last Thursday of November as a day of 'Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens'. Dr. Trtanj points out the 'full' name of the holiday including Praise. It has become his favorite holiday due to it being truly American in origin, dedicated to a noble pursuit and one that hasn't been over commercialized. He wanted to share this information with us all because many (like the writer of this article) do not realize how this holiday came about originally.

Thank you Dr. Trtanj for your support of this parish, our community, and for bringing this piece of history to our attention.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! God Bless St. Elizabeth Parish and School!

*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 27**

**Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, November 28**

**Tuesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
6 p.m. Mass:  
Betty Lampitt+ by Her Family & Friends

**Wednesday, November 29**

**Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ord. Time**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:  
Robert Stamper+  
by Jeanette & Sanita DiVietro

**Thursday, November 30**

**Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:  
Harry Hill+ by Cathy Cassy

**Friday, December 1**

**Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:  
First Friday Intentions

**Saturday, December 2**

**Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
8:15 a.m. Mass:  
Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

**Saturday-Sunday, December 2-3**

**First Sunday of Advent**  
4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:  
Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Richard Votoupal+  
by Lee+ and Dorothy Hayes

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Charlie Polach+ by Lenie Allegre

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



### 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.

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: Christ the King

*Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46*

Ezekiel speaks for the Lord saying he will tend his sheep, give them rest, and seek out the lost. Paul writes to the Corinthians that Christ has been raised from the dead, and in [him] shall all be brought to life. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to the disciples about the coming of the Son of Man. It will be a time when he sits upon his throne and separates the sheep from the goats.

### Next Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

*Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37*

Isaiah laments that the people have wandered from the ways of the Lord and pleads that God rend the heavens and come down. Paul gives thanks for the gifts Christ has bestowed while the Corinthians wait for the revelation of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts his disciples to be watchful like servants waiting for the return of the lord of the house.

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Joe Rosales+ by Nancy Rosales**. 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 **Joe Rosales+ by Nancy Rosales**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

### 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 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

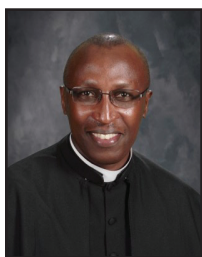
Betty Lampitt

Connie Hayes Family

Bursik/Votoupal Family

Ann Fabisher

## From our Pastor, Father Alfred



### GRATITUDE, GRATITUDE, GRATITUDE.... COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

Praised be Jesus Christ! (Laudetur Jesus Christus!) It is another time of the year to not only look back and see how God has watched out for each one of us but also to count our blessings – to prayerfully reflect on what went right or what we are grateful for as we celebrate the THANKSGIVING 2023. Here at Saint Elizabeth parish/school, there is so much to thank God for in our community, and personally, in a special way, I want to thank God for each one of us, that have pulled out resources and talents together to make the school windows’ project realizable. This means a lot to us and speaks volumes to the future of Catholic education in our community. I thank each one of you who is making our community joyous, thrive, and grow in God’s grace. You make our parish/school community special! We are a family of God, and so we are!

Talk of GRATITUDE – this has been one of the character traits along with KINDNESS and RESPECT, that our school kids at Saint Elizabeth School focused on this semester. What is this gratitude? According to Tellez, Rachele. (2018), “Gratitude is a thankful appreciation for what an individual receives, whether tangible or intangible. With gratitude, people acknowledge the goodness in their lives. In the process, people usually recognize that the source of that goodness lies at least partially outside themselves. As a result, being grateful also helps people connect to something larger than themselves as individuals - whether to other people, nature, or a higher power.” What is this higher power? God! His Son Jesus! His power is the Holy Spirit!

Brethren, it is Thanksgiving season, let’s celebrate God’s graciousness and be grateful. From a supernatural perspective, there is so much that we must identify among our giftedness and countless blessings, to thank God for, but also to reflect on the one who is to come, as we welcome the new liturgical year of Grace with the Advent Season soon on our way. Without a doubt, some of us have had to confront and deal with adversity this year, and by God’s graciousness, we are here to celebrate and maintain a hopeful attitude. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us connect with our mighty God, who is GOOD ALL THE TIME, and appreciate the fact that he always watches over us, and is there for us. In thanksgiving, let me say that I appreciate the gift of faith among each one of us, that continues to shine and light as many lamps as possible, in as many ways as possible - in our relationships, families, parish church/school and the community. With a renewed sense of gratitude, let us celebrate Thanksgiving with anticipation of Christ – the Light of the World, in the upcoming season of Advent and Christmas.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A JOYOUS AND HOPEFUL SEASON OF ADVENT 2023.

- Fr. Alfred Tumwesigye



**Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Mass will be at 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. at St. Elizabeth, as well as 6 p.m. at Holy Family.

