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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ February 4, 2024

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Open House

Sunday, February 4th
11:30 am

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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, February 5

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
No Mass

Tuesday, February 6

**Memorial of Saint Paul Miki
and Companions, Martyrs**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Melanie Rees+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, February 7

Wednesday of the Fifth Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Debbie & Diane Paoli

Thursday, February 8

Thursday of the Fifth Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Dennis Riggs+ by Mary Gray

Friday, February 9

Friday of the Fifth Wk in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mass:

Jim Foley+ by Premo & Kay Clay

Saturday, February 10

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, February 10-11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Barbara Byrd+ by Richard P. Willaredt

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Theresa Straubinger+ by her Family

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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

Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm



February is dedicated to
the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February:
For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

This Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ord. Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

In the first reading, Job speaks of living in misery. Paul, in his Letter to the Corinthians, tells them he has an obligation to preach the Good News of the Gospel. In the Gospel, Jesus drives out demons and heals Simon's mother-in-law, and then goes on healing and preaching throughout the whole of Galilee.

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ord. Time

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

The first reading regulates procedures for dealing with people with skin disease. They are denounced unclean and must live alone. Paul calls the Corinthians to give glory to God in everything they do. In the Gospel, Jesus is moved with pity for a man with leprosy. Jesus touches the man, and he is made clean.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Police, Fire, EMS, Dispatch and all other First Responders**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the Altar Flowers are **in honor of all grandparents as they help raise the next generation in faith**. 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
Czwoznog & 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 Dedera

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



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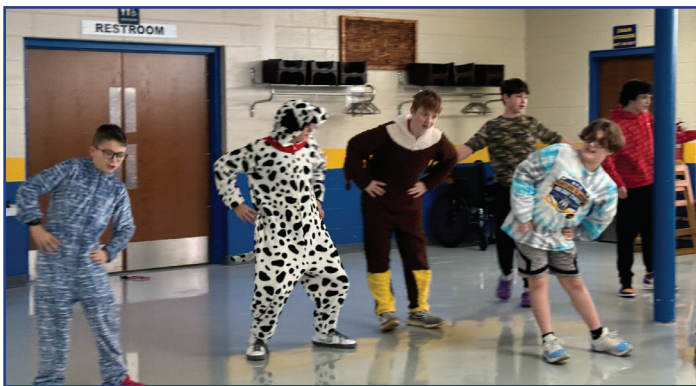
Our 4th grade did another wonderful job with this year's Famous American project. The students dress up as their famous American and give a speech about them. Nice job, 4th grade!



This past week our fifth grade students created wheel vehicles out of supplies they had at their house. Fun!



Preschool celebrated and "dressed like 100" for their 100th day of school last week.



Quite a "zoo" on animal / animal print day fun for Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week



Mrs. Young & her class enjoying Catholic Schools Week with animal print day on Tuesday.

This Week on **FORMED**



Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy. Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in My Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy." (Diary, 300).



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Has it been a while since you've thought much about some of the aspects of our faith? We're in the middle of a few weeks of diving deeper into the Sacraments. Join us on Thursdays from 7-8 in the PLC Library:

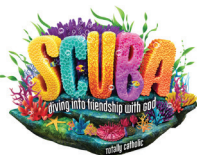
- 2/8: Living Lent
- 2/15: "Election" - Chosen by Christ
- 2/22: The Creed
- 2/29: The Lord's Prayer

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SAVE THESE SUMMER DATES!



Totus Tuus in Granite City July 7-12

Vacation Bible School: SCUBA! at St. Elizabeth August 5-9



More info this Spring.

YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY

Young Disciples Teens: Join us after the 10:30 Sunday Mass. February Meetings: February 11 & 25. Join us - and bring a teenage friend!

JOIN US IN INDY

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 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.**

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES

Please join us on a pilgrimage with Fr. Charles Robinson, F.I. to Fatima and Lourdes, with a stop in Avila Spain, as well as Azpeitia, Spain where St. Ignatius of Loyola was born, and more! Daily Mass. September 10-19, 2024. \$3595/per person. \$150 early bird discount if registered by Feb. 15th, 2024. For more information please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295.

LUKE 18 RETREAT

St. Jerome church will host our annual Luke 18 retreat for 7th and 8th graders, the weekend of February 16th-18th. This will be our 31st year holding this retreat. We would like to invite all 7th & 8th graders to join us! Experience God's love in new and exciting ways through games, songs, faith sharing, and a series of talks given by area high school and college students. The weekend offers youth an experience of God's love on a more personal level than is usually possible in a catechetical setting. With "youth ministering to youth", hopefully the students are able to relate more easily to the experience of living a Catholic Christian life at home and at school.

