

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ♦ March 24, 2024



Holy Week & The Triduum: The Holiest Days of the Church Year

At the heart of our Christian faith is the fact that God sent his Son, born as a man Jesus Christ, to undergo his passion and death and to rise from the dead, to atone for our sins and to open for us the gates of eternal life. That is what we celebrate every Sunday, but most especially this week of the Church year.

The summit of the whole Church year is the Easter Triduum, from the evening Mass of Holy Thursday through Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday. In three days, it is liturgically one event unfolding Christ's Paschal Mystery.

Lent ends and the Triduum begins at the start of the Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer II (Vespers) on Easter Sunday night.

Mass begins as usual on Holy Thursday with an Entrance Antiphon. But it doesn't end on Holy Thursday. Rather than a

blessing and dismissal, the liturgy continues with a Solemn Procession, taking the remaining Blessed Sacrament to a place of repose. We are invited to come for quiet prayer and adoration until Midnight, recalling and entering into Jesus' prayer in his Agony in the Garden.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion is the only day during the Church year on which there is liturgy but no Mass. The Triduum continues with a solemn entrance in silence, in which ordained ministers fall prostrate upon the floor at the hour our Lord died on the cross. The proclamation of the Passion from the Gospel of John, veneration of the cross, and reception of the Eucharist remaining from Holy Thursday are part of this portion of the Triduum.

The Triduum continues with the Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter. We bless the Paschal Candle for the year, proclaim

Scriptures recalling all of salvation history, proclaim Jesus's Resurrection, and welcome new Catholics with the Sacraments of Initiation.

The Triduum continues for one more day, through the remaining Masses of Easter Sunday morning in which we continue the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, and through Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Easter Sunday. That concludes the Triduum.

The Easter season then continues for fifty days until Pentecost. These are days of heightened ongoing celebration of the single most important things that have happened in human history.

It's tempting to end this column with the "A" word that we've avoided all Lent but will get to sing again at the Easter Vigil, but it's not time yet. In the meantime, praise to Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory!

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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik

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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, March 25

Monday of Holy Week

No Mass

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Brad Maes

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Emma Jakich+ by Ed & Renee Wachtel

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Evening Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Cathy Cassy

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

3 p.m. Liturgy (not a Mass):

No Intention

Saturday-Sunday, March 30-31

The Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

8:00 p.m. Saturday:

Reg Mennerick+ by Janice Dittman

Easter Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m. Sunday: ☉

Emily Mejaski+ by the Loftus Family

Easter Day

10:30 a.m. Sunday:

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth

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



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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:
For the new martyrs: 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:

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

In the Gospel for the procession, Jesus enters Jerusalem amid an enthusiastic crowd. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks for the Lord, despite opposition. In the second reading, Paul writes to the Philippians that Jesus emptied himself, becoming obedient to the point of death. Mark's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' passion and death.

Next Sunday:

Easter Sunday - Mass at Morning
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

In the first reading, Peter tells the story of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. In the second reading, Paul tells the Colossians that since they were raised with Christ, they must seek what is above. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. The other disciple arrived at the tomb first; he saw and believed.

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 24

Ladies Sodality Baked Goods & Sweet Treat Sales after all Masses!

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)

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

6-7:30 p.m. - Ladies Sodality Snacks and Fellowship (Harmony Room)

Wednesday, March 27

6 p.m. - Pro-Life Ministry Meeting (Harmony Room)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, March 28

NO all-day Adoration (Holy Thursday)

6 p.m. Mass for Holy Thursday

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

2:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy (Church)

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

Saturday, March 30

10 a.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods (Church Vestibule)

Sunday, March 31

Happy Easter!

NO PSR

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

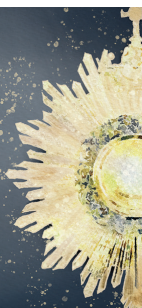
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm





Holy Week & the Triduum at St. Elizabeth

March 23-24: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

After all Masses: Ladies Sodality Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday

THE HOLY TRIDUUM

The holiest "Day" of the Year: 1 liturgy over 3 days

Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m.

Silent Adoration until Midnight; Night Prayer at 11:45 p.m.

After Mass, for Adoration or Night Prayer, enter the doors at the end of the hall nearest the Harmony Room.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

Reminder: See "Good Friday Fast" below

Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

Followed by the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Foods at 10 a.m., Church vestibule
Stop by with baskets of Easter foods: Ham, breads, eggs, butter, for a brief blessing of the first foods of the Easter season.

Divine Mercy Novena Day 2 at 3 p.m., Church

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter at 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8 a.m.* & 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday

Divine Mercy Chaplet each day at 3 p.m., in the Church.

Adoration, Vespers, Benediction: 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Church)

Sunday Vespers concludes the Holy Triduum

Good Friday Fast Reminder

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat. Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt. The USCCB stresses that "common sense should prevail" and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

Lent ends at the beginning of the Triduum (Evening Mass on Holy Thursday), but Lenten fasting and personal commitments usually continue until Easter. Papal document *Paschalis Solemnitatis* recommends this in order that we "with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection."