**Tri-City Advent Penance Service:** Sunday, December 10, 6 p.m. at St. Elizabeth, with reflection by Fr. Michael Trummer

**Other Advent Penance Services nearby:**

- St. Cecilia in Glen Carbon, Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Boniface in Edwardsville, Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sts. Peter & Paul in Collinsville, Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Mass Times in Granite City & Madison	St. Elizabeth	Holy Family	St. Mary/St. Mark
4th Sunday in Advent December 23-24	Normal Mass times: Sat 4:30 p.m.; Sun 8 & 10:30 a.m.	Normal time: Sat 4 p.m.; Sun 8:30 a.m.	Normal time: Sun 10 a.m.
Christmas Eve (Sun) Dec. 24	4:30 & 11 p.m.	8 p.m.	4 p.m.
Christmas Day (Mon) Dec. 25	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, Dec. 30-31	Normal Mass times: Sat 4:30 p.m.; Sun 8 & 10:30 a.m.	Normal time: Sat 4 p.m.; Sun 8:30 a.m.	Normal time: Sun 10 a.m.
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Dec. 31-Jan. 1	New Year’s Eve, Sun 4:30 p.m. New Year’s Day, Mon 9 a.m.	Monday, Jan 1 10:30 a.m.	

**Remember! Sundays are obligatory, as are the Holy Days of Obligation of Christmas (Eve or Day of Dec. 25) and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Eve or Day of Jan. 1).**

This Week on **FORMED**



**Sacred Art:  
Christ the King**

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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) and select our parish name.

**Mercy Minute**

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



**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.

**Exodus**

**Become a man of hope**

During the Season of Advent, men from around the world will grow in the theological virtue of hope as they journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary. Your journey to hope can start this Advent.

**Season of Advent**  
Starts December 3, 2023

[StartMyExodus.com](http://StartMyExodus.com)



**JOIN US IN INDIANAPOLIS NEXT JULY**

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.**

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:** For anyone who desires a deeper renewal of their faith and a richer understanding of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and wondering what the next step in their faith journey could be after the Congress.

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

**MINISTRY TRACK:** For any person who serves in a ministry role, volunteer or paid. Connect with others who share your challenges and mission.

**YOUTH TRACK:** For teenagers aged 14 to 18, including those 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).

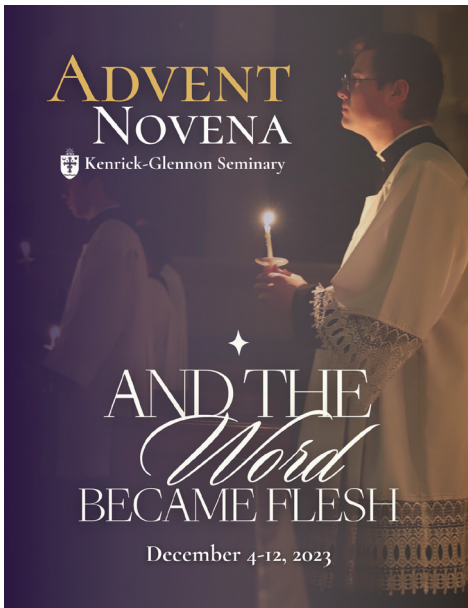
**FAMILY TRACK:** For parents or caregivers and children to attend together, with activities, talks, and prayers for every family member.

Homily "Homework"...

Remember to pray about who to "spiritually adopt" in this new liturgical year.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE



### ADVENT NOVENA AT KENRICK

Every Advent, the men at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis pray a novena in preparation for Christmas. It is a beautiful time of prayer and sacred music, and it is open to the public. The reflections each evening are based around the liturgical "O Antiphons," which the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is written about. I would like to invite you to come to one or even all of the nights of the Novena at the seminary. This year, it will be from December 4-12.

Each evening of the Novena will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Joseph and will include prayer, Scripture, a reflective homily, and hymns led by the seminarian choir. All are welcome in-person and on our livestream. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, 5200 Glennon Drive in Shrewsbury, Missouri.

Thanks!  
Deacon Daniel!

### 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. The dust is already flying and the first windows are already in. Last

week, a generous donor came forward to pledge to give the final \$11,000 needed to fully fund this project! Thank you to all of our donors and supporters, especially this week the final donor, Chris (former St. Elizabeth student) & Carolyn Layloff. Join us at Mass at 10:30 on December 3 as 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.

### 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

### 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.

### EMHC TRAINING RECAP

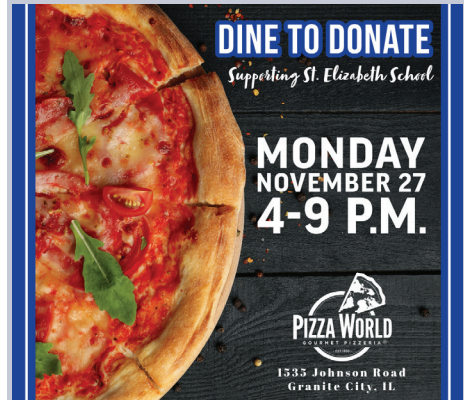
This week we held a training session for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) to give some formation and updates around this ministry. If you were not able to attend the training, please review the updates and the video at [stelizabethgc.org/emhc](http://stelizabethgc.org/emhc) before the next time you serve as an EMHC. Call or see Bret in the parish office if you have any questions. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, November 26