For information letter and registration, please go to www.stjeromeparish.org look under announcements and click on the Luke 18 button.

*You can also find the registration form & letter in the gathering space here at St. Elizabeth.

- Brenda Neumann, Youth Minister at St. Jerome

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

MEN'S PRAYER



GUEST SPEAKER!

FOR MEN, YOUNG MEN, DADS, SONS, GRANDFATHERS, & GRANDSONS.

JOIN US FOR MASS AT 8:30AM IN THE MCG CHAPEL WITH BREAKFAST CATERED BY EDLEY'S & GUEST SPEAKER TO FOLLOW.

GUEST SPEAKER: DEACON ROB SGAMBELLURI

\$20 PER PERSON | RSVP BY FEB 21ST



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 | 8:30AM
FATHER MCGIVNEY HIGH SCHOOL GYM

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PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

FEBRUARY 150 CLUB WINNER

The winner of the 150 Club drawing for February is #74 Kathy Nelson! Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Annual 150 Club Banquet held on March 9, 2024 at the Columbus Home!

MAGNETS & STICKERS AVAILABLE

An initially-limited quantity of 2" stickers and 4" magnets of our Church & School shield logo are available in the parish office. *Any donation you're willing to make to the Mission & Ministry (Faith Formation) fund* for one of these stickers & magnets will help to offset the cost of our Spring NET Retreat for the youth of our school - and anything beyond that will help to give us our seed funds for this summer's Vacation Bible School! If these are popular, we'll stock up with some more too.

SACRAMENTS AT CATHEDRAL

Our 3rd graders are heading to the Cathedral in Springfield for the Sacrament of Confirmation & their first Holy Communion on Saturday, February 17. Pray for them! They'll be here at St. Elizabeth for a special celebration at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, February 18. Join us for that and a light reception afterwards.



SCHOLARSHIPS

LADIES SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP

Attention high school seniors...It's that time of year again; time to apply for the Ladies Sodality Scholarship. You need to be a graduate of St Elizabeth Catholic School, attend mass at St. Elizabeth, and be planning to attend a college or technical school. Pick up an application at the Parish office. - Joyce Alexander, Scholarship chairman.

REISKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available at the Parish Office. Any college bound parishioner is eligible who: Graduated from St. Elizabeth School, Presently is a member of St. Elizabeth Parish; Is active in the Parish; Attends Mass EVERY WEEKEND; Has financial need.

Applications are due by Friday, March 29, 2024, no later than 4:00 pm. Fr. Alfred and the Selection Committee will then review the applications and present their selection to the Pastoral Council. First-time applicants will have preferential consideration and no one applicant will be awarded the scholarship more than two times

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 4

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

After 8:00 Mass to 10:15 - PSR (PLC)

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - School Open House

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

Monday, February 5

Tuesday, February 6

7:30 p.m. - Men's Club (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, February 7

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, February 8

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Adoration (Church)

7 p.m. - OCIA (PLC Library)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

Sunday, February 11

After 8:00 Mass to 10:15 - PSR (PLC)

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

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

AROUND THE AREA

WOMEN: LOOKING FOR A WAY TO ENRICH YOUR LENTEN SEASON? 2024 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Featuring a talk by Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, entitled:

Living Lent for a Change

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at St. Boniface Church, Edwardsville, 8 a.m. - Noon.

Mass, Catered Breakfast, & Speaker. Pre-registration is required. Download the registration form at st-boniface.com. Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George.

Sister M. Karolyn Nunes entered the Sisters of the Martyr St. George in 2005. A native of Rhode Island, she is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville having received a bachelor's degree in theology with a concentration in Religious Education and a Masters in Catechetics and Evangelization. Over the past 20 years, she has worked in the field of catechetics and youth ministry in Tennessee, Illinois, New Jersey, and Kansas. She currently serves as the community's vocation director which involves traveling to share her community's charism of merciful love in parishes, school, retreats, and conferences throughout the country. She enjoys painting and other arts and crafts and making music on the guitar, harmonica, ukulele, and as a human jukebox with a song always on her heart.



