

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ♦ March 31, 2024

HE IS NOT HERE

He is risen

MATTHEW 28:6

Join us for the Divine Mercy Novena

Join us each day of this Divine Mercy Novena at 3 p.m. for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and this coming Sunday for a special Holy Hour and prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, with Adoration and veneration of the image of the Divine Mercy. **More information on Page 4.**




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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, April 1

Monday in the Octave of Easter

No Mass

Tuesday, April 2

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Brad Maes

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Helen Lack+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, April 4

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Barb Shambro

Friday, April 5

Friday in the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

Saturday, April 6

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Lou & Shirley Vaughn

Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7

Divine Mercy Sunday

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Alfreda Klingenhofer+

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Richard J. & Richard L. Scharf+

by Peggy Scharf

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



April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April:

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

This 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.

Next Sunday:

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

The first reading describes how the early community of believers held everything in common. In the second reading, John writes that to love God is to keep his commandments, and that faith in Jesus conquers the world. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room and breathes on them, giving them the power to forgive sins.

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

The altar flowers are for **the Easter Memorial intentions.** Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 31

Happy Easter!

NO PSR

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

7:30-8:30 p.m. - Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction, Vespers II of Sunday concludes the Triduum (Church)

Monday, April 1

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

6:30 p.m. - The Chosen (Harmony Rm)

Tuesday, April 2

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

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

Wednesday, April 3

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, April 4

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Friday, April 5

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

4-7 p.m. - Mens Club Taco Sale (Cafeteria)

Saturday, April 6

9 a.m. - Catechist Retreat (Evermode)

3 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Sunday, April 7

NO PSR

9 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC)

2-3 p.m. Holy Hour with Adoration & Confessions, & 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet - for the Closing of the Divine Mercy Novena (Church)

4-6 p.m. - Picnic Startup Meeting (Cafeteria)

NO Evening Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction due to Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday earlier in the afternoon

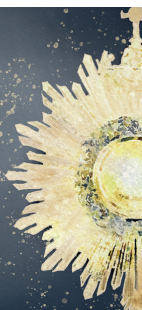
Be with Jesus

Adoration

Thursdays 9 am - 9 pm

Holy Hour

Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm





PICNIC NEWS FLASH

I would like to welcome our newest Chairpersons that have answered God's call for Stewardship with our parish picnic.

Dennis & Julie Wilmsmeyer have taken a leap from one leadership role to another and now have taken the role of our famous Funnel Cake Booth! A fan favorite and back by popular demand!!! This booth has been highly profitable and successful in our past years. Please consider helping Dennis and Julie with this booth, especially during the peak evening hours.

Bootsie Schrenk has again jumped back into our picnic leadership and is leading a team with the BBQ Pork Steak Dinner on Friday night. Hint, Hint, homemade sides coming your way! Bootsie has her team already to go and is looking for hungry patrons. So please come support them, enjoy another great picnic dinner and fellowship in the air-conditioned cafeteria. You ladies rock!!!!

Beth Masters has taken the lead for both Friday and Saturday Dinners as Dining Room Chairperson. So, if you want to help and work a Cool job on either or both days, give her a shout!

Alan & Christa Willaredt have stepped in the Kids Games Booths to help this year and transition over to be our chairperson for 2025. Please give the Willaredt's and Valerie Kohl your support to help in anyway you can.

Dennis Krystopa has once again come through with his generous support for our ground cleanup and is building a team of overnight workers to have our grounds spotless for the next day's events and activities. You are sweeping it up, my friend!

Mary Riggs and Christine Domagalski are expanding their talents in the bakery and refreshment categories and are trying a couple of new booths this year. French Press Café and Sip N Swirl which will offer cold brew, baked onsite sweets and mocktails (non-alcohol) cocktail drinks.

We also have "free shuttle service" this year for those of you needing assistance getting to and from your vehicles parked in our designated handicapped parking areas. Your chauffeurs will be Jim Bohn, Kevin Coley and Donald Byrd. These fine gentlemen will enlighten your trip & get you safely to & from your vehicle.

I want to personally "thank" all our chairpersons for answering the call, your continued support and commitment to our annual 3-day parish fundraiser.

Volunteer sign-ups will be available before and after all Masses starting on the weekend of April 6-7. Those of you who choose to sign up electronically will be able to do so on Monday evenings through Friday evenings each week. These two sign-up procedures will be available up until the start of the picnic. Thank you for signing up as early as possible to relieve the worry of our chairpersons from not being able to successfully run their booths without adequate volunteers.

We are still in search of chairpersons for the picnic, please consider helping and getting involved. These are the areas in which we need help.

Co-chairperson to help Rosa Luna with the Mexican Food Booth. This is the current top gross revenue food booth, is a fan favorite and is a great asset to our picnic.

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

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



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

This Week on
FORMED



He is Alive! | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

Why can we have hope? Because we know how the story ends . . . with the most incredible miracle ever! Follow along and experience the joy of Jesus' friends as they discover He defeated death and rose from the grave.

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

"Easter [April 17, 1938]. During Mass, I thanked the Lord Jesus for having deigned to redeem us and for having given us that greatest of all gifts; namely, His love in Holy Communion; that is, His very own Self. At that moment, I was drawn into the bosom of the Most Holy Trinity, and I was immersed in the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These moments are hard to describe." (Diary, 1670).



CALLING ALL TEENS:

**JOIN US AT
YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY**

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?