NO PSR (Thanksgiving break)  
After 10:30 Mass: YDS Teens until 1 p.m. (Upper Room)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. - Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

### Monday, November 27



### Tuesday, November 28

### Wednesday, November 29

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, November 30

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Church)  
7 p.m. - OCIA (PLC Library)  
9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

### Friday, December 1

### Saturday, December 20

HARMONY CAFE  
8:15 a.m. - First Saturday Mass

### Sunday, December 3

HARMONY CAFE  
After 8:00 Mass to 10:15 - PSR (PLC)  
9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Cafeteria)  
10:30 a.m. - Mass of Thanksgiving for Window Project  
7:30-8:30 p.m. - Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction (Church)

**K of C CORNER** Tuesday, Nov. 21st will be our last meeting of the year we are taking a break for the holidays. We encourage all men of the parishes who are already members but have not been active for a while to consider to make this last meeting of the year. This is also a great meeting for men who have thought about joining but just are not there yet. We understand that you may not be able to make every meeting but the other side you can help is many ways on helping us support the parishes and schools and the community around us. Please give strong consideration on making the meeting. The Christmas party for the kids will be Dec 16, Breakfast of pancakes and sausage will start at 8 a.m., followed by coloring and drawing. We will have a great magician for the kids followed by Santa. All children from the schools and parishes are invited. Peace be with all of you Tom Cholevik grand Knight call 618 789 0337 for info on becoming a Knight



## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

### NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS!

School students who share a birthday with parishioner Frieda Hicks, who was at Mass on our parish feast day on November 17 to celebrate her 105th birthday, enjoyed receiving a birthday blessing and celebrating with her.



**LUCK OF THE GRIFFIN**  
**\$100,000**  
**MEGA RAFFLE**  
**TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH**  
**~ Buy more & get free tickets!**  
**Grand Prize Drawing: \$100,000!**  
*held on December 15, 2023*  
Support Father McGivney Catholic High School! PLUS,  
\$10 of every ticket sold will go to the charity of your  
choice, including our feeder schools!  
<http://LuckyGriffin.Givesmart.com>

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 11/30 Rev. Jeffrey Holtman 12/4- Rev. Pawel Augustyniak 12/5- Rev. Carlos Bohorquez 12/6- Rev. Michael Grawe, OFM 12/10- Rev. James Palakudy, SAC 12/13- Rev. David Zimmerman

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 11/26- Rev. Jerome L. Marley 11/27- Msgr. William B. Whelan 11/28- Rev. Cornelius Hoffman Rev. F.X. Smith 11/30- Rev. William Pachlhofer 12/1- Rev. William J. Hamilton 12/2- Rev. James Mullaley, S.V.D. Rev. Lucan Freppert, O.F.M.

## 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 25:31-36

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD

We don't have to look very far for opportunities to care for the least of these! We serve the hungry and thirsty every time we make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for, or offer a glass of water, Kool-Aid, or milk to our children. We provide our children with shelter in our wombs, then in our arms, and clothe them with diapers and clothing (which brings its own joy of endless laundry). We recognize the gifts of the youngest and smallest, chasing after older siblings-wanting to join in, but feeling imprisoned in their littleness. Whenever we act with mercy toward the most vulnerable among us, we show mercy to Jesus.

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

Ask your children, "When was the last time you saw someone who was in need? Hungry? Thirsty? A Stranger? Naked? Sick? Imprisoned?" What did you do to respond? What might you do next time?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Who are the "least among us" and why should we show them kindness?

### LIVING THE WORD

We are called to be intentional in our acts of kindness for the least among us. How can your family live the Corporal Works of Mercy this week? Select one work of mercy and discern how you will show God's love and kindness this week.

Also: Don't forget to work on the "homework" from Deacon Michael's homily. Pray about and decide who you might "spiritually adopt" this coming church year.



### 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 19, 2023

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 21 Regular Income	\$4,058.00		
100 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$40.58			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$284.00		
Online Giving	\$1,790.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,132.00</b>	<b>\$9,104.00</b>	<b>(\$2,972.00)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$165,969.70</b>	<b>\$191,184.00</b>	<b>(\$25,214.30)</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:

Tuition Assistance	\$70.00
Building Repair/Mainten.	\$350.00
Special Projects/Windows	\$1,025.00
Votive Offering	\$171.00
Calvary Cemetery - E'Ville	\$30.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope	\$64.00
All Souls Day	\$75.00

### 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/allevments>



### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40**  
Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

## 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
- \$41,488     ● school fundraisers & PTO donations
- \$69,043    ● EANS grant
- \$67,681    ● parish & school family donations

**\$689,812**    total in-hand

**\$10,188**    ● still needed

**Given last week: \$1,025.00 THANK YOU!**






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