

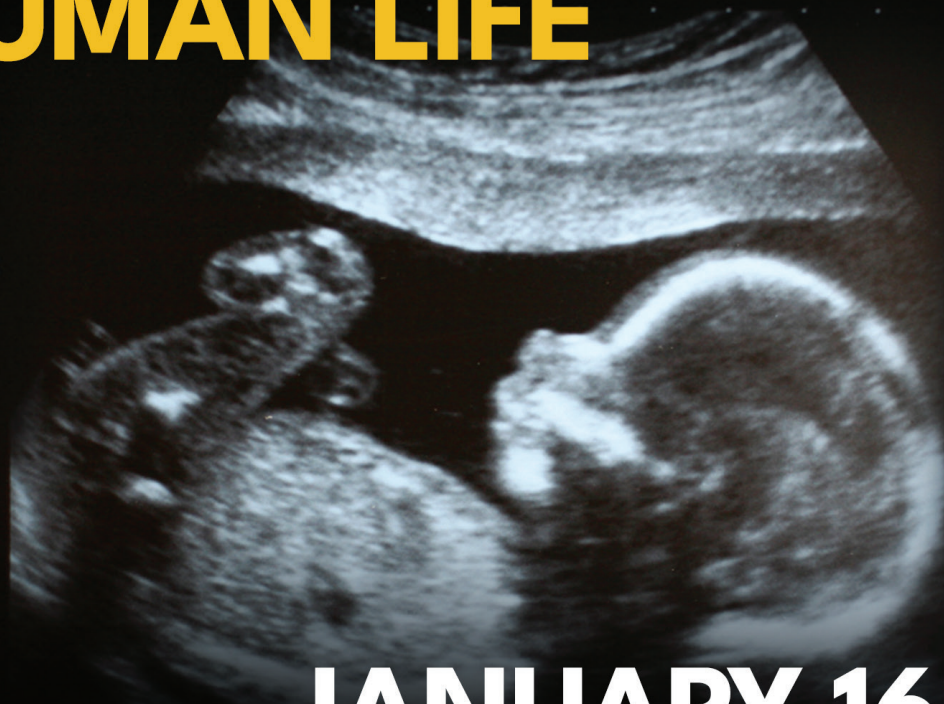
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St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ January 14, 2024

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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, January 15

Monday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday, January 16

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6:00 p.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Wednesday, January 17

Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Rudy Votoupal Jr. + by Dorothy & Lee+ Hayes

Thursday, January 18

Thursday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Ruth Malottki+ by Nancy Rosales

Friday, January 19

Friday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Cheryl Jones+ by Janet Davinroy

Saturday, January 20

Saturday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, January 20-21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Melanie Rees+ by Pat & Alice Loftus

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Glen Hommert+ by Larry & Sue Ruder

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



January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:

For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

This Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time

2 Sam 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

The Lord calls Samuel for the first time, but Samuel does not know him. Eli recognizes what is happening and tells Samuel how to answer: Speak, for your servant is listening. In the Gospel, John the Baptist directs two of his disciples toward Jesus, who invites them to stay with him. Andrew, one of the two, seeks his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus.

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ord. Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

In the first reading, Jonah answers God's call to preach in Nineveh and the city repents. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to act as if time is running out. The Gospel tells of the beginning of Jesus' ministry, as he calls the Galileans to repent and believe in the Gospel. We also hear of the call of James, John, Andrew, and Simon.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **Joseph Leo Bugnitz+ by Bret & Tracy Ware**. 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 **Bob Pawlak+ by Dot Pawlak**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of Holy Name Men's Club
Czornog & Ostrenga Families

Kierski Family

Bill Loftus

John & Theresa Straubinger

Carl Williams

Alan Winters

Keith Winters

Brinker & Soboleski Families

Delores Brinker

Paula Gushleff Koliste

DeRuntz & Pfaff Families

Louise Harrison

Kenneth Jaimet

Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy

Jim 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



Parish Picnic Update

Mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic!!!

“Fun in the Sun for 2024”

June 7 th, 8 th & 9 th

Hello everyone and I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and would like to extend my prayers and best wishes to everyone for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

I wanted to communicate to everyone what I’m working on and to be as transparent as possible. My plan is to control costs to the best of my ability, to increase our gross revenue, and at the same time, have fun at our annual picnic weekend for 2024.

- We will be adding a BBQ dinner on Friday evening from 4-7pm. It will consist of a BBQ pork steak, potato salad, slaw, baked beans, bread, dessert, coffee and/or tea. If you want to help with this dinner team, in any capacity, please contact me.

