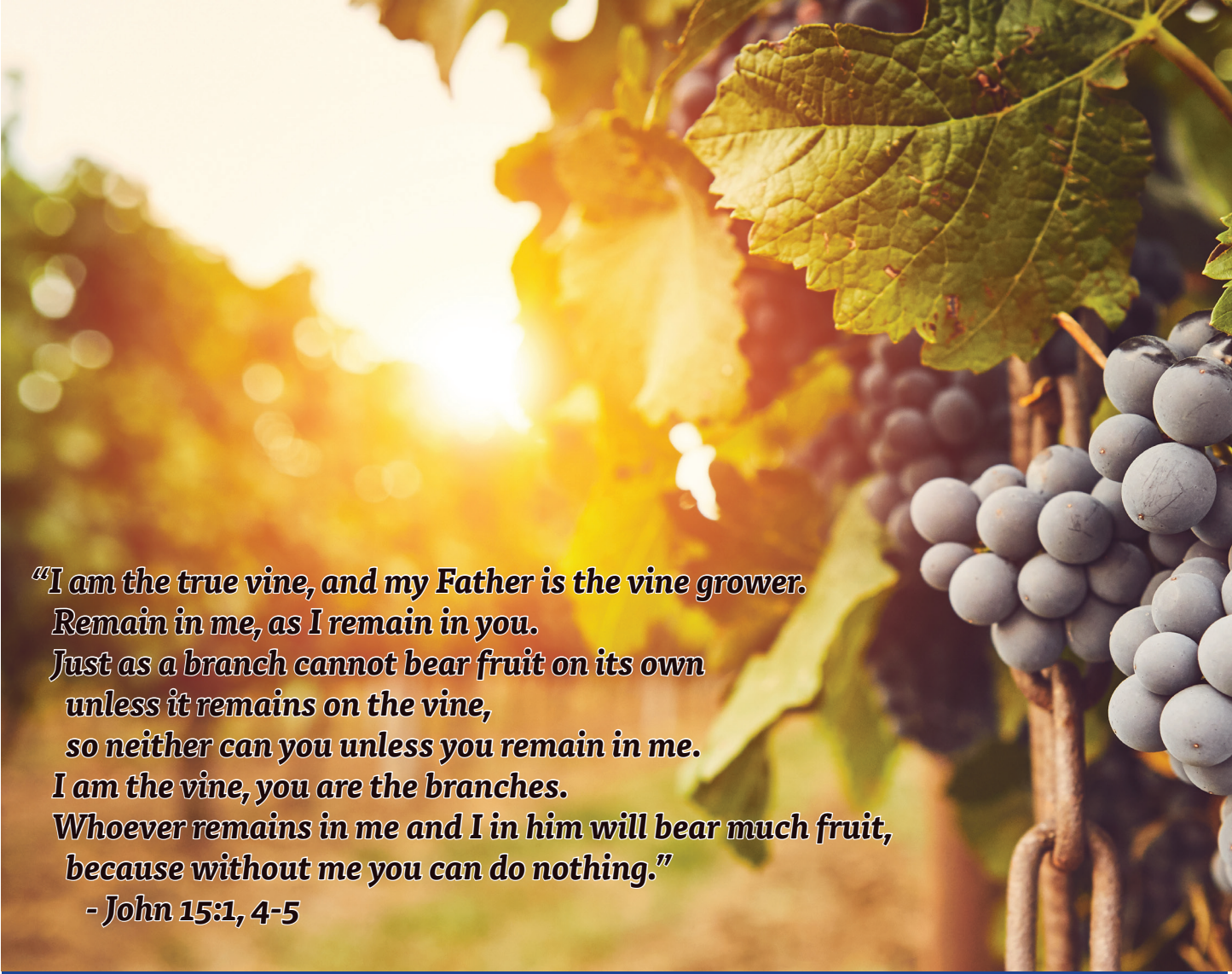


# Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Fifth Sunday of Easter ♦ April 28, 2024



***"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.  
Remain in me, as I remain in you.  
Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own  
unless it remains on the vine,  
so neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,  
because without me you can do nothing."  
- John 15:1, 4-5***