Easter Flower Donations have been made in Memory or Honor of:

Ralph and Berta Wesbecher	Jasper Kohn
Frank and Vi Kessler	Joyce and Bernice Roady
Norma Kessler	Byrd Families
Vivian Broadwater	Hill Families
Lawrence Luecking	Mike and Daisy Knezevich
Lydia Luecking	Bernice Barbeau
Larry Luecking	Priscilla Shoreack
The Ashal Family	Edward and Lucy Krawiecki
Jim Gray	Sam and Anna Krawiecki
Billy Adams	Eckert and Mildred Mueller
Tony and Mary Bellue	Mike and Cecilia Krawiecki
Anne Miller	Don Mueller
Jack Folkerts	Ceil Kowalczyk
Dennis Folkerts	Family of
Karl Mohr	Thomas Joseph Loftus, Sr.
Melanie Rees	Eli Louis Brandabas
Clay and Kukotovich Families	Paula Gushleff Koliste
Robert David	Dr. Barry W. Gushleff
Bill Schrenk	Gushleff and Koliste Family
Ed and Sharon Rickert	Krizak and Milcic Family
Ray and Jennifer Barks	Danny and Alice Newton
Joseph and Mildred Dallas	Rodney Family
Deceased Family Members of	Bill Loftus
Al and Maxine Czerniejewski	Mejaski and Loftus Family
Deceased Family Members of the	Members
Weckman and Wilbur Families	Schmid Family
and Friends	Sheppard Family
Matthew Dittrich	Ann and Dave VanHorn
John and Lorene Gadwell	James Alsop
Bill Buster	Mr. & Mrs. Berto Cerutti
Neva and Louis Jackstadt	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ganz
Dorothy & Richard Kerch	Judy A. Modrusic
Ann Jackstadt Van Dyke	John Kulasza
David and Annabelle VanHorn	Jill Nelson
Fred and Olivia Schmid	Ralph & Arlene Haldeman
Randy Smith	Melvin Wilmsmeyer
Jesse and Lorraine Gonterman	Helen Klenklen
Larry and Jean Hahn	Pogorelac Family
John and Jamie Kindel	Mathes Family
John Love	Lawrence Jaros
Carolyn Campos	Ralph Lickenbrock Sr.
Mark James	Virginia Lickenbrock
Campos and Boyd Family	Kenneth Justice
Jim Dittman	Loretta Justice
Clark and Duffy Families	Douglas Conrad
Parents of Mark and Donna	Dortch Family
Yehling	Niebur Family
Bob and Abby Rotter	Jones Family
Karen Rotter	Bill Loftus
Denis Caffrey	Mike & Emily Mejaski
Lorraine Joshu	Tom & Anna Loftus
Robert Joshu	Jerry Thompson
Angela Briggs	Ahlers Family
Ronald Briggs, Jr.	Venditto, Thompson & Chilcutt
Poneta and Arth Families	Families
John and OdaLee Baumgardner	Kolenda Family
Richard and Anna Rosales	Antoinette Soptec
Patsy Bohn	Molly Kolenda
Richard Kohl	Father Jass
Dorothy Kohl	Gerlish Family

This Week on **FORMED**



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage
Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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

"My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." {Diary, 1541}.
"Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary, 1731).



Watch *The Chosen* with fellow parishioners! Please join us on Mondays starting Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Harmony Room as we journey through the life of Christ and his disciples, in the series, *The Chosen*.



Young Disciples Teens:
We'll catch you at our next meeting April 14. Tell your friends about the fun we've been having and invite them. Next meeting: More chicken strips! Those were popular.



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 class for preparation. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SAVE THESE SUMMER DATES!



Totus Tuus July 7-12

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



The Divine Mercy Novena



In 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Suddenly she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. At the same time she found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (Diary, 475)

As she continued praying this, the angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment. The next day, as she was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice, instructing her how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet." This time, after "have mercy on us" were added the words "and on the whole world".

Pope St. John Paul II established the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and continues until the Sunday after Easter.

For those making the nine-day novena, you may say it privately wherever you are, or attend the prayer with us daily at 3:00 p.m. in the church. The novena begins on Good Friday and ends at the closing on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The closing will be held at St. Elizabeth Church on Sunday, April 7, from 2-3:30 p.m. Confessions and Adoration will be available during the Holy Hour from 2-3. The blessing and veneration of the image will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction starting at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

"At three o'clock implore My mercy especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the Hour of Great Mercy for the whole world. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." – St. Faustina's Diary, 1320.

Pick up a pamphlet for the Divine Mercy Chaplet available in the gathering space.

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



Don't miss this year's Sweet Treats!

Stop by the Harmony Room after all Masses this weekend.