K of C CORNER We had our annual spelling bee last Saturday. 21 students participated and it was a lot of fun to watch these youngsters give it their all in the competition. The winners were 1st, Selah R., 2nd, Natalie J., 3rd Lily K. Thank you to the parents who got up early on a Saturday to bring your sons and daughters. Men, please consider joining our council so we can continue to have events such as the bee. Just go to kofc.org/joinus, fill out the 2-page form and make sure to put Granite City Council 1098 on it. If there are questions about our council call or text me at 618-789-0337. Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight

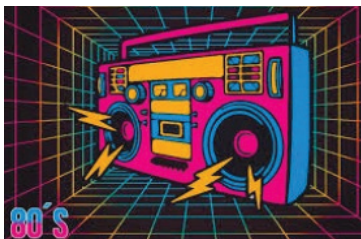


**Knights of
Columbus**

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

CONGRATS SPELLING BEE WINNERS!

We're proud of our students from last Saturday's Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Our school's students did fantastic and took first, second, and third place. Third place Lily K., second place Natalie J., and first place Selah R. Congratulations everyone!



AUCTION TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Tickets are now on sale!

<http://events.handbid.com/auctions/rewind-to-the-80s>

There are still spots to volunteer for craft nights:

<https://signup.com/go/RbSOxGU>

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Interested in attending summer school? Times / days did not work in the past? Please complete the attached form and give us feedback. We are looking to accommodate those who are interested:

<https://stelizabethgc.org/summer-school>



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 2/5- Rev. George Radosevich Rev. Divikar Talluri 2/10- Rev. Steven Thompson 2/11- Rev. John Sohm Rev. Rodney Schwartz 2/13- Rev. Robert Porter 2/15- Rev. Sunder Ery 2/17- Msgr. Jeffrey Goeckner 2/18- Rev. Joseph Simburger 2/19- Rev. Larry Brunette 2/25- Rev. Kenneth Steffen

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 12/4- Rev. James Cassidy 2/5- Rev. Thomas Mangan Rev. Richard Trutter, O.P. Rev. Patrick Cahill, C.S.V. 2/6- Rev. Thomas Connolly Rev. Gerald L. Bunse 2/7- Rev. Chas. H. Kreckenber Rev. James R. Collins Rev. John Schoeberle, O.M.I.



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

CELEBRATING SUNDAYS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

This is from '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 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:

Mark 1:29-39

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Amid all the busyness we see in today's Gospel, we see that Jesus still takes the time to pray. As parents, as for Jesus, it can feel like people are always coming to us or needing something from us. Jesus shows us that it is particularly in those times that we need to make time for prayer. We need time with the Lord to receive the strength we need to continue the important work of caring for others around us. How can you carve out some time in your day to get away from the busyness of everyday life and spent time in quiet?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

How can we make time for prayer in our life together as a family, especially when we are busy?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, she got up and waited on them. What is your response when someone has shown you compassion?

LIVING THE WORD

Jesus shows compassion by healing Peter's mother-in-law. We too, are called to show compassion to those who are sick. Create a get-well card for someone who is sick or a thinking-of-you note for an elderly person in your neighborhood. If you do not know of anyone to send them to, offer the correspondence to your parish priest or other pastoral care minister to take on their visits to the sick and homebound.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Financial Stewardship January 28, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 31 Regular Income	\$5,503.00		
102 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$53.95			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$269.00		
Online Giving	\$1,230.00		
TOTAL	\$7,002.00	\$9,104.00	(\$2,102.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$239,563.26	\$282,224.00	(\$42,660.74)

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	\$80.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$60.00
Special Projects	\$60.00
Mission & Ministry	\$15.00
Votive Offering	\$49.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
First Offering	\$45.00
Catholic Times	\$270.00
Church in Latin America	\$388.00
Catholic Charities	\$50.00
Church in Cntrl/East. Europe	\$20.00
Other Not Specified	\$20.00

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. **December tithe: \$4,927.00**

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Consider online giving through GIVE CENTRAL. For more information, visit <https://www.givecentral.org/location/412/allevants>

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

Thank you for your generous stewardship & support of St. Elizabeth Parish & School!

2023 annual contribution statements are now available at the Parish Life Center. Please stop by and pick yours up at your convenience. If you would like it mailed, please call Bret or Jackie at the Parish Office at 618-877-3300.

Did you know? We send out 407 sets of contribution envelopes. 343 families regularly contribute via envelopes or online giving via GiveCentral. If you contribute via GiveCentral and would like to save us time and money by being removed from the envelope mailing, please contact the parish office. We'd be happy to assist!



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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.

My Parish Prayer

Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me.
 I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am.
 Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.
 It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.
 It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.
 It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.
 It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
 and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is -
 am filled with these same qualities.
 Therefore, with the help of God,
 I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be.
 Bless my journey Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.



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