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Men at Prayer: Tom Cholevik

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Athletic Director: Joe Philips

Maintenance Team: Bud Charbonnier

**Strong in Faith  
since 1871**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, April 29**

**Monday of the 5th Week of Easter**

No Mass

**Tuesday, April 30**

**Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter**

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Harry Hill+ by Woody & Rita Halbrook

**Wednesday, May 1**

**St. Joseph the Worker**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Harry Dortch+ by Dennis & Jackie Jones

**Thursday, May 2**

**St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Darwin Thornton+ by Kathy Lickenbrock

**Friday, May 3**

**Feast of Sts. Philip & James, Apostles**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

First Friday Intentions

**Saturday, May 4**

**Saturday of the 5th Week of Easter**

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Amelia Tapp

**Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Jim Noeth+ by Norma Lesko

8:00 a.m. Mass: **C**

Hayden Sipes+ by the Reidl Family

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

## 14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **the marginalized: the poor, homeless, and mentally ill persons in our community**. To offer the 14 day candle in honor of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are for **missionaries and humanitarian workers everywhere, bringing Christ to those in need**. Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

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



**May is dedicated to  
Mary, Mother of God  
& Mother of the Church**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May: For the formation of men and women religious and seminarians:** We pray for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians, that they may "grow in their vocational journeys through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation." different parts of the world.

## This Sunday:

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of Jesus.

## Next Sunday:

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

In the first reading, Peter humbly speaks while the Holy Spirit falls upon those who are listening, resulting in more baptisms. In the second reading, John writes of our call to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love. He calls them friends, no longer slaves.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The following priests of our Diocese are celebrating birthdays soon: 5/2- Rev. Leo Enlow 5/7- Rev. Jeffery Grant 5/8- Rev. Piotr Kosk 5/9- Rev. Dominic Rankin 5/10- Most Rev. Kevin Vann Rev. Christopher House 5/12- Rev. Alfred Tumwesigye

The following are priests and deacons of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 4/28- Rev. Mauritius Klostermann 4/29- Rev. Christian Snyder Rev. Gaudence Schroeder, O.F.M. 4/30- Rev. Leonard Rathgeb 5/1- Rev. Dennis Ryan 5/2- Rev. William MacAteer Rev. Nicholas A. Klink 5/3- Msgr. Lawrence A. Wiskirchen



## PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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

## 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

## 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.

## PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

### PARISH VITALITY STUDY UPDATE

The St. Elizabeth Parish Vitality Study was submitted to the Diocese on March 20, 2024. Thank you all for your input by completing questionnaires in the church pews or attending our Harmony Cafe' to ask questions and share parish ideas! All of your input is vital to the future of our Parish! As you may recall, the Parish Vitality Study will culminate in a capital campaign. The next steps of the Parish Vitality Study will be to allow the Diocese time to review the report and meet with a committee of the Parish to discuss it and then finalize plans for a capital campaign to improve our Parish. We anticipate that the meeting will occur in late Spring. Questions regarding the Parish Vitality Study may be directed to the Parish Office.

### GET READY FOR SUMMER FUN!

The Ladies Sodality is hosting the Harmony Café on May 4 th and 5 th . We will be hosting a baseball themed event you will not want to miss. Stop by after all masses to enjoy food, hospitality, and fellowship. There will be a grand prize drawing for a St. Elizabeth Picnic Ride Bracelet and additional baseball themed baskets. Entries will be accepted after all masses with the drawing held at the conclusion of the Harmony Café after 10:30 Mass. You do not need to be present to win. Be there or be square.

### BLOOD DRIVE MAY 3

Our next Blood Drive is Friday, May 3 in the PLC. Mark your calendar and watch this space for more information.

### COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE A TRIP TO UGANDA

Several parishioners have expressed general interest in participating on a trip to Father Alfred's home parish in Uganda. If you are interested in participating in a potential work or mission trip to Uganda, please call Bret in the Parish office to have your name placed on the list. We plan to begin holding meetings with those interested in order to determine the timing and/or scope of the trip(s).

