

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Third Sunday of Lent ♦ March 3, 2024

The Woman at the Well

The First Scrutiny of the Elect is celebrated this Sunday, the Third Sunday of Lent, and includes the proclamation of John 4:5-42, commonly known as “The Woman at the Well.”

En route from Judea to Galilee, Jesus had to pass through Samaria. In the heat of mid-day, worn from the journey, he sat down at a well, at the same time a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. The heat of the mid-day sun wasn't usually the time to draw water - it's possible she was avoiding other women from the town.

Despite the rules of the day prohibiting Jews from speaking to Samaritans, or unmarried men and women conversing in public, Jesus asked the woman for a drink.

The woman, we learn, has had five husbands and is now living with another man who isn't her husband. In the conversation, Jesus reveals that he knows her past. He also tells her that if she knew who He was, she would ask Him for living water, and He would give it to her - and that those who drink of His water never thirst again.

We know, of course, that Jesus's “living water” is a metaphor for divine grace. The well of God's grace desires to refresh the soul damaged by sin and suffering, and that Jesus came to save the sick and serve those who still need both physical and spiritual healing.

Through the conversation, the woman ends up understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ - and she heads back to



town to spread the word and bring her whole village to believe in Jesus.

We celebrate the Scrutinies for the Elect preparing to enter the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We remember that they, like the Samaritan woman, are on the verge of a deep and permanent conversion.

Like the Elect on the journey they have already undergone, the woman at the well begins without knowledge of who and what Jesus is. Slowly they gain a more full understanding of His divine nature. To be able to see Jesus for who He is, to be able to accept the divine grace He is giving, you must be firm in your conviction to turn

away from sin - a grace for the Elect for which we pray in the Scrutinies.

“The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.” - Creighton University Online Ministries

We join with the Elect, we strengthen the Elect, we pray with the Elect and for the Elect through the spiritual experiences of the Scrutinies. We will join with them and relive our Baptismal promise as we die again to sin in the Baptismal font with the Elect on Easter Sunday and are reborn again with Jesus into new life, eternal life.


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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, March 4

Monday of the Third Week of Lent

No Mass

Tuesday, March 5

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Charles & JoAnn King

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mary Noeth+ by Norma Lesko

Thursday, March 7

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Melanie Rees+ by Pat & Alice Loftus

Friday, March 8

Friday of the Third Week of Lent

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Larry Welle+ by Nancy & Art Capstick

Saturday, March 9

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent


No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, March 9-10

Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Geraldine Ropac+ by Norma Lesko

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Zoe Cholevik by Tom & Helen Cholevik

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:

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

In the first reading, the people are thirsty and complaining. Moses strikes a rock with his staff, and God provides flowing water for the people to drink. Paul writes to the Romans that we have been justified by faith. In God's great love he sent Christ to die for sinners. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a woman by a well in Samaria. He speaks of living water and knows her past; she believes he is the Messiah.

Next 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.

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 3

Harmony Cafe after the Sunday 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 4

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, March 7

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

7 p.m. - OCIA (PLC Library)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

Friday, March 8

Lenten Friday - Day of Abstinence

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

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

Saturday, March 9

150 Club Dinner

Daylight Savings Time starts. Set your clock ahead an hour before going to bed... Don't be late for Mass!

Sunday, March 10

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 - please sign up!

Mark your calendar and join us for our Lenten Mission NEXT Wednesday-Friday, March 13-15. Bring a friend or neighbor.

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES



JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN MISSION!

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



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. In addition to aiding those with immediate needs, your support helps long-term efforts to build peace in regions that have been affected by decades of conflict- such as the Korean peninsula.

Although active fighting in the Korean War ceased with an armistice agreement in 1953, a lasting peace has never been established. In the intervening 70 years, relations among North Korea, South Korea, and the United States have grown in complexity, especially with the increasing recent threat of nuclear weapons.

The Catholic Church seeks to prevent the scourge of war and the proliferation of nuclear weapons, as a world mission and voice to build lasting peace in place of war. The Catholic Institute of Northeast Asia Peace (CINAP) was founded in 2015 to strengthen communications among the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan, and the Holy See. In 2017, CINAP hosted its first international conference, the Catholic Korea Peace Forum.

After several years of virtual meetings due to pandemic restrictions, the sixth annual Catholic Korea Peace Forum gathered in October 2022 in Washington, DC, bringing together church leaders from North and South Korea and the United States- including the USCCB's International Justice and Peace (IJP) committee chairman- as well as experts, scholars, and government officials from the United States, South Korea, and Japan. As co-organizer of the Forum, IJP was integral to the Church's mission to pray and work for just and lasting peace on the Korean peninsula. This crucial work is made possible with the support IJP receives from The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

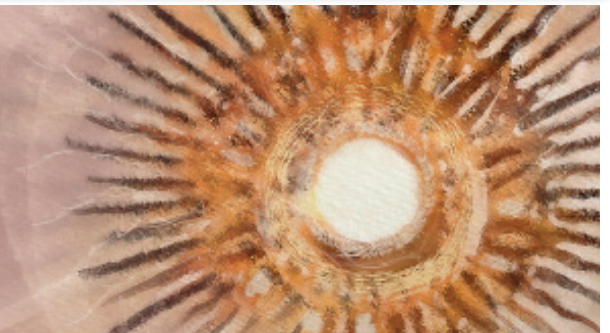
Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

"Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart." - St Alphonsus de Liguori

Spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.



This Week on FORMED®



Liturgical Living: Catholic All Year at Home, with Kendra Tierney

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call “trash can soup.”

Thanks to our Men’s Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on any device.

