



# The Royal Review

January 25, 2024

## Open House This Sunday: February 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 - 1PM.

*See the building, check out the new windows, explore the classrooms, meet the teachers, and witness all the wonderful things happening at St. Elizabeth Catholic Grade School.*



### Looking ahead:

- 2/2 – 11AM dismissal
- 2/2 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade lock in
- 2/4 – CSW Youth Mass
- 2/4 – OPEN HOUSE 11:30 – 1pm
- 2/6 – Men's Club
- 2/10 – Parents night out 5-9 gym
- 2/11 – 3<sup>RD</sup> grade Sacramental Retreat
- 2/12 – Progress reports
- 2/13 – PTO meeting
- 2/14 – Ash Wednesday Fish Fry
- 2/16 – Fish Fry
- 2/16 – NO school 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ONLY
- 2/17 – Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in Springfield, IL
- 2/18 – Sacrament celebration for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at 10:30 Mass @ STE
- 2/19 – NO school
- 2/20 – Donuts @ drop-off
- 2/23 – Faith Family T-shirt
- 2/23 – Fish fry
- 2/23 Blood drive
- 2/27 – Sports pictures after school
- 2/27 – St. Elizabeth School REGISTRATION 6-8PM
- 2/29 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Reconciliation 6PM
- 3/1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ends
- 3/1 fish fry
- 3/2 – Auction
- 3/2 – FMCHS Math competition
- 3/9 – Solo & Ensemble contest
- 3/13 – Spring Pictures
- 3/13 – Honor Roll Mass
- 3/16 – Speech Meet @ SSPP



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Parents looking for a night out?  
Check out the flyer attached. The athletic department is hosting an evening with childcare. If interested, please complete the form so we can plan according.



**Fish fry this Friday.**  
**Cakes needed~ Turn in a homemade cake for 1 hour of time & talent.**  
**Students who eat at this Friday's fish fry can be out of uniform on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.**



The PTO auction was created years ago to replace the number of fundraisers the school does throughout the school year. The event raises between \$40,000 to \$50,000 each year. It is a fundraiser to benefit the children. **Every penny is given back to our students** through, curriculum, safety, technology, dances, skating parties, Catholic Schools week events, field day, athletics, clubs, etc.

The event opens with a silent online auction, raffles, drinks, and dinner. Mid way through the night the live auction begins, followed by a dance.

Each class PreK -8 creates a class project that is auctioned off at the event.

Handbid is an online bidding site where you can watch and bid on the items of your choice while giving you the freedom to enjoy the company of fellow school parents.

There is a lot of effort that goes into making this night a success and your help is always needed and appreciated.

Please consider attending this event and to support YOUR CHILD'S school.

**March 2, 2023**  
**6PM**  
**(doors open @ 5:30)**

**Auction ... Auction... Auction!**

Tickets are now on sale!

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

Or

visit the school office to purchase your tickets.



St. Elizabeth Catholic School

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11:30 am

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## experience

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- Meet our principal
- Tour our classrooms
- See class projects

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Saint Elizabeth Families,

The auction is quickly approaching and we are looking for items to fill baskets. If you would like to donate *\*new\** items for the class basket, please send the item to school **by February 7**. If you donate, you will be entered to win a **free ticket** to the auction! Please send the item in a box or bag labeled with your name so we know who contributed. Suggested donations by grade level are below, but feel free to pick from any category!

- Pre-School & Kindergarten: Barbecue Basket -OR- Movie Night
- 1st & 2nd Grades: Spa Day -OR- Kitchen
- 3rd & 4th Grades: Man Cave -OR- Grown-Up Games
- 5th & 6th Grades: Bonfire/Camping -OR- Kids' Games
- 7th Grade & 8th Grade: Tween/Teen "Stuff" – Gamer Snacks/Drinks/Gift Cards, Beauty/Personal Care Items, etc.