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 THIS weekend! Whatever delectable bakery items you choose to create this year will be greatly appreciated. We start setting up in the Harmony Room at Noon on Saturday, March 23. 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. Interested? Contact Pam Winn at 618-641-7274 ASAP.

PRO LIFE MINISTRY MEETING

If you are interested in praying for and supporting pro life causes in our community and parish, please consider joining us for a pro life ministry meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 6 p.m. in the PLC.

TUESDAY MASS

Please note that the Tuesday Mass this week will be at 8:15 a.m. due to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Tuesday evening.

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.



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 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We will be handing out St. Joseph bread at Holy Family at both Masses on Saturday and Sunday the weekend of March 23,24. We do this to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph, which is a couple of days earlier. We are also preparing our scholarship forms and will have them out shortly. This is another good reason to become active in our council. Just go to kofc.org/joinus and fill the short form out and put in Council 1098. As a personal note, please pray for Zoey our 28 months old grandchild who is in dire need of a liver transplant. May God bless you all, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight. 618-789-0337.



**Knights of
Columbus**

PICNIC NEWS We are still in search of chairpersons for the picnic, please consider helping and getting involved. We need:

- Dining Room chairpersons, one for both, either Friday or Saturday dinners. This is a cool job 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.
- Co-chair to help Rosa Luna with the Mexican Food Booth, the current top gross revenue food booth, fan favorite, and great asset to our picnic.
- Co-chair to help 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.
- Co-chair 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.
- Chair, co-chair, and team for our ground clean-up day and night. This is an important picnic team(s) that is 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.

Thank you to those already involved and thanks in advance to those considering getting involved.

Picnic Chairperson, Tim Domagalski 618-304-6074

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THE GRANITE CITY OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Jazmine B. and Andrew H. were selected as the Granite City Optimist March Students of the Month. Andrew and Jazmine are members of Mrs. Kaitlyn McGraw's six-grade class. Each honoree will receive a certificate from the Optimists, and St. Elizabeth School will receive an unrestricted donation of \$100.00 in their names.

Jazmine is 12 years old and is the daughter of Brett and Elizabeth. She is a fan of World History and picks Greek Mythology as her most favorite

history topic so far. Many things keep Jazmine busy during her free time. She likes to ice skate and roller blade. She also enjoys making bracelets, reading, and collecting LOTS of different things. In the past she has played basketball for the St. Elizabeth Royals. Jazmine was asked to predict what the world will be like in fifty years. She believes it will be a better place with less poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity. Jazmine has several careers she would like to try when she becomes an adult. These include becoming a mechanic, interior designer, and tattoo artist.

Eleven-year-old Andrew H. is the son of Michael and Suzanne. Religion is Andrew's favorite subject because it is so helpful in guiding him as he goes about his daily life activities. He finds it amazing when he considers what God has done for all of us. After school Andrew focuses on getting his homework finished. He enjoys singing in the school choir, is a member of the St. Elizabeth School Student Council, and plays baseball on a Granite City Park Team and for the St. E's Royals. Pitching is his favorite position. In fifty years, Andrew believes that Jesus will have arrived in the Second Coming. He will have separated the good from evil, showing his compassion for all of the souls who have lived, past and present. Andrew has two future careers he is considering, a major league baseball player and a priest.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 3/26- Rev. Daren Zehnle 3/27- Rev. John Nolan 4/2- Rev. Wayne Stock Rev. Robert Johnson 4/7- Rev. Kevin Mann, SJ 4/13 Rev. Thomas Donovan Rev. Rafal Pyrchla 4/14- Rev. Thomas Gallenbach 4/15- Rev. Louis Schlangen 4/16- Rev. Paul Having 4/18- Rev. Joseph Havrilka

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 3/23- Rev. Gerard Leve Rev. William Quatman Rev. Albert E. Ettelbrick Rev. Michael O'Shaughnessy Rev. Joseph A. McDonald 3/24- Rev. Albert Ulrich Rev. Joseph Masqualet Msgr. John Bertmans 3/26- Rev. Pater Mackin Rev. Robert Heintz



St. Elizabeth represented themselves well at the speech meet last Saturday morning with all first place finishes. Great job everyone.



Congratulations 3/4 Volleyball. They ended the season with a win!



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 17, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 38 Regular Income	\$5,348.00		
109 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$49.06			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$371.00		
Online Giving	\$1,499.00		
TOTAL	\$7,218.00	\$9,104.00	(\$1,886.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$294,650.48	\$345,952.00	(\$51,301.52)

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	\$100.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$280.00
Special Projects	\$25.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$215.00
Easter Offering	\$80.00
Votive Offering	\$119.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$110.00
Seminarian Offering	\$20.00
Mission & Ministry	\$50.00
Other Not Specified	\$80.00
Memorial Donations	\$820.00

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. February tithes: \$3,673.00

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

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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.

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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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