

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fourth Sunday of Lent ♦ March 10, 2024



JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN MISSION - THIS WEEK!

Wednesday-Friday, March 13-15

Wednesday, March 13: The Most Frightening Prayer

Thursday, March 14: The Most Beautiful Prayer

Friday, March 15: The Most Freeing Prayer

Presented by Deacon Michael Halbrook

7-8 p.m. each night, with optional Adoration until 8:30

Here at St. Elizabeth Church

Free... Join us, and bring a friend or neighbor


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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, March 11

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

No Mass

Tuesday, March 12

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Mary Noeth+ by Premo & Kay Clay

Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, March 14

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:15a.m. Mass:

Emma Jakich+ by Elaine Smith

Friday, March 15

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Pam Stoppok

Saturday, March 16

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass:☪

George Friedel+ by The Friedel Family

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Premo & Kay Clay

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



March is dedicated to
Saint Joseph
Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:
For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

This Sunday:

**4th Sunday of Lent, Year A
Laetare ("Rejoice") Sunday**

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

God sends Samuel to anoint the new king of Israel. Samuel surprises everyone by calling for and anointing David, the youngest of Jesse's sons. The Lord's Spirit rushed upon David. Saint Paul tells the Ephesians to live as children of light and expose darkness. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man on the sabbath, breaking the sabbath rules.

Next Sunday:

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

In the first reading, Ezekiel prophesies that God will raise his people from their graves. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul promises that those who live in the Spirit will receive life through the Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead, and many people come to believe in him.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **our RCIA Candidates and Elect: Candidate Davril, and Elect Isabella, Javier, Krista and Stacey.** To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are no altar flowers during the season of Lent. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers by scheduling a memorial for after Lent. Contact the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time starts.

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

After 10:30 Mass to 1 - YDS Teens (PLC Upper Room)

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

Monday, March 11

40 Days for Life

Tuesday, March 12

5:30 p.m. - School Board

7 p.m. - PTO

7 p.m. - Columbus Home Meeting (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, March 13

Honor Roll Mass (School, at 8:15 Mass)

Spring Pictures (School)

7 p.m. - Lenten Mission (Church)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, March 14

7 p.m. - Lenten Mission (Church)

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

7 p.m. - OCIA (PLC Library)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

Friday, March 15

Lenten Friday - Day of Abstinence

11 a.m. Early Dismissal (School)

3 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Church)

4-7 p.m. - Fish Fry (Cafeteria)

7 p.m. - Lenten Mission (Church)

Saturday, March 16

Sunday, March 17

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

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES



The Picnic start-up meeting for Chairpersons has been set for Sunday, April 7 from 4-6 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Hope everyone is excited again for three "Fun Days in the Sun."

We are in search of chairpersons for the picnic, please consider helping and getting involved.

These are the areas in which we need help:

- We need Dining Room chairpersons, one for both, either Friday or Saturday dinners. This is a cool job! It is in the air-conditioned cafeteria. This job consists of table bussing, light cleaning, drinks and ice replenishing and other small tasks. Basically, keeping our dinner patrons coming in to sit down, cool off and enjoy dinner in a clean environment.
- We need a co-chairperson to help Rosa Luna with the Mexican Food Booth. This is the current top gross revenue food booth at our picnic, is a fan favorite and is a great asset to our picnic.
- We need a co-chairperson to help with Valerie Kohl in the Kids Game Booth's and to transition taking this Leadership over in 2025. This is a fun and rewarding booth to watch and see the kids play challenging games and win prizes. Kevin has already transitioned to another booth and Valerie would like to join him at that booth, too.
- We need a co-chairperson to help Paul Hellrich with the Parking Lot. This is a vital part for our visiting patrons to leave their vehicles in an organized parking lot, reducing liability damages to vehicles and patrons.
- We need a chairperson, co-chairperson, and team for our ground clean-up day and night. This is an especially important picnic team(s) that are a vital part of a clean successful weekend. The day (operational times) grounds team would keep our trash receptacles emptied and do minor details of picking up trash. The night team (after operational time) will clean up the grounds so we can do it all over again the next day.

There is powered equipment that helps with this process during the night and/or early mornings. If these chairperson volunteers are still vacant, by picnic time, we have no other choice but to hire this out, which would affect our profitability. Please consider.

Please call me or any chairperson listed above and let us know your interests. We would love to have new or past volunteers get involved. Thank you to those already involved and thanks in advance to those considering getting involved. Then Join Us for the Start-up meeting for your new endeavor.

Picnic Chairperson,
Tim Domagalski
618-304-6074

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: PLEASE PRAY FOR ZOEY

Zoey Cholevik, 2 year and 4 month old daughter of Daniel and Dawn was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was born and is also in dire need of a liver transplant. She also has several other severe issues that she is dealing with. She is currently in Chicago with a team of experts trying their very best to improve her condition. The problem is that the liver has to be from a child. This is a very difficult situation as how does one pray for a child to pass in order that another one is to live?