**Suggested/requested donation amount is \$10+. If you don't feel like shopping, you can send a \$10+ gift card instead. If you have kids in multiple grades and contribute to multiple grade level baskets, you could win multiple auction tickets!**

Gift Card suggestions: Amazon, Wal-Mart, Target, Hardware Stores, Restaurants  
Our Amazon Wish List: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HV75PZ84CCLE>



Questions? Reach out to the Auction Committee: [stelizabethpto.auction@gmail.com](mailto:stelizabethpto.auction@gmail.com)





# ROYALS REPORTS

## What's Up Fourth Grade? by Natalie Jones

I spoke with the fourth graders to see what awesome activities they were doing this year. They agreed that their favorite things to do in class are silent reading time and fun science projects. Speaking of science projects, they have made paper houses and tested them to see if they were sturdy. They also had a competition to see who could build the tallest tower out of cards. The 4th grade class is beginning to work on their Famous American projects, which they will be presenting at the February 4th open house. We're so excited to see what they've put together. To end this article off, the entire class said that their favorite thing about their teacher, Mrs. James, is that she is nice. Thank you, 4th grade!





# We Love St. Elizabeth School

## by Lilly Mathes

I asked students from all grade levels what they loved most about St. Elizabeth School.  
Here are some of their answers:

### **Kindergarten:**

Matteo - playing in the classroom

Brooke - recess

### **1st Grade:**

Walter - playing with friends

Olivia - everything

### **2nd Grade:**

Dean - recess

Arden - music

### **3rd Grade:**

Conner - lunch and recess

Vera - playing with friends

### **4th Grade:**

Zachary - all the nice teachers

Mackenzie - math

### **5th Grade:**

Leo - uniforms

Gabby - the teachers

### **6th Grade:**

Colby - P.E.

Alice - Catholic Schools Week

### **7th Grade:**

Jordyn - sports

Ben - volleyball

### **8th Grade:**

Nathan - the people

Maddie - how everyone becomes a family





# Amazing Athlete

## by Maxwell Grinstead

Henry Mathes, in my opinion, is one of the best athletes in the school. I interviewed him about this

Q:What are your top 3 favorite sports?

A:My favorite sport is track and field. My second favorite sport is soccer. My third favorite sport is basketball.

Q:What do you like most about basketball?

A:I like the fast pace and competitive aspects of it.

Q:What do you like most about soccer?

A:That soccer is more of a team sport.

Q:What do you like most about track and field?

A:I like how you compete against yourself.

Q:Do you plan to have one of these sports as a career?

A:Only if I make it to the Olympics for track and field (specifically high jump).





# Let's Play Ball!

## by Charlie Grinstead

I like to play baseball, but for my basketballers, this is for you. Let's take the time machine, all the way to January 15, 1892. Canadian teacher, James Naismith, created the sport of basketball. Why? For his gym class, of course. But, how did it become popular you ask? The students taught more people the game! How did it get popular worldwide? Television exposure! So then over the years, it became a league. Then stars like Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, and Lebron James grew the popularity of the sport. Now we know basketball as it is today!



## Super Cool World Records

### by Natalie Jones

Here are some cool volleyball records in the spirit of the volleyball season!

- The most successful volleyball serves in one minute is 38. This amazing feat was accomplished by Amutha Gunasekar
- The most consecutive volleyball passes by a group is 110

Next are some really cool miscellaneous world records.

