

Disciples Stewards

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church & School

Granite City, Illinois ♦ Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

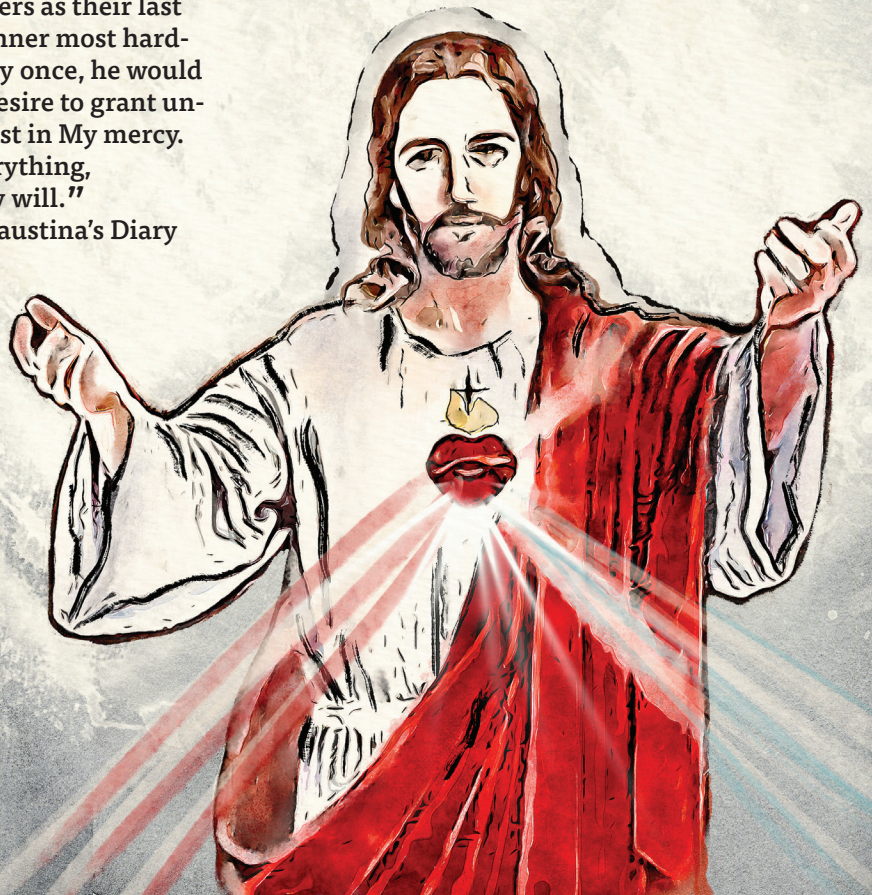
Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday ♦ April 7, 2024

“Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.”

- St. Faustina's Diary

Join us for the conclusion of the Divine Mercy Novena

Join us this Sunday, April 7, for a special Holy Hour and prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, with Adoration and Confessions. The Holy Hour with Adoration & Confessions begins at 2 p.m., and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at the end of the hour at 3 p.m., the Hour of Mercy, followed by Benediction. Light refreshments will be available in the Harmony Room afterward. All are welcome to attend.




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Finance Council: Charlotte Charbonnier
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Ladies Sodality: Christine Domagalski
Holy Name Men's Club: Rob Hutson
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 8

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Judy Modrusic+ by the Koelkler Family

Tuesday, April 9

Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter

6:00 p.m. Mass:

Sam Shambro+ by Lou & Shirley Vaughn

Wednesday, April 10

Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Zoe Cholevik by Tom & Helen Cholevik

Thursday, April 11

St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Romana Lofink+ by Michelle Schweiger

Friday, April 12

Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter

8:15 a.m. Mass:

Dorothy Willaredt+ by Janice Willaredt

Saturday, April 13

Saturday of the 2nd Week of Easter


No Mass

Saturday-Sunday, April 13-14

Third Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass:

Ann Fabisher+ by James Ridenour

8:00 a.m. Mass: 

Arnold Willaredt+ by Janice Willaredt

10:30 a.m. Mass:

Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

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:

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.