We have all witnessed or heard of children with terrible diseases and we do pray for their healing and we have all had loved ones that have fallen ill and asked for prayers for healing. As a member of Men at Prayer and look at the list of all those who have requested prayers for themselves or others our members know that our parishioners are convinced that prayer is so important. Our family are asking for daily prayers for the healing of Zoey. We also ask for prayers for Dawn and Daniel. I must mention Skylar, Zoey's sister. The bond and love these 2 sisters have for each other strengthens our faith in a whole another way. God bless Zoey and all of you who read this. Tom Cholevik

Someone in your life in need of prayer, in the hospital, homebound or other special need? Please reach out to the parish office so we can be praying for your intentions. We may begin placing these in the bulletin as space allows.

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF VENERABLE FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON

O God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be your Will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession (*that healing be granted to Zoey Cholevik*) so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.



**"The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."
- St. Thomas Aquinas**



This Week on
FORMED



The Healing Balm of Almsgiving

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give — not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love — to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.

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.

Mercy Minute

"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world." (Diary, 47).



YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY

Young Disciples Teens:
Join us THIS SUNDAY,
March 10 after the 10:30
Mass until 1. Bring a friend.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH ON THURSDAY NIGHTS... one date change:

Has it been a while since you've thought much about some of the aspects of our faith? Join us on Thursdays from 7-8 in the PLC Library:

- 3/7: Christian Moral Living & Social Justice
- 3/14: Parish Mission (includes the Meaning of Holy Week)
- 3/21: The Dignity of Life / A Consistent Ethic of Life

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



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.**

THROUGH HER
TEARS

LENTEN NIGHT
OF REFLECTION

March 27 | 7:00 PM
Sts. Peter and Paul
Church

717 State Street | Alton
FATHER MCGIVNEY
CONCERT CHOIR
Dani Boulanger, Director

An evening filled with Scripture and sacred music reflecting on the events of Holy Week through the eyes of the Sorrowful Mother.

Original Artwork by Molly Foppe



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Are you an older baptized Catholic (over the age of reason, age 8) who hasn't received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Do you know of someone who fits that description?

Please let Bret in the parish office know. We're putting together a list of candidates, and Deacon Michael is putting together a class for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The class will meet between the 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses for a few of the Sundays of the upcoming Easter season.

"I WANT TO SEE YOU" RETREAT

Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center presents the retreat "I Want to See You", led by Fr. Salvador Gonzalez, OMI, and Karen & Scott Seaborn, Friday, April 19 at 4 p.m. through Sunday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m.

This couples retreat allows you to experience the OMIs "I Want to See You" silent retreat while encompassing your togetherness as a couple. This retreat centers on the story of the man born blind. Come and share the experience of being noticed by Jesus, touched, healed, and called to witness to the new sight God's love provides.

Cost: \$400 per couple (includes lodging and meals).

Register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/> or call 618-397-0584.



Kings House at the
NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

Ladies, please start your ovens! With Easter being early this year, the Palm Sunday Bake Sale is just a few weeks away. Whatever delectable bakery items you choose to create this year will be greatly appreciated. We will start setting up in the Harmony Room at Noon on Saturday, March 23 rd . You can deliver your bakery items at anytime after Noon on Saturday or before both Masses on Sunday, March 24. Thank you in advance for your generous support!
God bless, Carol and Bootsie.

LADIES SODALITY KENTUCKY TRIP

Ladies Sodality is planning a fall trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky. The trip will begin early on September 23 with return home on the 24th. Bus is \$120.50 per person; admission tickets are \$80. Hotel reservations pending, but the plan is to have breakfast at the hotel and use meal vouchers at the Ark (\$16.99) and Creation Museum (\$13.77) Interested? Contact Pam Winn at 618-641-7274 ASAP. We need commitments by May 15 and money for bus and admission by July 1.

LENTEN MISSION AT ST. ELIZABETH

THIS Wednesday-Friday, March 13-15, 7-8 each night, with optional Adoration until 8:30. Presented by Deacon Michael. Join us and bring a friend or neighbor.

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

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS

Deceased Members of
Holy Name Men's Club
Czwornog & Ostrenga Families
Kierski Family
Bill Loftus

John & Theresa Straubinger
Carl Williams
Alan Winters
Keith Winters

Brinker & Soboleski Families
Delores Brinker
Paula Gushleff Koliste
DeRuntz & Pfaff Families
Louise Harrison
Kenneth Jaimet

Deceased Members of
St. Elizabeth Choir

Gene Cassy
Jim Dederer
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

SAVE THESE DATES!

Neither are officially called yet, but if it continues to be God's Will, and if both receive calls to Holy Orders from Bishop Paprocki, parishioners may want to attend two ordinations at Cathedral soon.