We will continue to have our Pigs in the Blanket Dinner (cabbage rolls) on Saturday and our Famous Fried Chicken Dinner (AYCE) on Sunday. Please plan to join us for dinner one night, two nights or all three!

- We will be playing Bingo on Friday (7-10), Saturday (7-10) and Sunday (time TBD).

- We are adding a New Booth to our layout called “French Press Café” and will be located under overhang in front of cafeteria. They will be selling single serve iced coffee, espresso, baked tarts and cookies throughout the weekend. Please stop by and try them out.

- I am closing in, but still working on bringing back our “Funnel Cake” booth and will follow up later, on the finalization or not, in my next communicator. If you are willing to help with this team or want to chair this booth, please contact me @ 618-304-6074.

- We are planning to have a Cornhole tournament again this year and it will be held on Saturday afternoon from 12 noon until finished. More info to follow.

- I have acquired a Chauffer for our added “Free Shuttle Service” to and from our parking lot to the picnic grounds for those of you who have stopped coming due to the parking/walking and for those in need of assistance. Again, please come to the picnic and support our hard-working Chairmen, Chairwomen, their teams, enjoy a dinner and stay to listen to our live music. We will be working out the details moving forward and will let everyone know pick-up and drop-off details. I believe this service is needed because we cannot provide enough handicap parking spots close enough for all those in need.

- Our music stage will be re-located to the east end of cafeteria parking lot (where dining tent was) angled to face church front doors. The dining tent will be downsized (due to cost increases) and will be moved to the west end of the same lot. This will open the view of our cafeteria dinners, booths under overhang and our nightly bingos. We will have some better signage throughout the grounds to advertise dinners, bingo, and air conditioning in our cafeteria for those who don’t know.

- I have not completed the full weekend line-up on music just yet, but as soon as I do, I will announce them so we can get the word out and start advertising to the communities. We will be having live music every day.

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

- We need a co-chairperson for the following booth: Mexican Food

- We need chairperson(s) for the following: Funnel Cakes, Grounds Trash/Clean-up, Friday Dining Room, Saturday Dining Room

Please don’t forget about shopping the after-holiday sales from now until picnic time for our 100% donated booths, I DooD IT, Dime Pitch and some Kids Games. Please call Booth Chairman for pick-up directions or call me if you’re not sure who Chairs a particular booth.

As I’ve mentioned before, this is a very large and vital part of our church and school, and without it, we would not be able to offer or continue to offer a campus this nice.

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 chairperson.

We do accept “New Year” resolutions to become more involved in our parish family picnic!

Blessings,
Tim Domagalski



PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

LADIES SODALITY MEETING

The Ladies Sodality Meeting will be Tuesday, January 23 following 6 p.m. Mass. Please join us in the Harmony Room for our first meeting of the year. All ladies of our church are invited to attend. We will hold our regular meeting followed by some fun and games. Please bring 9 quarters to participate in the game. You just might be the lucky winner! Our meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. They not only provide an excellent opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth but give each one of us the chance to make a difference in our church and our community. The Ladies Sodality sponsors and lends support to many projects within our parish. Please come to our meetings, we would love to have you there.

CHARITABLE OUTREACH

The next meeting of our Charitable Outreach group is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17 at 6 p.m. in the Harmony Room. All are welcome to

attend, particularly if you feel called to help this much needed ministry. Thank you to all who have dropped off items, donations or are prayerfully supporting this effort. Please continue to donate items with particular attention or focus on **stocking caps, scarves, gloves, rain ponchos**, feminine hygiene items, bathing wipes/handwipes, toothpaste and brushes. Any donations of the items above can be placed in the totes in the gathering space. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

MOSAIC BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The 2024 Mosaic baby bottle drive begins on Sunday, January 14. You can help transform lives and save babies from abortion by filling a baby bottle with coins, cash, or a check! Pick one up today! Grab a bottle from the table in the gathering space this week, fill it with change or a check and return it to the gathering space or parish office before February 11. You can also donate online at <https://gift.idonate.com/mosaic-health/babybottle>

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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 Our next event will be the annual spelling bee to be held on Jan 27th at the Columbus Hall gym. Event starts at 9 a.m. This is one of our most enjoyable events as to watch the kids bravely stand up and put their knowledge of spelling on the line. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Winners will advance to the Knights of Columbus regionals. To men of all 3 parishes, if you are under the age of 100 and not a member of our council yet, it is not too late to join. Not only will you be helping the parishes and schools but it is an opportunity to pray with fellow Knights and, maybe, if you have not been active in the parishes, a start to get back on that road again. It's easy to join, Got to kofc.org/joinus, fill out the few information questions and put in council 1098. Yours in Christ, Tom



Knights of
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REFLECTIONS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THIS 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

604 By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

605 At the end of the parable of the lost sheep Jesus recalled that God's love excludes no one: "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." He affirms that he came "to give his life as a ransom for many"; this last term is not restrictive, but contrasts the whole of humanity with the unique person of the redeemer who hands himself over to save us. The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: "There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer."