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Are you interested in learning more about how you can help to educate and support our parish and community around issues related to life (abortion, end of life issues, birth control, etc)? Prayerfully consider joining our Respect Life ministry. We meet monthly on the last Wednesday at 6pm in the PLC and would love to have you join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, May 29th. See you there.

### PRAYING FOR FATHER ALFRED

As most of you know, Father has been working on his Doctorate in Health Care Leadership over the past couple of years. The great news is that he is set to complete his studies very soon and graduate from Loyola University on Tuesday May 7th! Please pray for Father in particular as he does his final presentations to the faculty on May 1 and as he travels in preparation for graduation in Chicago May 7th. We plan to throw a celebration for him on Sunday, August 18th. More info to come.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 28

9-10 a.m. - Men at Prayer (PLC)

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

After 10:30 Mass to 1:00 -YDS Teens (PLC Upper Room)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

### Monday, April 29

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

### Tuesday, April 30

### Wednesday, May 1

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

### Thursday, May 2

9 a.m.-9 p.m. - Adoration (Church); Benediction & Reposition at 9 p.m.

10 a.m. - National Day of Prayer (City Hall)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

### Friday, May 3

11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Blood Drive (PLC)

### Saturday, May 4

9 a.m. - Hundredfold Vocations Workshop (Evermode)

9 a.m. - Catechist Retreat (Evermode)

10 a.m. Hand in Hand Together event (Holy Family)

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

### Sunday, May 5

Harmony Cafe after all Masses

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Scout Pack 103 Spring Fling Market (Cafeteria)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER** Our next meeting is May 28th at 7:30 p.m. We will recite the Rosary at 7 p.m. We are asking for prayers for our council that we can continue to be successful in our only fundraiser, which are the bingos that we have of Friday evening and Sunday afternoon and evening. These fundraisers. We support all 3 parishes with these funds and other non profits organizations. To the men who have not attended meetings for awhile or men who have not become members yet, we encourage you to come back or join our council. Call 618-789-0337 for more info Yours in Christ, Tom Cholevik, Grand Knight.



Knights of Columbus

# FORMATION

## This Week on FORMED®



**Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You**  
This week watch this Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet on FORMED.

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.



Watch *The Chosen* with fellow parishioners! Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Harmony Room. Enjoy light snacks, fellowship, and *The Chosen*

**TOTUS TUUS**  
July 7-12, 2024  
Parish summer catechetical program

**Middle & High School**  
Grades 7-12 in the fall  
Sunday-Thursday, 6:30-8:45 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Church  
Dinner served each evening

**Elementary - Grades 1-6 in the fall**  
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Holy Family Community Center  
Lunch served each day

**SIGN UP FREE**

**YDS TEENS: eens, join us for our next YDS TEENS gathering, THIS Sunday, April 28. We gather after 10:30 Mass until 1 p.m. in The Upper Room, our room in the PLC.**



## PICNIC UPDATES



Days from this Sunday to the start of our Parish Picnic  
June 7-9, 2024 - Three Days, Four Bands

All of your favorite rides, booths, food, & activities

Sign up to help now!

Volunteer sign-ups are available before and after all Masses over each weekend and electronically 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.

These are the areas in which we need help.

- Rosa Luna who is the current chairperson with the Mexican Food Booth is looking for a chairperson to take over this booth for picnic 2025. Please consider jumping in this year to learn the ropes to transition over with ease.

- Co-chairperson to help Paul Hellrich with the Parking Lot.

- 4-6 young men or women to work daytime and night trash for clean-up picnic weekend. This is an opportunity to earn some summertime or picnic spending money. Call for details.

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 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](mailto:phhellrich@yahoo.com) to leave your contact information.

### 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](mailto:Rachel.borrer@gmail.com).

### IN SEARCH OF A TRAILER

The picnic is in search of an enclosed trailer (6 x12) for prize storage for the dates of June 4-9. If you or someone you know would consider donating the usage of one, please call me at 618-304-6074 or email me [tcdomo@charter.net](mailto:tcdomo@charter.net).