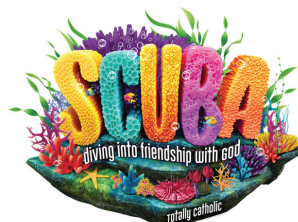
Please let Bret in the parish office know. We're putting together a class for preparation. The class will meet between the 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses for a few of the Sundays of the upcoming Easter season.

**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.



Join us on Monday nights!

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*. Enjoy light snacks, fellowship, and seasons 1-2.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY, SERVICE

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

Save the date! The Annual St. Elizabeth Parish Appreciation Dinner and Get Together will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 in the school cafeteria. Choose between a ribeye steak or chicken breast dinner. The cost is \$15 per person. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and entertainment will follow dinner. Tickets will be sold in the Gathering Space the weekends of April 7 and April 14. Tickets can also be purchased at the parish or school office or by contacting Rob Hutson at 618-973-5459 or Andy Yurko at 618-931-4669.

LADIES SODALITY THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for your support of the Palm Sunday Bake Sale! It was a success... we sold out! Many thanks to all who baked, helped with the set up and sale, and came by to make a purchase. We pray everyone has a blessed Easter. - Bootsie & Carol

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.



PICNIC NEWS (continued from Page 3)

organized parking lot, reducing liability damages to vehicles and patrons.

Chairperson for our Day time grounds trash/clean-up. The day (operational times) grounds team would keep our trash receptacles emptied and do minor details of picking up trash.

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 in advance to those considering chairmanships. Then Join Us for the Start-up meeting for your new endeavor in April.

Picnic Chairperson,
Tim Domagalski, 618-304-6074

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

ORDINATIONS!



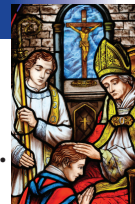
Seminarian Ryan Kehoe will be ordained a Deacon on **Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.** Ryan was with us the 2022-23 school year.

Please pray for him and for his classmates, and if you are able to, please join him for the Mass of Ordination that evening.

If you would like to be present at the ordination it will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Please contact the parish office immediately if you are interested in carpooling options.

We are awaiting word of Deacon Daniel McGrath's official call to priestly ordination, but that would be on **Saturday, May 25 (day)**. Save the date, and if you would like to car pool to that, also call the parish office.

Pray for these men and for vocations!



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 Dederia
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 were fortunate enough to hand out St. Joseph bread to the parishioners of Holy Family last weekend at Palm Sunday services. This was to help them celebrate of St. Joseph on March 19th. This is another example of the dedication and support we have for all 3 parishes. We hope and pray that current members and future new members come and help us, by joining our council, to continue with new and current ways to support the parishes and schools. Go to kof.org/joinus to register as a new member. Make sure to put council 1098. Have a Blessed and happy Easter in our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337.



Knights of Columbus

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Grateful for our Faith Families this year!

Happy Easter from all of us at
St. Elizabeth School

Registration is still open for next school year.



CELEBRATING SUNDAYS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

This is from 'Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families' by Kerri Mecke-Lazano. Please use it to help your family get more out of the Mass each week!

HEARING THE WORD: Mark 16:1-7

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

As parents, we are concerned with the details of daily life (who will roll back the stone for us), and we often find what we are worried and concerned about had already been taken care of (the stone was already moved). This Easter, may we, like the women at the tomb, encounter the surprise, the amazement, the joy of God's plan being fulfilled in the resurrection of his Son. Even in our worry, doubt, or confusion, let us be restored and find our hope in the risen Christ.

ON THE WAY TO MASS

In today's Gospel, the women at the tomb were utterly amazed. When was the last time you were truly amazed by something?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

The women at the tomb were changed by the events of that first Easter morning. How do the events of that day make a difference in my life today?

LIVING THE WORD

Jesus rose from the dead two thousand years ago. Think about all the people in your life whose lives have been transformed by the risen Christ. Make a timeline and list all the people in your family, going back as many generations as possible. Widen your list to include people in your neighborhood, or people in your Church (including the saints) who were transformed by Jesus' resurrection. God has a plan for all of creation to enjoy fullness of life with him. Leave some space on the front of your timeline to write about how you are working with God to bring about his plan..

FUND A GRIFFIN!

Annual Appeal 2024

EVERY GIFT COUNTS

Join us next week to hear from Father McGivney Catholic High School students as we kick off our Annual Appeal.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 4/2- Rev. Wayne Stock Rev. Robert Johnson 4/7- Rev. Kevin Mann, SJC 4/13 Rev. Thomas Donovan Rev. Rafal Pырchla 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: 4/2- Rev. Girard Mirback 4/3- Rev. William Edwin Bloomfield Rev. Joseph E. Drackert 4/4- Rev. Charles Sandon Rev. Ronald Trojczak 4/5- Rev. John P. Diepenbrock Rev. John Driscoll Rev. Joseph O'Reilly 4/6- Rev. Herman Jungmann Rev. Patrick McElherene Rev. Timothy McKeogh Msgr. Michael Enright Rev. George E. Hobbs



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 24, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 39 Regular Income	\$4,867.00		
110 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$44.25			
One-Time Donation	\$4,302.53		
Loose	\$318.59		
Online Giving	\$1,680.00		
TOTAL	\$11,168.12	\$9,104.00	\$2,064.12
YTD TOTALS	\$305,818.60	\$355,056.00	(\$49,237.40)

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	\$150.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$210.00
Special Projects	\$10.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$37.00
Easter Flowers	\$95.00
Easter Offering	\$85.00
Votive Offering	\$35.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$25.00
Seminarian Offering	\$30.00
BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00
Other Not Specified	\$20.00

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

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - Colossians 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia". Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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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