Mercy Minute

“I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy.” (Diary, 299). “Ask of my faithful servant [Father Sopocko] that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.” (Diary, 300). “Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.” (Diary, 301).



Young Disciples Teens: Thanks for a fun meeting last Sunday (and Deacon Michael says thanks for the birthday card & gift, and thank you Norma for bringing ice cream treats!

YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY



Teens meet again on 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:

- 2/29: The Lord’s Prayer
- 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.**

A 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.

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 23rd. 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.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY MEETING

Are you interested in pro-life ministry or events in our community? Please join us on Wednesday, March 27th at 6 p.m. in the Harmony Room for a meeting to discuss pro life issues and how we might form a group to pray for and support these issues. Please pray and consider joining us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the church at 3 p.m. each Friday this Lent.



SPRING FORWARD

Next weekend marks the start of Daylight Savings Time. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night so that you're not late for Mass on Sunday morning!

LENTEN MISSION AT ST. ELIZABETH

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

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

30 minutes before our meetings start several of us pray the rosary for members who are sicked, passed away or other concerns. When we take the time to pray together, as Catholic men, one can feel the spiritual togetherness thrive amongst us. We also pray for the Holy Spirit to be with us during the meeting so we can have spiritual guidance during the meeting. It's really hard to explain and needs to be witnessed. The best example I can give is you can take a picture of an awesome sunset but it is not the same as seeing in real time. To the men of the parishes that are no longer attending our meetings or men that have not joined our council yet. I urge you to start attending or joining our group of dedicated men. You can also just come to a meeting and try us out. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month. Rosary at 7p.m. and meeting at 7:30, at the Columbus, previous the KC Hall. Go to kof.org/joinus to sign up or call me at 618-789-0337 for more info. Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight

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

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

GRANITE CITY OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kenya O.P. and Gage V. were selected as the Granite City Optimist February Students of the Month. Gage and Kenya are members of Mrs. Cheryl Wegner's fifth-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.

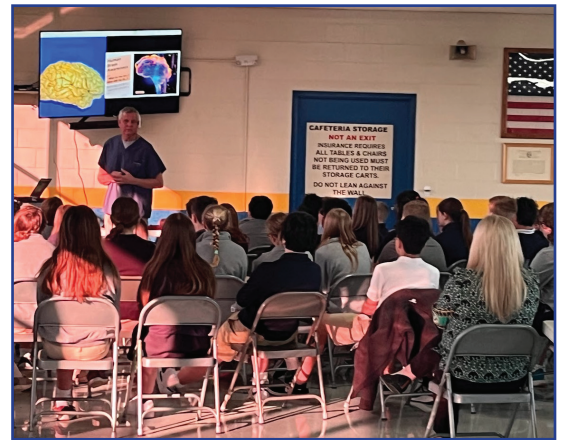


Kenya is 11 years old and is the daughter of Hector & Berta. Reading is the answer when Kenya is asked to name her favorite subject in school. She likes reading because of the different stories that they encounter during class and the different types of literature she is exposed to. Outside of school, Kenya fills her time by being a member of the Elk's soccer team and playing at home with her dog. If Kenya could travel by time machine to any moment in the past, she would pick any year in which her grandfather was alive. He died before she was born, and she never got to meet him or spend time with him. When she thinks about her future, Kenya would like to become a nurse.

Eleven-year-old Gage is the son of Michael and Samantha. Gage picks spelling as his favorite class in school. Spelling and spelling tests are easy for him, so he is able to earn good grades in this subject. At home when the school day is over, Gage takes a break, grabs a snack, and then tackles his homework. If time permits, he will play video games. MetaQuest is one of his favorites. If Gage could, he would like to travel back in time to the year 1974. This was the year his dad was born, and he thinks it would be fun to watch him grow up. Speaking of growing up, when Gage becomes an adult, he would like to be an employee selling cell phones in an Apple store.



Congrats to the 7th/8th grade boys Volleyball team for their recent 2nd place finish in the Alton Deanery invitational tournament hosted by St. Peter & Paul Collinsville at St. Stephen in Caseyville.



Our upper grades recently enjoyed an assembly where they learned all about the human brain, common brain disorders and diseases, and how to do what they can to try to keep their brains healthy.



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

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 3/3- Rev. Michael Prendergast Rev. William Neu Rev. John O'Connell 3/4- Rev. John M. O'Reilly, C.M. Rev. William T. Sloan Rev. Francis G. Corrigan 3/5- Rev. Peter Peters Rev. Henry Ader 3/6- Rev. Benedict P. Killacky 3/7- Rev. John Crowe Rev. J.W. Repis Rev. Peter Klumbys Rev. William John Stanley



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 February 25, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 35 Regular Income	\$5,645.00		
121 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$46.65			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$440.34		
Online Giving	\$955.00		
TOTAL	\$7,040.34	\$9,104.00	(\$2,063.66)
YTD TOTALS	\$270,045.98	\$318,640.00	(\$48,594.02)

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:

BINGO Profit	\$12,000.00
Tuition Assistance	\$90.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$320.00
Special Projects	\$110.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Funeral Stipend	\$150.00
Votive Offering	\$99.00
Catholic Charities	\$747.00
Catholic Times	\$30.00
Church in Cntrl/East. Europe	\$60.00
Other Not Specified	\$5.00

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>

OPTIONS TO SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT

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

- 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?
- Would you be interested in helping to be a greeter or usher at our Sunday Masses, at the Mass you attend?

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

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.



MADISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES 23rd ANNUAL HELP ON THE MOVE FUNDRAISER

Madison County, Illinois - Catholic Charities will be hosting their 23rd annual Help On The Move fundraiser on 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, IL. 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 1.618.462.0634.

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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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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