- The longest fingernails in the world on one hand of all time are 29 ft. and 10.1 in.
  - The world's largest pizza was 13,580.28 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - Thomas Blackthorne lifted 27 lbs with just his tongue!
- Jeanne Louise Calment was the oldest living person ever at 122 years old
- The longest abdominal plank by a male title is held by Josef Šálek. He held this position for 9 hours 38 minutes!
  - The tallest hat ever was 15 feet 9 inches
- The most consecutive pinkie pull ups (pull ups using only the pinkies) was 36 and achieved by Tazio Gavioli
- The most Fortnite "Victory Royales" using a mouth-controlled joystick was 509 and was achieved by PC player "RockyNoHands"



# President's Day

## by Charlie Grinstead

Who knows about this year's February History? President's Day is hosted on the third Monday of February every year. This year it will be on Monday, February 19th. Why February, you may be wondering? It's because of two presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington were born in February. But it's mostly about Washington. George Washington is a big part of why we are a free country. Without him, we probably wouldn't gain independence. So, a federal holiday was made on February 22, 1879. But why is it called **PRESIDENT'S DAY** if it's really about Washington? Enter Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was just as great as Washington. He kept the U.S. together. So, since Lincoln was born in February, he is celebrated too. That's why we call it President's Day.



# February 2024

## Lunch Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Nachos/cheese Corn Fruit Churros	11:00 am Dismissal
5	6	7	8	9
No Lunch Bring from Home	Chicken nuggets Tater tots Fruit Dessert	No Lunch Bring from Home	Fruit loops Yogurt Bananas	<u>Pizza World</u> Cheese Pizza Cookie
12	13	14	15	16
No Lunch Bring from Home	Bosco sticks Carrots/ranch Fruit Dessert	No Lunch Bring from Home	Chicken pattie French fries Fruit Dessert	<u>Pizza World</u> Pepperoni Pizza Cookie
19	20	21	22	23
NO SCHOOL	Mini corn dogs Vegetable Fruit Dessert	No Lunch Bring from Home	Cheese quesadillas Vegetable Fruit Dessert	<u>Pizza World</u> Cheese Pizza Cookie
26	27	28	29	
No Lunch Bring from Home	Buttered noodles Bread stick Vegetable Fruit			

**Lunch is \$4.00. An extra serving can be added for \$1.50.**

Please send lunch money (cash or check) in an envelope marked with your child's name and lunch money. (We do take credit cards, but you will need to come in to pay)



# Disciples Stewards

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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Finance Council: Charlotte Charbonnier  
School Board: Adam Meyenburg  
Parent/Teacher Org.: Natasha Reidl  
Ladies Sodality: Tammi Mooshegian  
Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson  
Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik  
Funeral Dinners: Pam Ames  
Athletic Director: Joe Philips  
Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

**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  
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





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## ***Celebrating our School & our Students.***



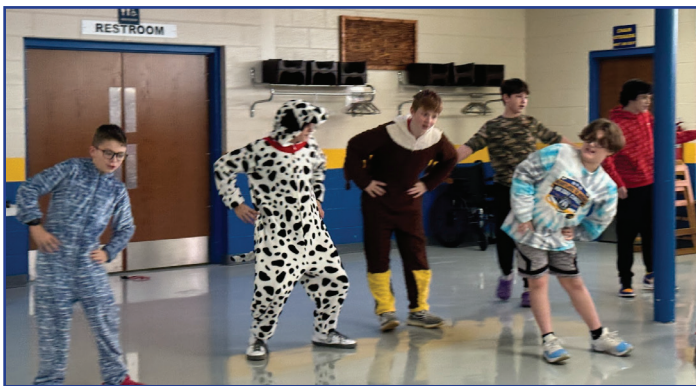
Our 4th grade did another wonderful job with this year's Famous American project. The students dress up as their famous American and give a speech about them. Nice job, 4th grade!



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](http://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.

## 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](http://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](http://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

## 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.**

## FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# MEN'S PRAYER



GUEST SPEAKER!



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

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

SPONSORED BY EXODUS

Limited to the first 250 guests





## 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](http://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](http://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



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## 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. Krenenberg Rev. James R. Collins Rev. John Schoeberle, O.M.I.

## 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.



### 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 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		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,002.00</b>	<b>\$9,104.00</b>	<b>(\$2,102.00)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$239,563.26</b>	<b>\$282,224.00</b>	<b>(\$42,660.74)</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	\$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!



## 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.

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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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