If you are interested in a car pool, please contact the parish office:

- **Friday, April 12 (evening): Ordination of Deacons** - could include Seminarian Ryan Kehoe, who was here the 2022-23 school year.

- **Saturday, May 25 (day): Ordination of Priests** - could include Deacon Daniel McGrath, who has been with us this school year.



AROUND THE AREA



CONCERT AT ST. BONIFACE

The Scally Brothers will hold a live concert at St. Boniface School in Edwardsville, IL on March 23, 2024, at 6 p.m. Come experience this Christian music duo as they tour the country. The concert will feature upbeat praise and worship music as well as a time for Adoration. Entry is free and additional merchandise will be available for purchase. All are welcome!.

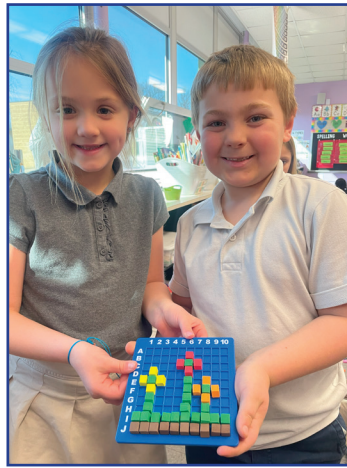
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

At our last bingo, a member of our council showed up to work bingo on that night. At 6 p.m. he stood up and asked if anyone would like to pray the Rosary with him before bingo started. When I showed up he, and 2 of the bingo players were sitting at a table, eyes closed, solemnly praying the Rosary. We are planning on continuing this practice starting at our Friday evening bingo's. We hope this inspires all of you to pray the Rosary. Fellow Knights who have drifted away, I urge you and men who are not members to come to our meetings on the 4th tuesday of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Home, old K.C. hall. And yes we pray the Rosary at 7 before the meeting. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight. 618-8-789-0337



**Knights of
Columbus**

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



FR. MCGIVNEY SERVICE DAY

Thank you to the students of St. Gianna Molla house from Fr. McGivney Catholic High School. They spent their community service day last Friday with us at St. Elizabeth School, doing various helpful projects around the buildings and spending time with the students in their classes. Thank you, Griffin students, and thank you, Fr. McGivney!



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 3/3- Rev. Hyland Smith 3/9- Rev. Brian Alford Rev. Dominic Vahling 3/10- Rev. Michael Trummer 3/15- Rev. Mark Schulte 3/16- Rev. Samuel Bagyo, Jr. 3/17- Rev. Pat Jakel 3/26- Rev. Daren Zehnle 3/27- Rev. John Nolan 4/2- Rev. Wayne Stock Rev. Robert Johnson 4/7- Rev. Kevin Mann, SJ

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 3/10- Rev. Peter Curran Rev. A.B. Rinkes Rev. Raymar Bobber, O.F.M. 3/11- Rev. Herman Lurimann Rev. David Moroney Msgr. Lawrence J. Mattingly 3/12- Rev. James Carroll Rev. Peter Klapp Msgr. William Croke



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 March 3, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 36 Regular Income	\$8,682.00		
119 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$72.96			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$327.00		
Online Giving	\$1,719.00		
TOTAL	\$10,728.00	\$9,104.00	\$1,624.00
YTD TOTALS	\$280,773.98	\$327,744.00	(\$49,970.02)

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	\$1,040.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$585.00
Special Projects	\$280.00
First Offering	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,402.00
Good Friday	\$115.00
Easter Offering	\$225.00
Mission & Ministry	\$110.00
Votive Offering	\$84.00
Catholic Charities	\$5.00
Catholic Times	\$30.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$80.00
Seminary Offering	\$105.00
Other Not Specified	\$205.00

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithes to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.
January tithes: \$3,150.00

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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

WAYS TO SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT

Here are some ways that you might be able to share your time & talent with the parish.

- **Graphic design & layout:** Do you use Adobe InDesign? Do you have experience with page layout and design? If so, would you be interested in helping with our weekly bulletin production?
- **Greeting & ushering:** Would you be interested in helping to be a greeter or usher at our Sunday Masses, at the Mass you attend?
- **Yard work:** Do you have the time and equipment to take care of the yard at the rectory?

If any of these fit you, please contact Bret in the parish office. Thank you!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and the greater Church.

MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES

23rd ANNUAL HELP ON THE MOVE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 6-11 p.m. The event will be held at Julia's Banquet Center, 101 Eastgate Plaza in East Alton. The evening will include dinner, drinks, & DJ music, a \$10,000 raffle, and other activities. Dar Bryant from the Dream Center and John Rain from Norton Rain Insurance will receive awards for their outstanding service to our community. Dinner tickets are \$50 each. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or buy 2 and get 1 free. Tickets may be purchased on our website cc.dio.org or by calling 618-462-0634.

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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & ADVERTISING





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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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