

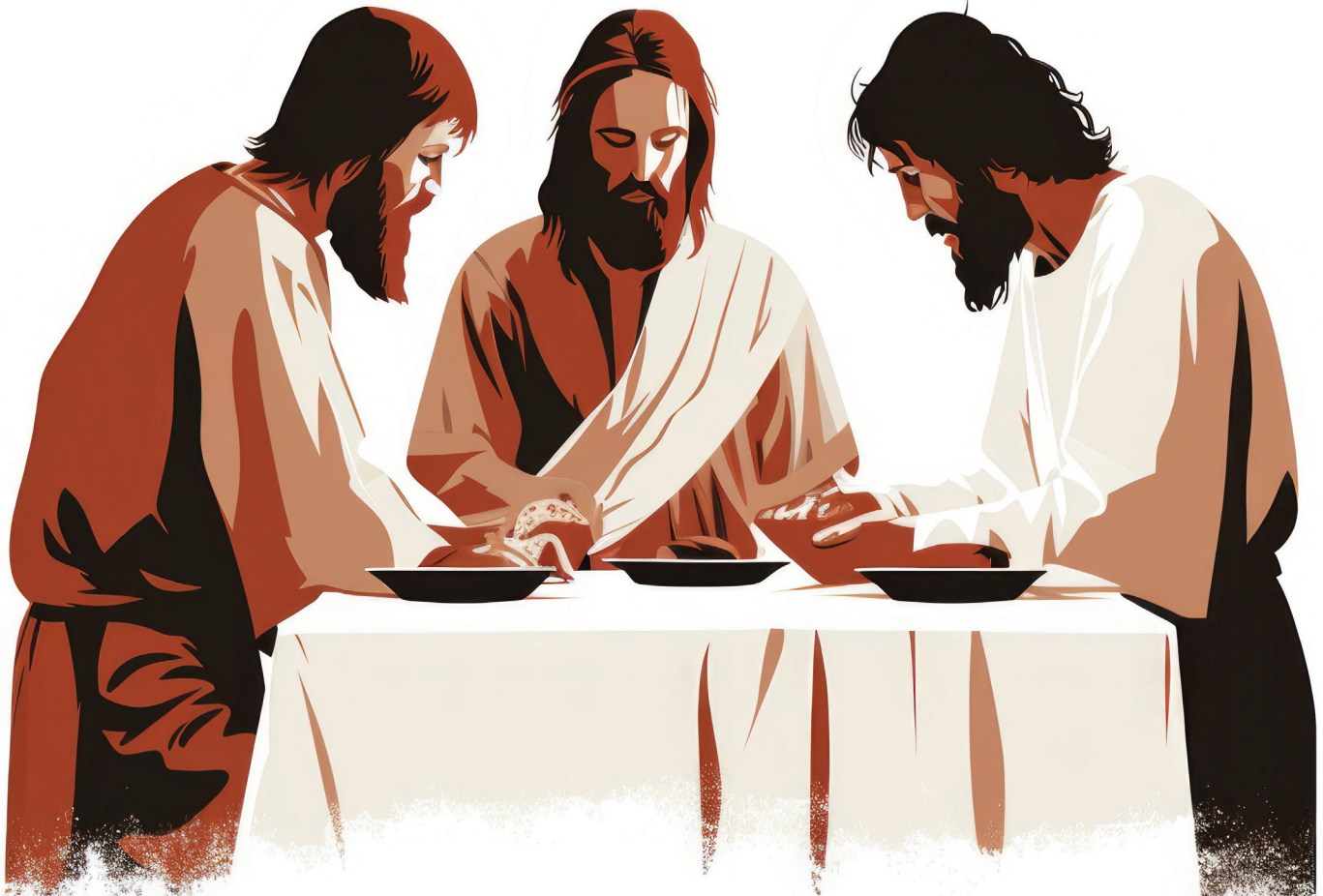
# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Third Sunday of Easter ♦ April 14, 2024

**“The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.” - Luke 24:35**




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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 15**

**Monday of the 3rd Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Tuesday, April 16**

**Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Easter**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Amelia Tapp