606 The Son of God, who came down "from heaven, not to do [his] own will, but the will of him who sent [him]", said on coming into the world, "Lo, I have come to do your will, O God." "And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." From the first moment of his Incarnation the Son embraces the Father's plan of divine salvation in his redemptive mission: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work." The sacrifice of Jesus "for the sins of the whole world" expresses his loving communion with the Father. "The Father loves me, because I lay down my life", said the Lord, "[for] I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father."

607 The desire to embrace his Father's plan of redeeming love inspired Jesus' whole life, for his redemptive passion was the very reason for his Incarnation. And so he asked, "And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour." And again, "Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?" From the cross, just before "It is finished", he said, "I thirst."

608 After agreeing to baptize him along with the sinners, John the Baptist looked at Jesus and pointed him out as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". By doing so, he reveals that Jesus is at the same time the suffering Servant who silently allows himself to be led to the slaughter and who bears the sin of the multitudes, and also the Paschal Lamb, the symbol of Israel's redemption at the first Passover. Christ's whole life expresses his mission: "to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

609 By embracing in his human heart the Father's love for men, Jesus "loved them to the end", for "greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." In suffering and death his humanity became the free and perfect instrument of his divine love which desires the salvation of men. Indeed, out of love for his Father and for men, whom the Father wants to save, Jesus freely accepted his Passion and death: "No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord." Hence the sovereign freedom of God's Son as he went out to his death.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 1/17- Rev. Augustin Koomson 1/18- Rev. John Renken 1/20- Rev. Steven Sotiroff 1/25- Rev. Don Roberts 1/25- Rev. David Lantz 1/27- Rev. Larry Anschutz Rev. Donald Blickhan 1/30- Rev. John Burnette 2/2- Rev. Thaddeus Adukus 2/5- Rev. George Radosevich Rev. Divikar Talluri 2/10- Rev. Steven Thompson

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 1/14- Rev. Daniel Doyle Msgr. George H. Powell 1/16- Rev. John Scheridon Rev. Joseph O'Connor 1/17- Rev. John Molitor Rev. Joseph O'Rourke Rev. Edmond D. Butler 1/18- Rev. Patrick H. Masterson Rev. Victor Kaltenbach

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: John 1:35-42

REFLECTING ON THE WORD: As followers of Jesus, we are a part of a community. No one is a disciple of Jesus by themselves. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls two siblings, Andrew and Peter, to be his disciples. Jesus knew how important it is to have family. We all need a community for support and encouragement, and a community to celebrate with and to share our encounters with the Lord. Fortunately, we have a built-in community in our family members! How eager are we to share what we have found with our family members?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to two disciples. How can we listen for his voice today? How does he speak to us through his Word and the language of signs at Mass? Look for specific gestures at Mass; some gestures are for the priest, other gestures we do as well.

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

What gestures did you see at Mass? Are there words that accompany any of those gestures? Are there gestures from church that we can do as a family at home?

LIVING THE WORD

Our family is the domestic Church, or the Church of the home. We encourage holy habits in the life of our family and perform rituals that help us to follow Jesus. It is important that our children hear the words of the prayers of their parents and vice versa. Invite family members to write a prayer thanking God for your Church of the home and for your parish church. Read your prayers aloud and place them on your prayer table where they can be reread during the week



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 January 7, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 28 Regular Income	\$7,036.00		
108 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$65.15			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$325.08		
Online Giving	\$1,235.00		
TOTAL	\$8,596.08	\$9,104.00	(\$507.92)
YTD TOTALS	\$221,013.76	\$254,912.00	(\$33,898.24)

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	\$762.00
Bldg. Repair & Maintenance	\$741.00
Special Projects	\$331.00
Mission & Ministry	\$101.00
Christmas Offering	\$200.00
Votive Offering	\$125.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$185.00
First Offering	\$580.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$10.00
Church in Latin America	\$90.00

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 estimate: \$4,865.00**

Catholic Times	\$360.00
Other Not Specified	\$261.00

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"
- John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

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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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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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