Next 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.

14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, the 14-day Sanctuary Lamp reminds us to pray for **all newly initiated Catholics, particularly our own: Davril, 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 **all priests and religious who have ministered at St. Elizabeth Parish.** Honor a loved one with the altar flowers. Contact the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7

Fr. McGivney Annual Appeal before each Mass this weekend

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)

6 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

NO Evening Holy Hour due to Divine Mercy Sunday earlier in the afternoon

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

5:30 p.m. - School Board (Cafeteria)

7 p.m. - PTO (Cafeteria)

7 p.m. - Columbus Home Meeting (Columbus Home)

Wednesday, April 10

7 p.m. - BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, April 11

7 p.m. - OCIA (PLC Library)

9 p.m. - Exodus Fraternity (Harmony)

Friday, April 12

6:30 p.m. - Ordination of Deacons (including Sem. Ryan Kehoe) (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception)

Saturday, April 13

6 p.m. - Catholic Charities Fundraising Dinner (Julia's, Alton)

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)

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

"Those who sincerely say,
'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort
 in all their anxieties and fears...
 There is nothing more man needs
 than Divine Mercy - that love
 which is benevolent,
 which is compassionate,
 which raises man
 above his weakness to
 the infinite heights to
 the holiness of God."
 - Saint (Pope) John Paul II



PICNIC NEWS FLASH

Volunteer sign-ups will be available before and after all mass-es starting this weekend. 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 receptables 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 on this Sunday evening 4-6 p.m., April 7

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

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

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

This Week on
FORMED



Ocean of Mercy
At the dawn of the 20th century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message. This film chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy."

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

"I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world-mercy triumphed over justice. (Diary, 1572).



**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



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.



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.

Congratulations to all!

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.

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 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.

MASS ON MONDAY

Note that Father will offer Mass at the church at 8:15 a.m. on Monday due to the Solemnity of the Annunciation, transferred from March 25.

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

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.

And, just confirmed with a Call to Orders from Bishop Paprocki: **Deacon Daniel McGrath** will be ordained a Priest on **Saturday, May 25!**



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.

Additionally, **Deacon 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

Thanks be to God! Pray for these men and for vocations.

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 Dederay
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

Do you know what sounds like a lot of fun? Preschool Easter egg hunt! Our school students learn so much and have so many opportunities, while having so much fun. Registration for next school year is still open.



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 20:19-23

REFLECTING ON THE WORD:

When there are disagreements among family members, we are encouraged to "make peace" and shake hands or embrace the other. Sometimes we are not ready to embrace one another in an act of peace. How are we able to practice sharing peace with one another? In today's Gospel, Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." How do we allow Jesus to enter those moments of forgiveness and peace in our home? Is it easier to make peace when we are aware of his presence?

ON THE WAY TO MASS

What do you think of when you hear the word peace? What does it mean when we greet one another with the words "May the peace of Christ be with you?" What are we wishing for the other person?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS

Why do you think Jesus' first word to his disciples after the resurrection was *peace*?

LIVING THE WORD

As a family, look for instances of peace, harmony, or contentment in your week. Have your children write about them or draw an image of those moments, and then share those moments with the family.

FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SERVIRE CULTURAE VITAE

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 31, 2024

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 40 Regular Income	\$4,867.00		
22 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$103.82			
Easter Sunday: 10 Env., Avg. Gift \$47.15	\$5,187.00		
Loose	\$916.00		
Online Giving	\$964.00		
TOTAL	\$9,351.00	\$9,104.00	\$247.00
YTD TOTALS	\$315,169.00	\$364,160.00	(\$48,990.40)

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	\$170.00
Building Repairs & Maint.	\$40.00
Special Projects	\$40.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$753.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$20.00
Votive Offering	\$69.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00
Seminarian Offering	\$1,600.00
Holy Thurs/Charit. Outreach	\$402.00
Mission & Ministry	\$40.00

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

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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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