## Mercy Minute

"I must never judge anyone, but look at others with leniency and at myself with severity. I must refer everything to God and, in my own eyes, recognize myself for what I am: utter misery and nothingness. In suffering, I must be patient and quiet, knowing that everything passes in time. (Diary, 253)



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**make a splash this summer!**

**SCUBA Vacation Bible School**  
Here at St. Elizabeth  
Evenings, August 5-9  
Mark your calendars!  
Willing to help in some way?  
Please contact Deacon Michael at [mhalbrook@dio.org](mailto:mhalbrook@dio.org).

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diving into friendship with God

## VOCATIONS



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD  
THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS  
JOYFULLY ANNOUNCES & INVITES YOU  
TO THE ORDINATION OF  
**DEACON DANIEL GEORGE MCGRATH**  
TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD  
THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND  
THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY  
**THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS JOHN PAPROCKI**  
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS



**SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
524 EAST LAWRENCE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE ORDINATION MASS WILL ALSO BE  
STREAMED LIVE AT [DIO.ORG/LIVE](http://DIO.ORG/LIVE)

We have several parishioners planning to attend. If you are interested in car pooling options, please contact the parish office immediately. All are welcome!

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

## 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:

## SERVICE & OUTREACH

### Mother's Day Fundraiser

**Celebrate the moms in your life and support moms in need this Mother's Day**

100% of the funds go to the life-saving work at A Beacon of Light Pregnancy Help Center in Maryville. Your donations directly fund ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, and counseling for pregnant women.

Order by this Wednesday, May 1 to receive your chocolates in time for Mother's Day. Orders can be picked up at ABL on Friday, May 10 from 9-5 p.m.

Call ABL to place an order at 618-855-9774, or order at [stelizabethgc.org/chocolate](http://stelizabethgc.org/chocolate)

- 1) Chocolate covered Oreos (4), \$10
- 2) Charcuterie board (12 piece variety), \$15
- 3) Turtles (13), \$20
- 4) Bouquet of roses (12) and turtles (4), \$25



### CHARITABLE OUTREACH BAG UPDATE

Thank you to all who have contributed items, money or prayers to our efforts to reach out to those in need in our community. Please consider donating the following to our efforts: small bug spray, sunscreen, shampoo & conditioner. Thank you!

# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

## MARY MASS

All Kindergarten through 8th grade Mothers are invited to attend Mary Mass on May 8th at 8:15AM Mass. Students will hand a flower out to their mother (grandmother / aunty), in honor of the blessed Mary. After Mass: 1st grade ONLY will have a small reception in the Harmony Room with their mothers.

# 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:

John 15:1-8

## REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

Our children desire a close and loving relationship with us. They do not desire things, but rather our time with them. They want us to put away technology and focus on connecting with them. Their greatest desire is to be in relationship. Jesus invites us to remain in him, to be in a close and loving relationship with him. Jesus asks us to stay close to him. Consider how our children's desire for closeness with us can serve as a reminder of the closeness the Lord calls us to with himself.

## ON THE WAY TO MASS

What does it mean to remain? We will hear this word often at Mass today. Listen for this word and think about why Jesus says it so often.

## ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

We have already listened to his voice and come to him. Now he asks us to remain, to stay with him. How do we do so?

## LIVING THE WORD

We know that a grapevine produces grapes, from which comes grape jelly, grape juice, and even wine. Jesus is the true vine and we are the branches. If the life and love of the Holy Spirit are inside us, what will be visible on the outside? Will others be able to see by what we do and by what we say that the life and love of God is inside us? Enjoy a grape-inspired snack and talk about how you see each family member bearing fruit.

# STEWARDSHIP

## Our Financial Stewardship April 28, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 44 Regular Income	\$4,446.00		
103 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$43.17			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$396.50		
Online Giving	\$1,839.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,681.50</b>	<b>\$9,104.00</b>	<b>(\$2,422.50)</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$344,202.18</b>	<b>\$391,472.00</b>	<b>(\$47,289.82)</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	\$290.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$245.00
Special Projects	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$25.00
Votive Offering	\$56.00
Mission & Ministry	\$200.00

### 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. **March tithe: \$4,686.00**

### ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth” - 1 John 3:18**

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk”? “Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

### 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?

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

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you can also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** 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) at least a month before your desired date. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office.

**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.’) Advocates are available for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

**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.



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