**Wednesday, April 17**

**Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Cyndie Klingenhofer+

**Thursday, April 18**

**Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Harry & Geri Clark

**Friday, April 19**

**Friday of the 3rd Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Mike Diekemper+

**Saturday, April 20**

**Saturday of the 3rd Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Saturday-Sunday, April 20-21**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: ☩

Charles Parkinson Sr.+ by Pam Ames

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Woody & Rita Halbrook

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



**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:**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;

Lk 24:35-48

In the first reading, Peter witnesses that Jesus, who was handed over out of ignorance, was raised from the dead and is the fulfilment of the prophets. In the second reading, John exhorts his community not to commit sin and to keep God's commandments. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, shows them his hands and feet, and eats in front of them.

**Next Sunday:**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

In the first reading, Peter testifies that a disabled man has been healed in the name of Jesus Christ, the One through whom salvation comes. In the second reading, John reflects on the Father's love for us, through which he has made us his children. In the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and freely lays down his life for them.

### 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **all Police, Fire, EMS, Dispatch and all other First Responders**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor or a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are for **all widows and widowers, that they may find peace and comfort**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, April 14**

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (PLC)

After 10:30 Mass until 1 p.m. -

Young Disciples Teens (PLC Upper Room)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

**Monday, April 15**

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

**Tuesday, April 16**

**Wednesday, April 17**

Illinois March for Life (Springfield)

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

**Thursday, April 18**

NET Retreat (School)

7 p.m. - OCIA (PLC Library)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

**Friday, April 19**

NET Retreat (School)

Ladies Sodality BBQ (Bellemore Village)

**Saturday, April 20**

6 p.m. - Parish Appreciation Dinner (Cafeteria)

**Sunday, April 21**

9:15-10:15 a.m. - PSR (PLC)

2:30 p.m. - Churches & Community United Meeting (Unity Baptist)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

# LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

## FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIALS MAY 2024-APRIL 2025

The First Friday Memorial is a special offering made by St. Elizabeth parishioners, which lists your intentions for deceased loved ones in our bulletin, and these listed names are then remembered monthly at Mass each First Friday through the year. The Memorial names are printed each week in our Sunday Bulletin. A yearly donation of \$60.00 is requested for these intentions to be listed. This donation allows the names to be printed constantly in our bulletin, in the exact same way other bulletin ads are funded, and all the funds go to offset the cost of printing our bulletin. This is not a donation for a Mass intention since the money does not, and by Canon Law cannot, go into the Mass stipend account, as taking any money for large, so-called "collective intentions" (where multiple names are listed for the Mass intention) is explicitly forbidden. Father is happy to remember these names collectively once a month at Mass with no stipend involved. Your donation is a publishing/printing fee, ultimately paid to our printer in Godfrey, Illinois.

You are encouraged to attend this weekday Mass. You may list your intentions as one individual name: *Mary Jones*, or you may list family groupings: *The Jones Family*. You may NOT submit a litany of individual names or multiple families, as space will not permit. If you wish to continue having your past intentions remembered at these Masses, you will be asked to renew your donation each year. Please fill out this form below and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible with the requested donation.

Feel free to call the Parish Office at 877-3300 during business hours which are 8:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday. We will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding those who are remembered each First Friday.

**Please clearly mark your envelope or the memo line on the check: First Friday Memorials and return by May 20, 2024.**

### Application for First Friday Memorials

NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION (Phone/Email):

INTENTION:



## PICNIC NEWS FLASH

Volunteer sign-ups will be available before and after all Masses. 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 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.

Picnic Chairperson,  
Tim Domagalski, 618-304-6074

### PICNIC PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS

We are now seeking parking lot attendants for the picnic on June 7-9. If you have previously worked and would like to work again this year, we would love to have you back.

We are currently looking for 3 attendants per shift. The shifts will be 6 hours in length. There will be a morning/day shift and an afternoon/evening shift each day.

Please call Paul Hellrich for more detailed information @ 618-407-3011 or email phhellrich@yahoo.com to leave your contact information.

Thank you,  
Paul Hellrich, Parking Lot Chairperson

### HELP WANTED / DIME PITCH

Dime Pitch is in great need of new or lightly used stuffed animal donations for prizes. Please bring any donations to the containers in the gathering space or to the parish office. Questions? Contact Rachel Borrer at Rachel.borrer@gmail.com



This Week on **FORMED**



**God Is With Us**

What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!

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

Go to [signup.FORMED.org](http://signup.FORMED.org) and select our parish.

**CALLING ALL TEENS:  
JOIN US AT  
YOUNG DISCIPLES SOCIETY**

**Young Disciples Teens:** We'll catch you at our next meeting THIS Sunday. Tell your friends about the fun we've been having and invite them. Don't miss - chicken strips!



**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



**Join us on Monday nights!**

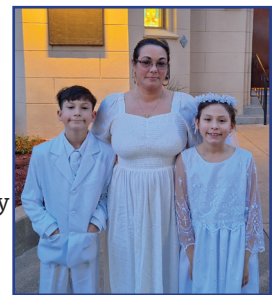
Watch *The Chosen* with fellow parishioners! Please join us on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Harmony Room as we journey through the life of Christ and his disciples, in the series, *The Chosen*. Enjoy light snacks, fellowship, and seasons 1-2.



**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!**

Congratulations - and welcome - to the newest Catholics and members of our parish. Stacey Dethrow and Krista Luehmann were Baptized here at St. Elizabeth and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and first Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

Javier and Isabella Gutierrez, with their mother Davril, journeyed to be with family at a familial parish in Galveston, Texas for the Easter Vigil. In Galveston, Javier and Isabella also received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion) and Davril received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion.



A huge thank you to Cheryl Mangi and everyone who assists our RCIA/OCIA team through the year, and our Godparents and sponsors, who journeyed with our candidates the entire year this year. It's a blessing to have the community of support around those seeking to enter the church.

Do you know someone interested in learning more about coming into the Catholic Church, or someone who was Baptized as a Catholic or in another faith tradition and hasn't yet received the other Sacraments of Initiation? Contact the parish office and let us know, and we can start the conversation and journey with them.

**Mercy Minute**

"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary, 299).



## 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 this weekend. Tickets can also be purchased at the parish or school office or by contacting Rob Hutson at 618-973-5459 or Andy Yurko at 618-931-4669.1

### 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.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

You never have to drink again. We can show you how. AA is a fellowship of people who come together to solve the drinking problem. It's been working since 1935. And it's free.  
[aa.org/new-to-aa](http://aa.org/new-to-aa)

## 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.



**Parish Appreciation Dinner**  
**You are Cordially Invited**  
**Saturday, April 20, 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria**  
**\$15 per person, Grilled Chicken or Ribeye Meal**  
**Entertainment & Fellowship**  
**Tickets on sale at the Parish Office**  
Sponsored by the Men's Club

## 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. In case you wish to mail a card or gift, his address is: Dcn. Ryan Kehoe 5200 Glennon Dr. Saint Louis, MO 63119

**Deacon Daniel McGrath** will be ordained a Priest on **Saturday, May 25!** If you are inclined to consider a card or gift to him personally, they can be dropped at the parish office and we will make sure he gets them.

Dcn. Daniel will return to St. Elizabeth June 1 & 2 to celebrate Mass with us. We will have a reception after each Mass in the Harmony Room for him and cards or gifts can be shared with him personally as well.

If you would like to be present at either ordination at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield and are interested in car pooling options, please contact the parish office immediately. All are welcome! The ordinations will also be streamed at [spicathedral.org](http://spicathedral.org).

Additionally, **Daniel Mauro** of the Diocese of Kansas City Kansas, who was also with us during the 2022-23 school year, will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday, May 18 at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Kansas City, Kansas. His address is : Dcn Daniel Mauro 5200 Glennon Dr. Saint Louis, MO 63119

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER** We honored Ed Gray, Holy Family parish, with the Quilt for his service in the army and reserves, 1962-1966. Our council knows the sacrifice that men and women make for our country and will continue to do so in the future. We also want to announce that the American Legion, that Ed has belonged to for 50 plus years, is having a bbq fund raiser at Bellemore shopping center on April 11th, 10:30 a.m. until sold out. We ask all to come out and support our causes for the vets. The 4th degree will be having their honor guard for the 5th Sunday on April 28th at the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. If you have not seen this event we encourage you to do so. Applications for our scholarships are available at the Columbus Home. There are requirements so please read applications carefully. Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight, 618-789-0337.



## 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



### Solar Eclipse Fun!

"The Heavens are telling the glory of God!"



### PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon:  
4/14- Rev. Thomas Gallenbach 4/15- Rev. Louis Schlangen 4/16- Rev. Paul Having 4/18- Rev. Joseph Havrilka 4/21- Rev. Donald Wolford Rev. Steven Pohlman 4/23 Rev. Steven Arisman 4/24- Rev. James O'Shea 4/26- Rev. Phillip Kraft

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 4/14- Rev. Francis Kelly Rev. John Freeman 4/15- Rev. Leopold Moczgamba Rev. John Moroney 4/16- Rev. John Mohr 4/17- Rev. Joseph DeChene Most Rev. Joseph A. McNicholas 4/18- Rev. Bernard Wubbe



### 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

## 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:

Luke 24:36-40, 44-48

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

When one of our children has a frightening dream, we want to hold them and soothe them. When we have moments of fear, we too, need to be consoled by the one who can give us the sense that all will be well. It is easy to trust him when all is well in our lives, but when we are "startled and terrified" by life, we also need to turn to him. It is in those moments that we must witness to the world of his faithful love, and how we trust in his comfort and care.

### ON THE WAY TO MASS

What do you think it would have been like for the disciples to see Jesus risen? Why do you think they were afraid at first?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Jesus told the disciples that they were to be witnesses to the Good News. Is it only the disciples who are witnesses to the Gospel? How are we called to be a witness to the risen Christ?

### LIVING THE WORD

As you gather for your evening meal, think about how you have witnessed the love of the risen Christ today. Where did you see his love present? Did you happen to get a glimpse of it at home? In your neighborhood? At church? Read about it in a book or online? Or did you see it in nature, maybe in your own yard or in the park? Let everyone share their own witness story. If you did not see one today, be mindful of looking for glimpses this week.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Our Financial Stewardship April 7, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 41 Regular Income	\$9,544.00		
117 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$81.57			
Easter Sunday: 7 Env., Avg. Gift \$33.57	\$235.00		
Loose	\$374.55		
Online Giving	\$2,069.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,222.55</b>	<b>\$9,104.00</b>	<b>\$3,118.55</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$327,392.15</b>	<b>\$373,264.00</b>	<b>(\$45,871.85)</b>

Weekly and YTD Goals are calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and what is required to break even.

#### Other Gifts:

Tuition Assistance	\$750.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$425.00
Special Projects	\$475.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$80.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$100.00
Votive Offering	\$65.45
Seminarian Offering	\$225.00
Funeral Stipend	\$150.00
Mission & Ministry	\$219.00
Other Not Specified	\$360.00

#### 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

*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you’.*

*But they were startled and frightened” - Luke 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

#### 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](http://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](http://stelizabethgc.org/baptism) and sign up for a Baptism Preparation class at least a month before your desired date of Baptism. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30 Mass most Sundays or at 7 p.m. some Wednesdays.

**Matrimony:** To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact the parish office to set up initial appointments and preparation at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

**Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults:** Contact the parish office.

#### PASTORAL CARE

**Entering the Church:** If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

**Communion to the Homebound:** If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

**Declarations of Nullity:** In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an ‘annulment.’) Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Laura Black are available as Advocates before our diocesan tribunal for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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## My Parish Prayer

Almighty God, My parish is composed of people like me.  
 I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am.  
 Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.  
 It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.  
 It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.  
 It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.  
 It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,  
 and of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is -  
 am filled with these same qualities.  
 Therefore, with the help of God,  
 I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my parish to be.  
 Bless my journey Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.



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